



# Johnson Historical Society Newsletter

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## A Message From the Board President

The Johnson Historical Society has had a busy year. We continue to receive acquisitions such as items from the town's pharmacy which date back to the 1880's when C. P. Jones owned the business. We have created a doctor's office with items donated by Dr. Paul Rogers. We have started looking at 22 boxes of slides that belonged to Red Hooper. It is a treasure hunt as we find historic Johnson pictures, which we will digitize.

Can you help? We are looking for a picture that shows the original weathervane on the former Congregational Church, now the Lowe Lecture Hall.

Tuesday Night Live was a success. We are so grateful for our volunteers who donated 161 pies, 10 cakes, rolls and potato salad as well as McKenzie's donation of hot dogs. We earned \$5,268. Thanks to all!

Visitors continue to drop in when we are opened: Sundays from 1 to 4 PM and Thursdays from 9 AM to noon. Folks who are interested in our town's history stop by. School children come to learn about our early days. Folks enjoyed our two Remember When programs with recollections by Johnson's seniors. There will be more programs in the future.

I hope you enjoy reading our very first newsletter. It is our goal to continue these on a quarterly basis.

Linda Jones

## Our Capital Campaign

We are on the final stages of achieving our goal of retiring the town's \$250,000 mortgage for the JHS building! We have one slice of the fundraising pie left, less than \$23,000 away.

It is not too late for you to help us and make sure your name is added to our plaque!

Your gifts, both large and small, are very important to the success of this campaign, and are tax-deductible.



## Come see our new collections

We have two new collections added to our portfolio.

The first one from Dr. Rogers, recently retired after 37 years serving the Johnson and surrounding community. This collection includes a beautiful cabinet with several instruments and even an electrocardiogram machine from the 1970s.

The other collection, donated by Richard Simays, comes from the old Johnson Pharmacy that was located where today is the Tangles Salon.

The original pharmacy started operations on May 12, 1883, owned by C.P. Jones. In 1929 it was taken over by P.B. MacDowell, and in 1947 Richard's parents purchased it. This collection includes a prescription book showing all the local residents' prescriptions in writing, dated from 1883 to 1887. The pharmacy was a meeting place in town, also because its soda machine, a local attraction back in the day.

In addition to the prescription book you will find pill molds, a mortar and pestle, a sterno torch mini and many other items.

### Hours

Dr. Holcomb House, home of the Johnson Historical Society is open every Sunday from 1 to 4 PM and every Thursday from 9 AM to noon. Also, opened by appointment, call 635-2300 or President Linda Jones at 635-7401.

### Board Meetings

We meet on the second Wednesday of every other month at 9:00 am at Dr. Holcomb's House on 188 Main Street. Open to public. To access our meeting minutes, please visit:



<http://townofjohnson.com/boards/historical-society/>

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*The mission of the Johnson Historical Society is to preserve our history by weaving stories of the past with the present, using our collections of artifacts and displays, creating a legacy for future generations.*

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## Help us identify the items below

These items came to us with the pharmacy collection. We have no idea what they were used for. Please help us identify them. If you have any information please call 635-7401 or email [johnsonhs@myfairpoint.net](mailto:johnsonhs@myfairpoint.net).



## We need you!

We are always looking for volunteers! You can help by baking pies during the summer for Tuesday Night Live, by staffing the historical society building, by sharing your genealogy research, or in an as needed basis with projects like moving items, painting, etc. Please let us know if you are available. We appreciate your help!

