

# MOUNT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## MWHS Working with Architect, Don Pulfer, to restore Old North School

Next meeting of the MWHS will be April 7th at 6 pm at the Town Hall

The Mt Washington Historical Society is working with an architect, Don Pulfer, on the restoration of the School House on West St. They are working through developmental stages with him culminating in the restoration of the School House which will serve as an archival space for Mt Washington historical papers currently tucked away in attics and old trunks or cardboard boxes shoved under desks. The Board is proceeding cautiously step by step through the stages needed to accomplish their goal of saving the schoolhouse. The members of the board envision three kinds of use for the building: a museum space, an archival space and a study space for people to come and do their own historical or genealogical research having to do with Mt Washington.



*DCR Headquarters, East Street, Beyond Restoration, Beyond Redemption*



*Fine Feathered Friend, E. Kasevich*



*School In Winter, E Kasevich*

You are welcome to attend monthly board meetings of the MWHS. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm at the Town Hall. Come see, come learn and come help.



Salisbury Road, Mt Washington



36 West Street , Eliz Kasevich

**DON PULFER CONTINUED....**

The small room as you enter the School House to the right will be a climate controlled archival space. There will be a School House Museum in the main section of the building. Mr. Pulfer has created a long term plan for the restoration. First on the list is to strengthen the foundation of the building. The drainage on the west side of the building is through very porous soil . That is a problem spot for the foundation. Don has thoroughly investigated the structure of the building and made scale drawings. Insulation of the entire building is also needed. The electrical system needs to be upgraded and brought up to code.

**THANKS GO TO THE SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

When the history project first began and money was given to The then Mt Washington Historical Commission from the Kaplan Foundation, we needed to find a local sponsor to work with us and the Berkshire Taconic Foundation in order to oversee operations. The Sheffield Historical Society responded to our need and served as our fiscal sponsor until we became a legitimate historical society with 501 (c) (3) status. We are grateful to them for the part they have played in our journey. We look forward to working with them in the future. They have been wonderful. Now that MWHS is officially a non-profit entity 501(c)(3), we are able to oversee our own funds. Peggy Whitbeck is serving as Treasurer of our MWHS.

Dr. Moral has for sale at his medicine warehouse, Pipes of peace for politicians-- Patent machines for smoking belles and bacon--Sweet-scented Oils of Fools, for Wits of the first of April.

Ad in Western Star Stockbridge, Mass. (1803)

^ ^ # v v  Name _____ Town _____ Email _____ Telephone _____	<p><i>The Mt. Washington Historical Society</i>  <b>Raffle</b>                  Proceeds go toward the 1867 Schoolhouse Restoration</p> <p><i>Dinner for Eight with Wine                  in Your Home</i></p> <p><i>\$10.00/ticket or 3 for \$25.00</i></p> <p><i>Drawing at August MWHS Board Meeting. Presence not required.</i>  <i>Redeem August, September or October, 2015. &lt;&lt;#&gt;&gt;</i></p>
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This ticket is a SAMPLE only

## GOURMET DINNER FIRST MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR MOUNT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An elegant gourmet dinner for eight prepared and served in your own home by the members of the Board of Mount Washington Historical Society. Wine included. The menu will be created together with the winner(s) for his/her or their home. Raffle tickets will go on sale in April. The drawing of the winning ticket will be in August and the dinner will be served in early September. Spotless cleanup by the MWHS board is also included.

Tickets are \$10.00 for 1(one) and \$25.00 for 3 (three)

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

If you have a research and presentation project in mind, please let one of the board members know so they can brainstorm about how to be most helpful to you. Cory Hines is in the very early stages of exploring the possibilities of restoring the Osborn House also known as the Ann Lee Cottage. It was also at one point owned by Benjamin Loomis. According to legend the house is the oldest surviving dwelling in Mt Washington. Peggy Whitbeck is engaged in doing genealogical research on the early families in Mt Washington.

The wild goose is more cosmopolite than we; he breaks his fast in Canada, takes a luncheon in Susquehanna, and plumes himself for the night in a Louisiana bayou.

H.D. Thoreau  
Journal, March 21,  
1840

## The Mohicans, Their Environment , Culture and Village Life.....

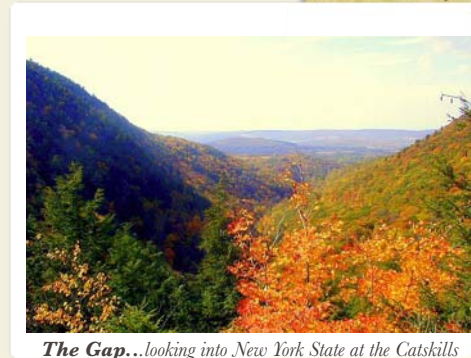
On April 12, 2015 at 2 pm at the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society in Copake Falls N.Y., Paul Mc Bride of Mount Washington will talk about the Mohicans and their environment, culture and village life. He will tell us of Mohican allies, and enemies both white and Indian and how they functioned as a tribe for the first 150 years up to the American Revolution.

We hope you will set aside Sunday, April 12th to come to the Roe Jan Historical Society to be part of our unique "American Experience."

### BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND

### MASSACHUSETTS HUMANITIES COUNCIL WORKSHOP

On March 5 2015 Peggy Whitbeck, Elizabeth Kasevich and Diane Salamon attended a workshop sponsored by the Massachusetts Humanities Council at The Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield. The purpose of the workshop is to learn more about funding from the Mass Humanities Council and to meet and talk with their staff. The Mass Humanities Council awards \$350,000 annually in support of the humanities in Massachusetts. On their way to Pittsfield, they plan to stop by the Berkshire Historical Society at Arrowhead, home of Herman Melville, to see what BHS might have in storage pertaining to Mount Washington.



*The Gap...looking into New York State at the Catskills*

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