



**BILL SHORT, WINNER  
OF DINNER FOR 8**



**ARCHIVAL GIFT**



**MWHS TO SPONSOR  
A HERITAGE WALK**

# MWHS NEWS



**Heritage Walks at Old North  
School planned for Sept 19 , Oct 4**

**Cory Hines and  
Deanne Moskowitz**

TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME TO THE LAST STANDING ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE IN MT WASHINGTON. WE'LL START OUR PROGRAM AT THE HOME SITE OF FANNY AND LILLIAN SCHUTT WHO WERE STUDENTS AT OUR NORTH SCHOOL IN THE EARLY 1900'S. FROM THERE WE'LL WALK TO SCHOOL- HEARING ABOUT THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS THEY WERE LIKELY TO HAVE EXPERIENCED ALONG THE WAY. AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE, NOW UNDER RESTORATION, WE'LL SAMPLE LESSONS, USING ACTUAL STUDENT TEXTS AND PARTICIPATE IN SOME SCHOOLYARD GAMES - A GREAT OUTING FOR ALL AGES.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19 AT 1 PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 AT 1 PM

Please support our Heritage Walk and check out the website and see what others you would like to do with your family or friends! A terrific opportunity for us all

Thank MWHS member, Cory Hines, for bringing this Heritage Walk to fruition.

## Bill Short Winner .....

The Mount Washington Historical Society members Judy Whitbeck, Peg Whitbeck, Brian Tobin and Dianne Salamon got together on Sunday, August 2nd, to draw the winning Raffle ticket for the Dinner For 8 dinner, wine included, catered by the chefs of the MWHS. It is also a celebration for the work everyone put in to make this fundraising effort so successful.

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At the drawing, held at the home of Lenny and Diane Salamon, Peg Whitbeck

Treasurer of the MWHS, tallied up the revenue and we were all impressed to find out we had brought in \$1600.00!!! Great work.

>After Brian gave all the tickets atoss, Lenny Salamon stepped in to do the drawing. After a drum roll, Lenny Salamon announced the winner..... **Bill Short, a fellow Mt. Washingtonian.**



Next Meeting of the Mount Washington Historical Society:

September 8 at Town Hall  
Time to be announced

## Archival Gift

The Historical Society has received a gift for our archives from the estate of Bill and Ruth Miles who both passed away this year. Bill was the chair of the Town's Historical Commission for many years, a commission required of every town in the Commonwealth. Bill loved history and unearthing a story. He took great delight in answering queries sent to him by people from all over about ancestors who at one point either lived in or travelled through Mt Washington. He was a treasure trove of stories and considered to be the go-to man for clarification on old stories or places. Together Ruth and Bill enjoyed walking the old trails and wood roads and tracing the plots of houses long gone. The Miles papers include the histories of early Mt Washington residents, news articles, photographs and notes. We are grateful to Morgan Bulkeley, Eleanor Tillinghast and Pete Miles for this bequest. MWHS member, Mary-King Austin, is currently researching the possibility of obtaining a grant to help in the archiving of the Miles papers as well as other gifts which may come to the Mt Washington Historical Society in the future.

## Housatonic Heritage

Do You Know Housatonic Heritage? You will love the work they do and this fall Mt Washington Historical Society is part of it!

Housatonic Heritage's mission is "to illuminate the diverse rich identity of the Upper Housatonic Valley Region and to preserve and promote its historical, cultural and natural resources." Go to their website ([housatonicheritage.org](http://housatonicheritage.org)) and you will find a treasure trove of information about the Upper Housatonic Valley region- events, workshops, programs, sites to visit, trails to hike, bike routes to ride, education and outreach.

" An Annual Event, the 2015 Housatonic Heritage Walks Program offers 60+ free guided walks to the most interesting historic, cultural and natural sites in Berkshire County, Massachusetts and Litchfield County, Connecticut region. All types of walks are being offered, ranging from tours of historic buildings, cemeteries and town centers, hikes on the Appalachian Trail, walks through industrial heritage sites and ruins, walks and bike rides on old county roads that have a history, behind the scenes tours at various performing arts venues and strolls through formal gardens and estates. The walks take place at established heritage and cultural sites, as well as less familiar areas. Also included in this program are canoe trips on the Housatonic River, and "family-friendly" walks. ... Local experts leading the tours will help participants explore the region's rich and varied historical, cultural, industrial and environmental history."\*