

Newport Historical Society Fundraising Committee Report July 2011

July 31, 2011

We have been busy on Friday during the month of July with a booth at the Farmers Market. This venue has been a great success for us with July sales as follows: 7/1 - \$50.59, 7/8 - \$134.00, 7/15 - \$161.50, 7/22 - \$257.00, 7/29 – we did not participate due to rain. Sales at the Farmers Market to-date total \$972.23. The market continues weekly through and including October 7.

As of this report, Joan Dodge is painting our South Church ornament. We hope to have them available for Finn Fun Day on August 20. NHS will participate as a vendor.

We have some sale items to tell you about. As a 250th Anniversary special, we are reducing the price of our *Streets, Roads & By-Ways of Newport NH* book from \$15.00 to \$12.00 until December 31 of this year. If you don't already have the Streets book, this is the perfect time to purchase it for your collection at this great price or for a birthday or Christmas gift. We have permission from Dick Creterola, the producer, to reduce the price of the Corbin Bridge VHS tape from \$10.00 to \$5.00; because, technology has changed and not everyone still have VHS equipment. We also still have three Pier Bridge shirts left...one T-shirt, size small for \$5.00 (was \$10.00) – one long-sleeve t-shirt size small for \$9.00 (was \$18.00) and one sweatshirt, size small for \$16.00 (was \$30.00).

Also during July, NLCS, Inc was able to print three large copies and three small copies of the Wheeler History. The large copy (8 ½ x 11) sells for \$45.00 and the smaller, half size version sells for \$35.00. We also have the Wheeler Index available for \$10.00 for folks who are doing genealogy work listing all of the people mentioned in Wheelers for ease in searching for particular individuals.

We have placed an order for 20 Newport Town Crocks from Salmon Falls Stoneware in Dover, New Hampshire, as we currently only have a few left.

They may be purchased from our booth at the Farmers Market or at the Dorr Mill Store. We anticipate that our order will be ready around the first of September. As before, Larry and I will pick them up as shipping would be quite expensive. The price will remain at \$28.00.

We have also reordered the Camp Mug with the etched image of the Opera House from American Crystal in North Conway, NH; as, we are completely out of this item. This will be the last order for this image. Once we have sold through the inventory, we will consider offering the camp mug with another etched image. We anticipate these being ready for pickup at the end of this week. The price remains at \$12.00.

The book, *Celebrating Community – 250 Years and Beyond*, has gone to the publisher. What a masterpiece Jayna Huot Hooper has created! Jayna covers the history of Newport from the early 1760's to present time in the context of how world and national events helped to shape Newport's development. This is NOT just another history book; but, a vibrant, engaging account of Newport's development with tons of photos, charts, timelines, and stories submitted by Newport citizens sharing their experiences and remembrances of times past. We are anxiously awaiting its availability to sell. It will be hard-cover, 450+ pages, and approximately text book size. The cover is equally magnificent and was designed by Jim Chrimes of Bacon Graphics of Newport. We thank Jim for his talent in showcasing Jayna's work. We're told that the book should be available around the end of August or first of September. Our deepest gratitude to Jayna for her hard work authoring and editing the book during the past eight months.

The Book Sponsorship Drive continues with the goal of covering the publishing costs and shipping from Pennsylvania to Newport. Many people have contributed to-date. It is not too late to help. Mailings have gone out, Cathryn's solicitation letter and accompanying contribution form are an insert in the July newsletter. If you don't have the form, just send in what you can. No contribution is too small to help.

The month of August will be equally busy with our ongoing participation at the Farmers Market, August 20 Finn Fun Day and August 27 Apple Pie Craft Fair. Just a reminder that our 250th Anniversary items for sale will be available during this year only. If you are thinking about purchasing some

of the items for Christmas, I suggest shopping early while we still have inventory.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Cote
Fundraising Committee