

Report of the Museum Committee

October 8, 2018

We had (19) visitors sign the register for the month of September.

We made (8) purchases of artifacts since the last report:

Kenneth Andler painting from Ebay for \$121.75

(6) Newport Business calendars from the 1940's \$30 (\$5 each)

Carpet sweeper with an H. L. Barker, Newport, N.H. label on it. \$30

The Andler painting has a stain and is very dirty. I checked around and the Claremont Custom Framing does clean oil paintings. Without seeing the painting, he estimated \$200 to \$300. He can clean it and wax the back to keep the cracking from getting worst.

I googled the procedure to clean an oil painting. The two ways they recommended were:

1. Take a Qtip, place it on your tongue and apply it to the painting. The enzymes in the salvia will remove the dirt, Jerry said not to double dip.
2. Put 3 or 4 drops of lemon juice into a cup of hot water. Using a cotton ball apply it to the painting using care not to get the painting wet. In each case using a cotton ball and warm water to rinse the painting, again do not get the painting wet.

As I see it we have three choices:

1. Do nothing
2. Have it professionally cleaned
3. I could try to clean it.

In September we had (20) individual donations of artifacts to the Museum totaling (143) items:

Stan Sweeney and I have completed the changes to the displays for the coming year. Open house is this Wednesday.

We are always looking for new Docents, training will be provided. You will enjoy your time there and will learn a little more about your Town.

Respectfully

Larry Cote, Newport Historical Society Museum Director