

### PUTNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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# HISTORIC PHOTOS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Photos from historic glass negatives will be reproduced again this summer by Gordie

Heller. If you wish to have a copy of the family home or a scene from old Putney to frame or put in your album, come to the Historical Society and browse through the many pages of photographs we have. Orders will be taken by mail or by using the order forms at the museum. Be sure to get your

Copies of old photos may be ordered from the Historical Society.

order in before July. Prices will vary depending on the size of the picture you want. The proceeds from the sale of photos will be added to the Town Hall Restoration Project Fund.

### ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Members of the Historical Society are embarking on a project to preserve the oral histories of our citizens. This will also allow an updating of the Putney History which was written by the members of the Fortnightly Club many years ago.

A tape and other materials to use as aids in taking oral histories are available to borrow from the Historical Society if you are interested in joining other members in this project.

#### LOOKING FOR INFORMATION

If you have information or materials on the old transportation systems that connected Putney with the world around us -- rail, boat or car -- please call Nancy Calicchio at 387-5784, or leave the information at the Historical Society. We are planning a future program on this topic.

Please take a moment to join or renew your membership in the Putney Historical Society!

#### PUTNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

ety, C/O Putney Town Hall, P.O. Box 233 Putney, VT 05346, or leave at the town hall.

#### SPRING CALENDAR

May 3 Kathan Cemetery Spring Cleanup; 9am--12pm; meet at the end of Old Depot Road, bring clearing tools

May 10 League of Local Historical Societies Meeting, Grafton; 9-4pm. \$15 including lunch, call Laura Heller at 387-4436 for details. You may also pick up a registration form at the Town Hall.

May 18 Days Gone By on Putney Mountain and the Ridgeline, a talk by Bob Goodell and Maynard Aiken; 4pm at the Putney Historical Society

June 9 Twilight Wanderings — Historic Sites Along Banning Road; sponsored by the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center.

#### PROGRAM NOTES

Days Gone By on Putney Mountain and the Ridgeline reminiscences by Bob Goodell and Maynard Aiken will be held May 18, 4pm, at the Historical Society. The Putney Mountain Association and the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association have generated renewed interest in the ridgeline for a conservation and trail area, but long ago cows and sheep were pastured there. If you have memories to share, please come to our program and join in!

Kathan Cemetery Cleanup May 3, 9am--12pm. Laurel Ellis and her hardy crew have made great progress in finding gravestones from our earliest settlers. There is alot of work still to be done, especially after the winter. Do come with your cleanup tools in hand and give a hand for an hour or more. Park at the end of Old Depot Road and join us there!

#### BOOKS FOR SALE AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Giants of the Green Mountain Earth by Edward Dodd
The Fortnightly Club's Putney 1753-1953, A History
Vital Records of Putney Vermont, compiled and edited by Ken Stevens
Gravestone Inscriptions in Putney, Vermont To The Year 1900 by Ken Stevens
Also available are two maps, the Carpender/Cory Map and a old road map of Putney.

There are a number of interesting books in the library of the Historical Society Museum which are not for sale, but may be used for research or reading, including *Ancient Vermont* edited by Warren Cook, and books about the Oneida Community and the Perfectionist Society in Putney.

The Historical Society is open Wednesday afternoons from 1--4 pm. Contact Elaine Dixon at 387-5317 for more information.

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