

Presentation Schedule Expo 2016 continued

11:30 am

A Flood of Records: Researching Natural Disasters in the Vermont State Archives

Rachel Muse and Sally Blanchard-O'Brien

This August marks the 5th anniversary of Tropical Storm Irene and the wide-scale flooding that devastated some Vermont communities. Eighty-four years before Irene, Vermont experienced a legendary flood that forever changed the state's landscape. Archivists Rachel Muse and Sally Blanchard-O'Brien will take you through a tour of records held by the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration that describe the State's response to these and other natural disasters and how the recovery shaped the land and spirit of Vermont.

1:00 pm *Snowmaking in Vermont*

Brian Lindner, Historian for Stowe Mountain Resort and Scott Reeves, Vice President of Operations, Stowe Mountain Resort

Snowmaking has become critical to every Vermont ski area. This past winter was an example of how there would have been virtually no skiing or riding without man-made snow. It is as much a science as it is an art form. Scott Reeves and Brian Lindner will discuss the history, science and art of making snow in Vermont.

2:00 pm *Honoring Vermont Civil War Veterans*

Deborah Hardy & Jim Woodman

Cemeteries are memorials that offer a unique view of our history, culture and way of life. They are important reminders of our past and provide a sense of who we are. More importantly, cemeteries represent a physical legacy for future generations and must be preserved as a historical resource.

Deborah Hardy and Jim Woodman organized Honoring Vermont Civil War Veterans in 2014. The organization's mission is to identify and clean and/or repair gravestones of all Civil War veterans buried in Vermont. Gravestones for veterans whose monuments have disappeared over time or were never installed on the gravesite are provided. Deborah and Jim's presentation will include resources and methods of identifying the veterans' gravestones, monument types, the step-by-step process of gravestone restoration, and the proper care and cleaning a monument for a loved one.

3:00 pm *Protestant Relics: The Art of Mourning in the Early American Republic*

Jamie Brummitt

Protestants put relics—corporeal and non-corporeal remains of the dead—to work as powerful material objects in domestic and public mourning practices. This talk examines how Protestant relics operated as material memories in a sacred economy of exchange that legitimated an American past, present, and future. You will hear about the bones of Washington, mourning embroideries, mourning quilts, mourning lithographs, hair jewelry, and post-mortem photographs. Jamie Brummitt is a 2016 New England Regional Fellowship Consortium scholar conducting research at the Vermont Historical Society.

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