



Lively & Local: Historical Societies in Vermont

April 6, 2021-July 31, 2021

Vermont History Museum, Montpelier, VT

Vermont's story is shared, celebrated, and preserved by the over 190 local historical societies (LHS) and museums found in all corners of the state. Working hard, often armed only with volunteers and excellent apple pie recipes, they foster a sense of community that bridges generations, provide a sense of place, and help define Vermont's unique identity.

The exhibit will feature photographs, stories, and associated information on a wide variety of local historical societies and museums in Vermont. It aims to showcase the diverse approaches to local history found in Vermont, how LHS are important community organizations, and how history (and those who preserve and share it) are not "static or stodgy".

LHS Participation

LHS can participate in the exhibit by sharing their story via photograph(s) and text. Approximately 17-18 will be selected for installation on the gallery walls. Additional LHS may be featured on free-standing exhibit walls and/or via digital stories. Selection for the wall spaces will be based on both the quality & subject of the photograph(s) submitted by the LHS, as well as creating an overall group that showcases a geographical and programmatic diversity of organizations. Every effort will be made to welcome any LHS that wants to participate in the exhibit to do so.

Submissions

Deadline for submissions: February 5, 2021

The form can be completed & submitted digitally at: <https://form.jotform.com/203355315719152>, or via email using the attached form. Questions and forms should be submitted to Eileen Corcoran, Community Outreach Manager, eileen.corcoran@vermonthistory.org

Please note requirements for submitted images: Photographs must be digital. To ensure good reproduction, final files should be at 300dpi, preferably at least 5mb (approx. minimal pixel size of 5400x3600)



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This form can also be completed and submitted online at:

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Organization Name _____

Contact Name & Title _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Website: _____ Year Founded _____

Brief description of organization (programs/events, collections, museum, etc.). Max 200 words

What are 1-3 “fun facts” or superlatives about your organization. Are you the oldest local historical society? Have the longest name? The largest collection of marbles?

Please submit a story about your organization that uses any/all of these prompts (max. 500 words):

- What inspires you about your community’s history?
- Why is local history important?
- What is one thing you’d like someone to know about Vermont and/or your local history?
- What is in store for the future of local history and LHS?
- How should people become involved in their own local history?

Please submit 1-2 high quality photographs that you feel best represent your organization and the work you do. It could be collections, program, or people focused. It could be a new or old photograph. Include a brief description (max 200 words each) of the photograph(s) and what they represent about/for your organization.