Vermont Historical Society Traveling Exhibits

Working with the Vermont Historical Society, we were able to bring in an engaging, professional, museum-quality display to SAM that allowed us to highlight local artifacts from our collections as well as present a unique perspective on Vermont history. Setup was simple and easy, and our loaned exhibit "Everywhere A Sign" was a success...for visitors, for our Board and volunteers, and for the Saint Albans Museum.

Alex Lehning, Executive Director, Saint Albans Museum (2018)

Traveling Exhibit Program

The Vermont Historical Society's new Traveling Exhibit program offers low-cost, professional displays on a variety of Vermont history topics perfect for your historical society, museum, or community institution. These self-contained panel exhibitions can be used alone, or augmented with items from your own collections. Current offerings are listed on the reverse, with more topics to be added soon!

For more information or to schedule a rental, contact Eileen Corcoran, eileen.corcoran@vermonthistory.org, or call (802) 479-8522

General Exhibit Rental Terms

- $100 Rental fee for 12-week period for VHS Member organizations, plus $200 damage deposit.
- $500 Rental Fee for 12-week period for Non-members, plus $200 damage deposit.
- Exhibit must be picked up at and returned to the Vermont History Center in Barre, VT unless other arrangements are made (contact us for shipping options). All materials must be returned within 3 days of the end of the rental period.
- The Vermont Historical Society must be credited as exhibit creator on any publicity.

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See more exhibit panel samples on our website: vermonthistory.org

Solzhenitsyn In Vermont

The Solzhenitsyn in Vermont exhibit celebrates the life and work of Russian novelist and historian Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, particularly his time living in Cavendish, Vermont and its influence on his life and work. Telling the story through photographs, quotes, and family memories, the exhibit includes 5 main exhibit panels, along with 4 timeline panels noting important moments from Solzhenitsyn's life.

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Sports in Vermont

Vermonters are active and athletic, and find ways to enjoy sports regardless of the weather. In the mountains and in the valleys, inside and out, over the decades the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat has been part of life in the Green Mountain State. Sports in Vermont explores the way Vermonters enjoy pastimes both competitively and for fun, in all four seasons.

Seeds of Renewal

The Seeds of Renewal exhibition was created in 2018 by the Vermont Historical Society in partnership with Dr. Frederick M. Wiseman, an Abenaki community member and retired professor and department chair of humanities at Johnson State College. The exhibit includes panels exploring Abenaki agricultural history and techniques, varieties of indigenous Abenaki plants, agricultural ceremony and harvest dinners, and cooking techniques. It also includes models of indigenous squash varieties, examples of different types of indigenous corn, and recipes. The exhibit aims to raise awareness of Abenaki agricultural history, cuisine, and ceremony, and how one can play an active role in Indigenous cultural awareness and revitalization.

Everywhere A Sign

Signs are everywhere. They inform, educate and promote. Big or small, they relay messages in a shared language. Everywhere a Sign explores the diversity, artistry and impact of signs on our everyday lives through engaging text and images from the Vermont Historical Society's collections and beyond. Five dynamic exhibit panels explore different parts of the story, including signs as forms of expression, unique Vermont signs, and how signs reflect cultural change.

A Footpath in the Wilderness: The Long Trail in Vermont

Presents a century of Vermont's storied long distance hiking trail through themes such as solitude, community, civilization, and wilderness. Through text and photographs, the exhibition explores changes in gear, experience, and hiking over the trail's history.

Anything for Speed

Explores the excitement and passion of a century of automobile racing in Vermont. From the earliest days of experimentation and quirky traditions to beloved local tracks and talented professionals, auto racing is an important part of Vermont's story.