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#### THE ECHO

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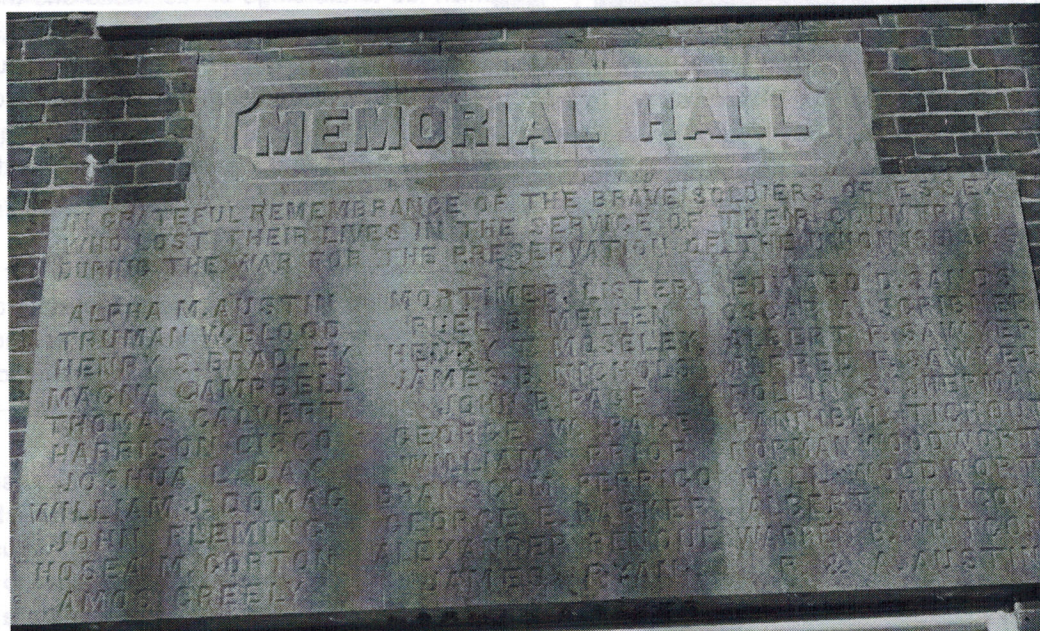
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Last July, board Co-President, Tim Jerman, wowed a standing room only audience at the Brownell Library with a power point show of early 1900s black and white photos of Essex and Fort Ethan Allen, which had not been seen for a hundred years. On July 9th at 7 p.m., he will be back by popular demand to give a reprise of the program, **Ancestors and Architecture: The W. C. Sawyer Photographs of 1900 Essex**, at Memorial Hall in Essex.

Other programs include Stowe historian Maureen Lapinski, who will share the story of the **Abram Stevens Family: From Colonial Times to the Five Corners** on August 20th at 7 p.m. at the Brownell Library; **Time Detectives: Archeologists in Essex—Artifacts from the Circ Highway “Big Dig”** to be presented on September 10th by Brennan Gauthier of the Vermont Transportation Agency, in celebration of Vermont Archeology Month; and, on October 7th, the 2014 Annual Meeting Lecture, **Pills and Potions, Liquors and Laudanum: Medicine in the Civil War Era**, presented by Charlotte historian, Dan Cole. In November, we will present a **Musical Evening**, and the final event of the year will be the annual **Essex Tree Lighting and Sing A-Long**.

Programs in the series are free to the public and will include both door prize drawing and refreshments to follow the programs. For complete details about the series, go to [essex.org](http://essex.org) and click on “Living Here” to find the ECHS web page listing.

*Prize-winning Vermont singer/songwriter, Derek Burkins, will appear at Family Day June 1st.*



Essex Community Historical Society Presents

## **TALES AND TREASURES OF ESSEX HISTORY**

### **ANNUAL FAMILY DAY & MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE**

Music by Derek Burkins, Door Prizes, Face Painting, Food & Museum Tours

Costume Contest – Wear A Favorite Historical Costume!

Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum

Sunday, June 1, 2014

1 – 4 p.m.

### **ANCESTORS AND ARCHITECTURE:**

#### **THE W. C. SAWYER PHOTOGRAPHS OF 1900 ESSEX**

Tim Jerman, Co-President, Essex Community Historical Society

Memorial Hall

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

### **ABRAM STEVENS FAMILY: FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO THE FIVE CORNERS**

Maureen Labenski

Brownell Library

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

### **TIME DETECTIVES: ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN ESSEX**

#### **ARTIFACTS FROM THE CIRC HIGHWAY "BIG DIG"**

Brennan Gauthier, Vermont Transportation Agency

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Memorial Hall, Essex

7:00 p.m.

### **ANNUAL MEETING AND LECTURE**

#### **PILLS & POTIONS, LIQUORS AND LAUDANUM:**

##### **MEDICINE IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA**

Presented by Dan Cole, Charlotte Historian

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Maple Street Recreation Center Hall

7:00 p.m.

### **A MUSICAL EVENING - TBA**

Wednesday, November 12

Memorial Hall

7:00 p.m.

*All Events Free and Open to the Public*

*Refreshments to Follow Programs*

*Door Prize Drawing For Each Event*



## SPRING SYRUP

By Caroline (Chapin) Church

When I was quite young, our old sugar house was built between the road and the ledge that is half way to the Slater place. The horses or oxen would bring the sap from the woods in the gathering tank and empty it into a big tank outside the sugar house. From there it would be piped to a tank inside the sugar house. Then piped to the evaporator with the flow controlled to bring the sap as needed. The syrup was tested for thickness by letting it drip from a scoop. When it leathered, it was done. **Oooh-eeeh! Was it ever good!** It was sticky and dirty and fun. The fire would have to be stoked continually to keep the sap boiling to get rid of the surplus water. The syrup had to weigh eleven pounds to the gallon when done.



Sugar House and Orchard  
C. R. CHAPIN  
R. F. D. Essex Junction, Vt.

Essex Junction, Vermont, March 19, 1936.

Prices for 1936 Crop Pure Vermont Maple Syrup and Sugar—  
"Vermont Fancy" Grade—F. O. B. Essex Junction, Vermont.

Syrup in 1 gal. cans.....	\$1.90
Syrup in 1 gal. cans, 4 or more, per gal.....	\$1.70
Syrup in 2 qt. cans.....	\$1.00
Syrup in 2 qt. cans, 8 or more, per gal.....	\$1.60
Syrup in 1 qt. cans.....	70c
Syrup in 1 qt. cans, 8 or more, per gal.....	\$2.40
Syrup 16 oz. in glass, case of 12, per dozen.....	\$2.50
Syrup, 1 qt. in glass, case of 12, per dozen.....	\$5.90
Sugar in 2 pound can.....	75c
Sugar in 5 pound can.....	\$1.75
Sugar, 2 oz. cakes, 1 lb. boxes, per box.....	50c
Maple Cream, 12 oz. glass jar, per dozen.....	\$3.75
Maple Cream, 24 oz. glass jar, per dozen.....	\$7.20
Maple Hearts, 1 lb. boxes, per box.....	75c

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Maple Candy—recipe by Mrs. Mary Holmes

(from "The Best in Cooking in Essex Center" Courtesy of Essex Methodist Church WSCS)

1 c. maple syrup

1/2 c. Ethan Allan Creamery milk

2 c. white sugar

1/8 lb. oleo

Cook until very soft balls stage. If you add nuts, add right before taking off fire and cook a minute. Take off fire and let cool, then beat the turn in 8X8 oiled pan.



## My Life in the Early Days

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At that time there were no stores to buy ready cooked foods or ready made clothes, except ladies' wrappers or house dresses, and men's clothes. There were no places to buy even a loaf of bread. Everything must be made at home. All bread, cakes, donuts, cookies, even cottage cheese. **But was it ever good.** Made with **plenty** of eggs, cream, and butter, maple sugar, and other good ingredients. **We really lived well!** I remember the frosted three layer cakes, roll

jelly cakes, the huge loaves of bread, Johnny cake, maple rag muffins, the tin quart pans of donuts. About two or three times a week, the four huge loaves of bread, two or three times a week, besides biscuits.

Then were butchering times after which we lived high on the hog as they say. Then the rolls of sausage. And dried beef. Bacon. Ham. Wow! Was it ever good! The hams were cured with maple sugar and they were smoked with corn cobs. And there were barrels of salt pork.



(Above, Caroline (Chapin) Church. To the right, Caroline's nephew, Graton Chapin, at the sugar house.)

Caroline's grandfather, Albert Franklin Chapin, came to Essex from Jericho in the mid-1800s, and bought the farm on Chapin Road. Caroline's brother, Claude R. Chapin, ran the sugar house in 1936. Chapin syrup traveled by train across the country. The butter won a prize in the New Orleans State Fair. Caroline's nephew, Graton, sent corn to Baxter Brother's Cannery (where Five Corners Antiques is now) and the milk cans were trucked to the village co-op. The apple tradition started in the 1930s at the farm where she grew up.



## Essex Veterans of WWII

Essex, like other Vermont towns, has grown its share of sons who fought for the ideals, principles, and freedoms which Vermonters hold dear. As General of the Armies John J. Pershing declared, "Time will not dim the glory of their deeds." In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of D-Day and WWII, we will remember two of these men in a special June ECHO issue.

Barbara Chapin tells how her uncle, "Private First Class Claude B. Chapin joined the 550th Airborne Infantry Battalion on February 6, 1942. Three years later, January 4, 1945, he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. He is buried at the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery in Antwerp, Belgium."

Mary (Crandall) Cavanaugh writes that her father, Dr. Albert J. Crandall, "was a major in the 101st Airborne and participated in three campaigns during WWII; D-Day, Holland, and the Battle of the Bulge....His mission was to establish the first ever airborne surgical hospital, much like MASH, in France."

We welcome other readers to send ECHS their accounts of this historic time in their families. You can look forward to reading more about these Essex veterans and Mary Cavanaugh's transcription of Major Albert Crandall's wartime log about D-Day: "In his own words, he starts...." More to come in a June ECHO!

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Please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Yes! I would like to be added to an e-mail distribution list for event notification.

☐ Yes! I would like to receive the ECHO via e-mail.

Circle relevant Annual Membership Category or Lifetime:

Individual \$10

Family \$15

Senior (60 and older) \$5

Lifetime (individual, married, civil union) \$100

☐ Yes! I would like to volunteer at the museum or other event.

Make checks payable to: Essex Community Historical Society, P.O. Box 8388, Essex,





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#### UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Memorial Day Parade:** Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 10 a.m.

**Museum Re-Opens:** Sunday, June 1, 2014. 1:00—4:00

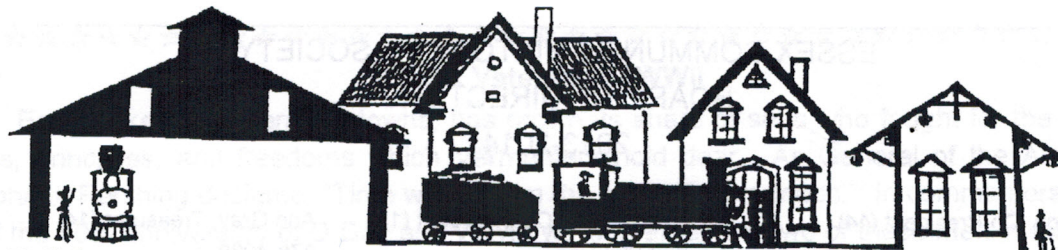
Museum will be open every Sunday until October 12th, 1-4 p.m.  
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**Vermont History Expo:** June 21st and June 22nd at  
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**Block Party:** Saturday, July 19th 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. ECHS booth  
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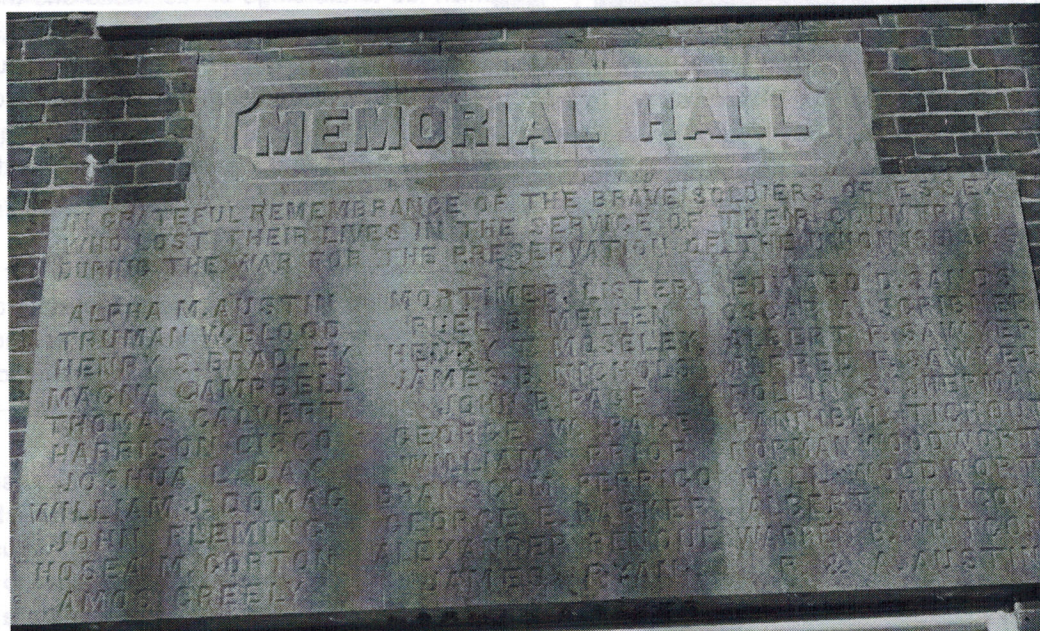
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## ECHS Celebrates Essex History in New Program Series



To celebrate the rich history of Essex and Essex Junction, ECHS is presenting a new series of programs for 2014. Our **Tales & Treasures of Essex History** series opens with a **Family Day & Open House** on June 1st from 1—4 p.m. Activities at the Essex Common will include museum tours, face painting, and a historical costume contest for both children and adults. The highlight of the event will be an appearance by the award-winning singer/songwriter from Jericho, Derek Burkins, who will perform two sets of family musical entertainment.

Last July, board Co-President, Tim Jerman, wowed a standing room only audience at the Brownell Library with a power point show of early 1900s black and white photos of Essex and Fort Ethan Allen, which had not been seen for a hundred years. On July 9th at 7 p.m., he will be back by popular demand to give a reprise of the program, **Ancestors and Architecture: The W. C. Sawyer Photographs of 1900 Essex**, at Memorial Hall in Essex.

Other programs include Stowe historian Maureen Lapinski, who will share the story of the **Abram Stevens Family: From Colonial Times to the Five Corners** on August 20th at 7 p.m. at the Brownell Library; **Time Detectives: Archeologists in Essex—Artifacts from the Circ Highway “Big Dig”** to be presented on September 10th by Brennan Gauthier of the Vermont Transportation Agency, in celebration of Vermont Archeology Month; and, on October 7th, the 2014 Annual Meeting Lecture, **Pills and Potions, Liquors and Laudanum: Medicine in the Civil War Era**, presented by Charlotte historian, Dan Cole. In November, we will present a **Musical Evening**, and the final event of the year will be the annual **Essex Tree Lighting and Sing A-Long**.

Programs in the series are free to the public and will include both door prize drawing and refreshments to follow the programs. For complete details about the series, go to [essex.org](http://essex.org) and click on “Living Here” to find the ECHS web page listing.

*Prize-winning Vermont singer/songwriter, Derek Burkins, will appear at Family Day June 1st.*



Essex Community Historical Society Presents

## **TALES AND TREASURES OF ESSEX HISTORY**

### **ANNUAL FAMILY DAY & MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE**

Music by Derek Burkins, Door Prizes, Face Painting, Food & Museum Tours

Costume Contest – Wear A Favorite Historical Costume!

Harriet Farnsworth Powell Museum

Sunday, June 1, 2014

1 – 4 p.m.

### **ANCESTORS AND ARCHITECTURE:**

#### **THE W. C. SAWYER PHOTOGRAPHS OF 1900 ESSEX**

Tim Jerman, Co-President, Essex Community Historical Society

Memorial Hall

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

### **ABRAM STEVENS FAMILY: FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO THE FIVE CORNERS**

Maureen Labenski

Brownell Library

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

### **TIME DETECTIVES: ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN ESSEX**

#### **ARTIFACTS FROM THE CIRC HIGHWAY "BIG DIG"**

Brennan Gauthier, Vermont Transportation Agency

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Memorial Hall, Essex

7:00 p.m.

### **ANNUAL MEETING AND LECTURE**

#### **PILLS & POTIONS, LIQUORS AND LAUDANUM:**

##### **MEDICINE IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA**

Presented by Dan Cole, Charlotte Historian

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Maple Street Recreation Center Hall

7:00 p.m.

### **A MUSICAL EVENING - TBA**

Wednesday, November 12

Memorial Hall

7:00 p.m.

*All Events Free and Open to the Public*

*Refreshments to Follow Programs*

*Door Prize Drawing For Each Event*



## SPRING SYRUP

By Caroline (Chapin) Church

When I was quite young, our old sugar house was built between the road and the ledge that is half way to the Slater place. The horses or oxen would bring the sap from the woods in the gathering tank and empty it into a big tank outside the sugar house. From there it would be piped to a tank inside the sugar house. Then piped to the evaporator with the flow controlled to bring the sap as needed. The syrup was tested for thickness by letting it drip from a scoop. When it leathered, it was done. **Oooh-eeeh! Was it ever good!** It was sticky and dirty and fun. The fire would have to be stoked continually to keep the sap boiling to get rid of the surplus water. The syrup had to weigh eleven pounds to the gallon when done.



Sugar House and Orchard  
C. R. CHAPIN  
R. F. D. Essex Junction, Vt.

Essex Junction, Vermont, March 19, 1936.

Prices for 1936 Crop Pure Vermont Maple Syrup and Sugar—  
"Vermont Fancy" Grade—F. O. B. Essex Junction, Vermont.

Syrup in 1 gal. cans.....	\$1.90
Syrup in 1 gal. cans, 4 or more, per gal.....	\$1.70
Syrup in 2 qt. cans.....	\$1.00
Syrup in 2 qt. cans, 8 or more, per gal.....	\$1.60
Syrup in 1 qt. cans.....	70c
Syrup in 1 qt. cans, 8 or more, per gal.....	\$2.40
Syrup 16 oz. in glass, case of 12, per dozen.....	\$2.50
Syrup, 1 qt. in glass, case of 12, per dozen.....	\$5.90
Sugar in 2 pound can.....	75c
Sugar in 5 pound can.....	\$1.75
Sugar, 2 oz. cakes, 1 lb. boxes, per box.....	50c
Maple Cream, 12 oz. glass jar, per dozen.....	\$3.75
Maple Cream, 24 oz. glass jar, per dozen.....	\$7.20
Maple Hearts, 1 lb. boxes, per box.....	75c

C. R. CHAPIN.

Maple Candy—recipe by Mrs. Mary Holmes

(from "The Best in Cooking in Essex Center" Courtesy of Essex Methodist Church WSCS)

1 c. maple syrup

1/2 c. Ethan Allan Creamery milk

2 c. white sugar

1/8 lb. oleo

Cook until very soft balls stage. If you add nuts, add right before taking off fire and cook a minute. Take off fire and let cool, then beat the turn in 8X8 oiled pan.



## My Life in the Early Days

By Caroline (Chapin) Church



At that time there were no stores to buy ready cooked foods or ready made clothes, except ladies' wrappers or house dresses, and men's clothes. There were no places to buy even a loaf of bread. Everything must be made at home. All bread, cakes, donuts, cookies, even cottage cheese. **But was it ever good.** Made with **plenty** of eggs, cream, and butter, maple sugar, and other good ingredients. **We really lived well!** I remember the frosted three layer cakes, roll

jelly cakes, the huge loaves of bread, Johnny cake, maple rag muffins, the tin quart pans of donuts. About two or three times a week, the four huge loaves of bread, two or three times a week, besides biscuits.

Then were butchering times after which we lived high on the hog as they say. Then the rolls of sausage. And dried beef. Bacon. Ham. Wow! Was it ever good! The hams were cured with maple sugar and they were smoked with corn cobs. And there were barrels of salt pork.

(Above, Caroline (Chapin) Church. To the right, Caroline's nephew, Graton Chapin, at the sugar house.)

Caroline's grandfather, Albert Franklin Chapin, came to Essex from Jericho in the mid-1800s, and bought the farm on Chapin Road. Caroline's brother, Claude R. Chapin, ran the sugar house in 1936. Chapin syrup traveled by train across the country. The butter won a prize in the New Orleans State Fair. Caroline's nephew, Graton, sent corn to Baxter Brother's Cannery (where Five Corners Antiques is now) and the milk cans were trucked to the village co-op. The apple tradition started in the 1930s at the farm where she grew up.





## Essex Veterans of WWII

Essex, like other Vermont towns, has grown its share of sons who fought for the ideals, principles, and freedoms which Vermonters hold dear. As General of the Armies John J. Pershing declared, "Time will not dim the glory of their deeds." In commemoration of the 70th anniversary of D-Day and WWII, we will remember two of these men in a special June ECHO issue.

Barbara Chapin tells how her uncle, "Private First Class Claude B. Chapin joined the 550th Airborne Infantry Battalion on February 6, 1942. Three years later, January 4, 1945, he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. He is buried at the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery in Antwerp, Belgium."

Mary (Crandall) Cavanaugh writes that her father, Dr. Albert J. Crandall, "was a major in the 101st Airborne and participated in three campaigns during WWII; D-Day, Holland, and the Battle of the Bulge....His mission was to establish the first ever airborne surgical hospital, much like MASH, in France."

We welcome other readers to send ECHS their accounts of this historic time in their families. You can look forward to reading more about these Essex veterans and Mary Cavanaugh's transcription of Major Albert Crandall's wartime log about D-Day: "In his own words, he starts...." More to come in a June ECHO!

### ESSEX COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Yes! I would like to be added to an e-mail distribution list for event notification.

☐ Yes! I would like to receive the ECHO via e-mail.

Circle relevant Annual Membership Category or Lifetime:

Individual \$10

Family \$15

Senior (60 and older) \$5

Lifetime (individual, married, civil union) \$100

☐ Yes! I would like to volunteer at the museum or other event.

Make checks payable to: Essex Community Historical Society, P.O. Box 8388, Essex,





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#### UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Memorial Day Parade:** Saturday, May 24, 2014 at 10 a.m.

**Museum Re-Opens:** Sunday, June 1, 2014. 1:00—4:00

Museum will be open every Sunday until October 12th, 1-4 p.m.  
and every Thursday from June 5th to August 31st, 6—7:30 p.m

**Vermont History Expo:** June 21st and June 22nd at  
Tunbridge Fairgrounds. 10:00—5:00

**Block Party:** Saturday, July 19th 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. ECHS booth  
will be on Railroad Ave in Essex Junction

