

WAITSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2010 Annual Report



In 2010 the Waitsfield Historical Society completed much of the restoration of the Carriage Barn, thanks to generous donations from community members. The floors and walls are completed and the lighting has been installed. The cost for the restorations to date is \$8,470. We are now able to have exhibits and events in the barn during spring, summer and fall. In August the WHS invited members of the community to an "Historic Wait House Barn Party. Many

people attended and enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the restored barn. The WHS thanks the Town of Waitsfield for allowing us to renovate and use the barn. The barn will be available for community use through the Town and the Chamber of Commerce has generously offered to manage the reservations. A barn use agreement is in the process of being written.

The Annual WHS dinner was held at the Round Barn in October. The Anthony Santos duo provided entertainment. This dinner is a way for all members of WHS and the community to meet and discuss memories of living in Vermont. We had many people share some great stories.

For the year 2011 the WHS plans to celebrate the anniversary of the Civil War with an exhibit and perhaps an event. We have many letters and diaries written by local soldiers during the Civil War.

The WHS board meets once a month at the Wait House. There are now 12 members of the Board. They are: Bob Burley, Peter Laskowski, Jack Smith, Chuck Allen, Judy Dodds, Lois DeHeer, Ilene Joslin, Sue Dillon, Cathy Hadden, Shirley Viens, Barbara Mansfield, and Sandra Reilly. Two newsletters are sent out a year and we plan at least one or two events in the community. We are always looking for volunteers to help with programs, accessioning or organizing exhibits. Please contact Judy Dodds or Sandra Reilly if you are interested in helping. Membership is still open for 2011, please join us. Membership envelopes are available at the Wait House.