



**Franconia Area Heritage Council**  
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Dear Museum Supporter,

With the 2022 season behind us, the FAHC board has been busy planning for a very active 2023 season. 2023 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Franconia's first settlement, the homestead of Jacob Schoff. The Franconia Area Heritage Council will play an active role in the town's planned celebration in July, with several activities following a theme of "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Stay tuned for announcements on this exciting celebration.

Our current Museum exhibit, "C.T. Bodwell - Father of the Flume - His Photographic Legacy," will continue to run through the 2023 season. This exhibit, which is located in the Museum barn, showcases the photography and postcards of Clare Thomas Bodwell.

Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Museum in December, attracting many area children and their families. Children sat with Santa in an antique sleigh donated by Joan Hannah, and enjoyed homemade cookies and hot cocoa inside the Museum.

FAHC has published the First Edition of the Franconia Area Heritage Cookbook! Over 90 area residents contributed over 250 recipes. Cookbooks are close to selling out, but can still be purchased at the Franconia Market and Deli, Polly's Pancake Parlor, and on our website, [www.franconiaareaheritage.org](http://www.franconiaareaheritage.org).

In conjunction with NH Humanities, FAHC is pleased to announce our speaker series. Our annual meeting at Lovett's Inn in November welcomed Alan R. Hoffman, who presented on The Marquis de Lafayette and Human Rights. In January, we hosted Thomas C. Hubka via Zoom, with a presentation relevant to his book, *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn*. Our next virtual speaker event will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, with Jane O'Neil on "NH Art and Artists Through the Years." Please visit our website or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/FranconiaHeritageMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/FranconiaHeritageMuseum) for details on this and future events.

Our Maintenance Committee is currently addressing several needed repairs to our Museum. We rely on the generosity of our members to maintain our 1878 building. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Museum (self-addressed envelope enclosed). We appreciate any donation you are able to make. We also encourage you to consider volunteering a few hours of your time during our open season; Saturdays from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

The Heritage Council thanks you for your continued support. It is through generous donations from friends like you that we are able to preserve and celebrate the history of the Franconia area.

Best Regards,

Jeff Bartlett, President