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BUILDING THE SOCIETY'S EXPO EXHIBIT

Exhibit Committee members Morris Tucker, Carmine Pacca, Angela Hinchey, Helen Davidson, and Jim Davidson joined Chairperson Chuck Piotrowski for a number of meetings to put together the agricultural thread in the history of a town best known for its history as a retail, railroad, and industrial center.

At first, adapting the exhibit to an agricultural theme seemed a daunting task. As the committee brainstormed ideas, the agricultural thread in Rutland's history became more and more apparent. In fact, agricultural concepts and materials began to challenge the committee's ability to place them into the confines of an eight foot by eight foot exhibit space.

Technology quickly came to the rescue. Agriculturally related images began to abound as the committee researched them. The decision was made to put multiple images into a visual projection that would tour the multiplicity of agricultural images available. Copies of images that were not used in the multimedia presentation were combined into two notebooks for visitor perusal.

The committee produced a printed timeline to provide a context in which to explore changes in the agricultural thread in Rutland's history. (*See page 3 for the timeline.*)

In the future the committee plans to turn some of the images into a "Historically Speaking" episode.



President Chuck Piotrowski and his "First Lady" Erin work the exhibit.

“HISTORICALLY SPEAKING” ON CHANNEL 15 IN RUTLAND

The Society produces a new program each month. The series includes interviews and historical pictorial material in a rather flexible TV magazine format. The programs can be seen Wednesdays at 4:00 PM, Thursdays at 1:30 PM, and Fridays at 7:30 PM. DVDs of past episodes can be obtained from Rutland Regional Community Television, 1 Scale Avenue, Suite 108, Rutland, VT 05701-4460. They are \$10 for each episode. Make checks payable to RRCT. Include \$2.50 for shipping and handling. Personal pickup is available. Call (802) 747-0151 for further information. For a complete listing of past shows consult the Society web site (rutlandhistory.com).

To watch the current or previous episode of “Historically Speaking” in streaming video on your computer: (1) go to the Society web site (rutlandhistory.com), (2) click on “Historically Speaking,” and (3) click on the second paragraph which will link you to the Video On Demand Library on the PEG-TV web site. In the search box at the top of the video player, type in “Historically Speaking” then click on the magnifying glass button to the right. You should get a choice of the two most recent programs.

Episode # 111 – “Faces of the Past I”

Jake Sherman relates biographies of several characters of early Rutland history that appeared in the Rutland Historical Society calendar for 2010. The program also shares the 14 images of these people who were born in the 1700s. The availability of these early images is truly amazing. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

Episode # 112 – “The Long Trail”

The Rutland Historical Society has nearly 100 glass slides of views along the Long Trail from about 1913 to 1930. These are integrated into a story of the Long Trail prepared by guest Bob Perkins. Jim Davidson hosts the program.

Episode # 113 – “History of Agriculture in Rutland”

The Rutland Historical Society developed a multimedia presentation for its exhibit at the Vermont Historical Society Expo in keeping with the Expo theme of agriculture. This program is an adaptation of that presentation for “Historically Speaking.” The presenter is Chuck Piotrowski and the host is Jim Davidson.

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