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BYLAWS REVISION

It has been many years since the HHS Board has reviewed our bylaws and it was decided the time had come to do a review and update. Attached to the newsletter are the proposed bylaws that we are required to present to the members prior to the Annual Meeting so they can be voted upon. Please take a few minutes to review these and we hope many of you will be present at the meeting in June to approve the updated version.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone,

The Henniker Historical Society is wrapping up its 50th Anniversary Celebration year. It is interesting that as we acknowledge 50 years our own history, so much new history is being made here in Henniker and around the world.

The impact of the pandemic will be felt in Henniker for years to come. As time separates us from its worst effects, we will see more clearly how our town was weathered by Covid 19. Already we know it affected our citizens and their families. Many folks lost loved ones and/or were had the virus themselves. Our businesses were also severely affected.

The world has also changed. War abroad in Ukraine, supply chain struggles, and economic issues are driving larger social and political shifts. We see the affects in Henniker with rising gas prices and inflation.

History isn't just what house was built in the 1850's. Today is tomorrow's history. The Henniker Historical Society is looking forward to its next 50 years. We are proud of the work that has been done to record and remember our history. We are also prepared to make sure the next generations have a view of their past so they can have a perspective to help find their way forward. Finally, please take the time to visit is at Academy Hall, see and experience the history of Henniker.

Sincerely, Marc McMurphy
President, Henniker Historical Society

HOUSE PLAQUES

This year, we donated an historic plaque to the Henniker Town Hall designating its year of construction. It has been mounted just to the left of the front doors. Stop by and check it out!

If you have a house or building that you would like to order an historic house plaque depicting the year of construction and/or a history of your home, be sure and contact us through our website. The order form and pertinent information can be found there.



TOURS

In 2022, we currently have two tours scheduled: The Henniker First Murder tour will be held on August 14th (the 128th anniversary of the murder) and a tour of the Plummer Cemetery on September 24th. Check our website for further details.

Remember, we also offer other tours available through our website:

The Flood of 1936: The Power of the Contoocook River

A virtual tour with drone footage relating the story of the 1936 flood.

Historic Marker Downtown Walking Tour

Visit our website to download the map and the QR codes you can scan to hear the story behind nine historic downtown markers.

Visit the Members Only section of our website for the virtual Historic Markers Downtown Walking Tour
Password: HHS2021

Coming Soon: Northwest Henniker Historic Markers Driving Tour!



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BUSINESS MEETINGS

Monthly board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00 am in Academy Hall. Members and prospective members are invited to attend

MEMBERSHIP

To renew, send \$25.00 per household, \$15 per individual or \$7.50 for seniors 65+ (checks can be made out to Henniker Historical Society) along with your name and address to:

Henniker Historical Society
PO Box 674
Henniker, NH 03242

Household: \$25
Individual: \$15
Senior (65+): \$7.50

CORRECTION: Penny Wing was kind enough to contribute a wonderful story about her brother, Bruce Wing's adventures as a local paperboy in the 1950s. However, the man killed in the dairy truck accident was not John Martin, as related in the story, but Henry G. "Hank" Martin. Ms. Wing apologizes for the error

Need cool Henniker gifts?

Don't forget to check out our website for books, booklets, Cats Meow building replicas, Henniker afghan and other fun and informative items for all your Henniker gift needs!

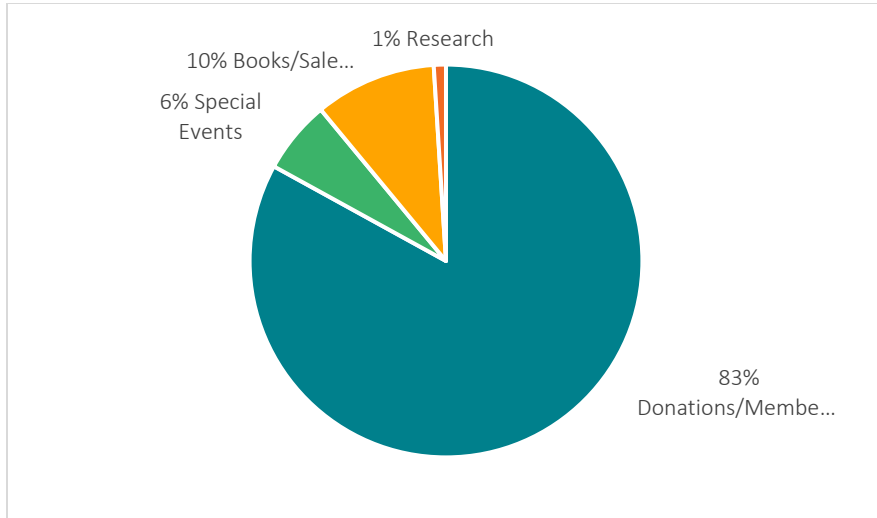
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HHS Income and Expenses

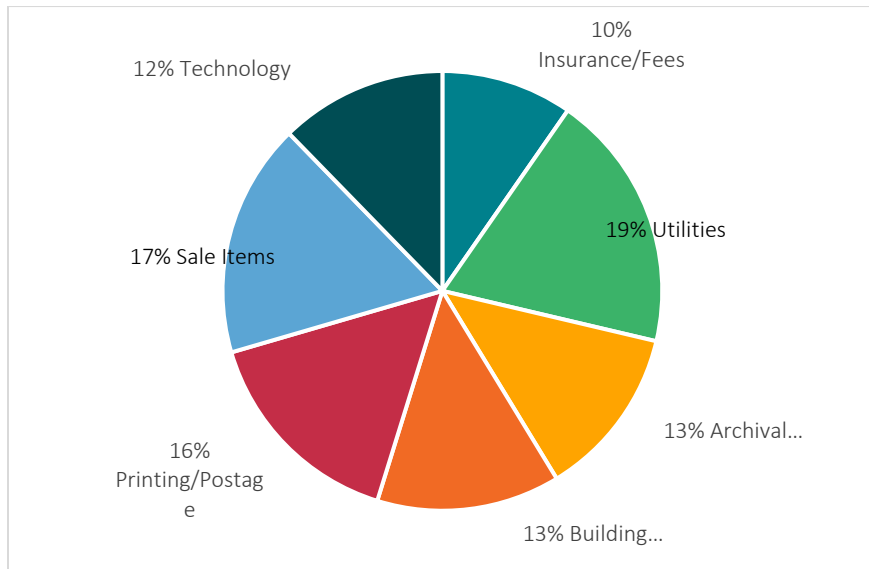
HHS was the recipient of a 2021 SHARPS grant to upgrade technology at the Society. The \$2,750 award helped to pay for a new printer scanner, a tablet for photography, two new computers and assisted in upgrading the archival software program. President Marc Murphy noted that the grant will help the Society keep up with technology advances and provide for secure databases by using Cloud storage.

The Annual Giving Campaign supports the all-volunteer Society as it seeks to preserve Henniker's past. This year, membership was included in Giving donations. In the interest of transparency, a breakdown of income and expenses for the first six months of the HHS financial year (July 1-June 30) is provided. Thanks to all who contributed and anticipate contributing before July 1. It is never too late!

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HENNIKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

We hereby invite all members of the Henniker Historical Society (and if you are getting this newsletter, that means you!) to attend our Annual Meeting in June. It is required that we have the membership vote on the new slate of officers as well as approve the revised bylaws. But wait! There's more! You will also hear about what HHS has accomplished this past year, the anniversary of our 50th year, as well as learn about the history of one of Henniker's most iconic buildings – the old Henniker Inn (now the NEC Admin building on Main St..) Board Treasurer, Sue Fetzer has just published a new HHS booklet on the old Inn and will share some of information with us in her presentation. It is sure to be highly entertaining! Note: This will not be a potluck this year, but light refreshments will be served. So just bring yourself and come see what HHS has been up to this year!

DATE: June 22

TIME: 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Congregational Church Parish Hall at 43 Maple St.