



# Newsletter

Colchester Vermont Historical Society

Summer 2018



## Summer at the Colchester Log Schoolhouse

***Volunteers needed!*** The amazing Colchester Log Schoolhouse is open every summer, Fridays - Mondays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Colchester Historical Society needs additional, responsible volunteers to host the building during open hours, and especially would love more young people to become involved. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Carol Reichard at (802) 497-3036.



Since the [restoration and public opening](#) of the Colchester Log Schoolhouse in 2007, thousands of visitors have stepped through its

doors and back in time. In fact, each season averages between 1,200 – 1,500 visitors. People from 157 Vermont towns, every state in the U.S. -- except North Dakota and Alaska -- and 44 countries around the world have visited. “Amazing,” “A gem in our backyard!”, and “Great experience” are just a few of the comments received.

Please stop in to visit this summer! The schoolhouse is located at Airport Park on the Colchester recreation path. Parking and admission are free; donations are always appreciated.

## Upcoming meetings and programs:

- ♦ **Secrets of the Old Schoolhouse**  
**Monday, September 10, 7 p.m.**  
Speaker: Nadia Graham  
Colchester Log Schoolhouse,  
Airport Park
- ♦ **Field trip to Crown Point**  
**October (details to be determined)**
- ♦ **WW II Prisoner of War Journal**  
**Monday, November 12, 7 p.m.**  
Speaker: Lt. Richard J. Heh
- ♦ **Christmas Party**  
**Tuesday, December 11, 7 p.m.**  
**Red Brick Church**  
Colchester High School Choral Groups
- ♦ **Business Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m.**
- ♦ **History of the Heineberg Bridge**  
**Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.**  
Speaker: Reid Allen

- ♦ **Program to be determined**  
**Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.**
- ♦ **Lang Family Camp**  
**Monday, April 8, 7 p.m.**  
Speaker: Martha Reeves Lang
- ♦ **May - Spring Field Trip**  
**(Details to be determined)**
- ♦ **Monday, June 10, 6 p.m.**  
**Annual Meeting and Barbecue**

**Please note:** Unless otherwise indicated, our programs are held at the Colchester Historical Society building on Main Street. Following the programs, refreshments are available, and a short business meeting follows. Parking and admission are free; donations are always appreciated. Hope to see you there!

### In Case You Missed It...



The March 25, 2018 issue of the *Burlington Free Press* featured an article by Martha Reeves Lang entitled "Malletts Bay Memories of Spalding's West Shore". In the 1920s, bathing attire was knit wool, and the weight of the water dragged down the suits, distorting the fit, and making them unwearable very quickly. The above photo caption reads "Relaxing along the shores of Malletts Bay with the Montreal cousins." Click [here](#) for the full story and more photos.



### Did you know...?



... the late, great jazz trumpeter Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong celebrated his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday on the Fourth of July at Malletts Bay? The event, held July 3 at Bayside, was called the "Night B-4" concert and dance.

Born in 1900 and raised in New Orleans, Louis Armstrong learned to play cornet while in a waif's home as a young man. He was placed there for scaring another youngster by firing a blank with a gun. He followed his mentor to Chicago, and eventually became the "Ambassador of Jazz.." By the 1950s, he was a widely beloved American icon who commanded an international fan base.

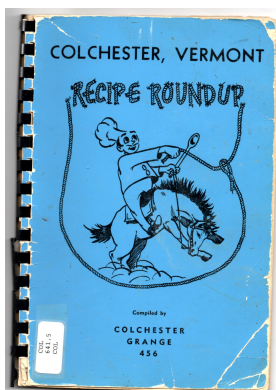
Thanks to [YouTube](#), we can continue to enjoy his unique and unmistakable style!

(Photo and information from "Chronicles of Colchester," by Inge Shaefer; copyright 2009, The History Press, Charleston. SC, and from Wikipedia.)



*"The memory of things gone  
is important to a jazz musician."*  
— Louis Armstrong

## A Gem at the Burnham Library



This little gem of a cookbook was compiled by the Colchester Grange 456 and published in 1956 by Bev-Ron Publishing Company, Kansas City, Missouri. It is available for loan at the Burnham Memorial Library (please handle with care!).

Explore recipes for baked squirrel, salmon salad ring, party pineapple-ham meat loaf, and more! Additional features include "Tips for the Tall Woman," "Removal of Blackheads and Whiteheads," and other "beauty tips." Many items are not "politically correct" for present day, but "Recipe Roundup" is interesting to browse for a glimpse back in time. Here's a recipe for "Bishops Bread", submitted by Mrs. J. Herbert Severance.

BISHOPS BREAD		Mrs. J. Herbert Severance	
2 1/2 c. flour		2 c. brown sugar	
1/2 c. shortening		1 tsp. baking powder	
1 tsp. cinnamon		1 egg	
1/2 tsp. salt		3/4 c. sour milk	
Mix flour, shortening, sugar, cinnamon and salt. Measure 3/4 cup of this mixture and reserve for top. Mix remainder with the other ingredients. Pour into 9 x 9 pan. Spread 3/4 cup of mixture on top and bake.			

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## Discover Your Family History

The Vermont Genealogy Library is ready to assist you in your search for your family's story. There are computers with Internet access to several databases, Vermont vital records from 1760 to 1941, 4,500 books that include 60 volumes of Vermont marriages and baptisms from as early as 1830, and more.

Home to the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society, available to you is an extensive collection of records related to French-Canadian immigrants to Vermont.

The library is located in Dupont Hall, Fort Ethan Allen, on Hegeman Avenue here in Colchester. Your first visit is free, then only \$5 per visit. The annual membership fee is \$30. More information is available on the library's [web site](#).

### News and updates at your fingertips

Visit the Colchester Historical Society's [web site](#) to stay up to date on news and programs. There are also some fabulous vintage photos! On Facebook, be sure to "Like" and "Follow" [Colchester Vermont Historical Society](#). Becoming a member of the Colchester Historical Society is very easy and inexpensive! Find out more [here](#).

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