



P. O. Box 235 – Swanton, VT 05488

January 15, 2004

Dear SHS Member:

Guess what? This is our **20th Anniversary** and It's time to renew your membership for 2004. Thank you for being a member. 2003 was an exciting and fulfilling year. The railroad depot museum was open for visitors on a daily basis, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from June through October. We had numerous visitors from all over the country. Many CVRY retirees have been enjoying coffee at the depot on Saturday mornings. The Christmas season featured two antique Lionel train displays, courtesy of Dr. Fred Wiseman. The museum has grown through the generous donations of many railroad and Swanton-related items, as well as much-needed financial help. Many thanks to those donors and to all our members for making such a rewarding year possible. Remember, we are a 501©3 Non Profit Organization; all donations are 100% tax deductible.

For those who are computer-friendly, we are in the process of setting up a web site. The address will be www.swantonhistoricalsociety.org. It should be up and running by February. Please spread the word to those who do not live here in Swanton, but who are interested in our community and would like to have an ongoing connection to Swanton.

The web site will feature:

- FREE E-MAIL site for all members who sign up and obtain access.
- An extensive PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY, which will be changed periodically.
- A Bulletin Board for GENEALOGY and other items of interest.
- CLASSIFIED AD SECTION in which historical items can be listed for sale or trade.
- The ability to accept MEMBERSHIPS and DONATIONS.
- The ability to purchase Swanton HISTORY BOOKS, CALENDARS, MUGS, etc.
- Review of CURRENT PROJECTS the society is involved in as well as future projects.
- DIRECT COMMUNICATION with the Society by Email and/or bulletin board
- LINKS to other history-related web sites
- NEWSLETTER on line.
- CALENDAR of coming events and PROGRAMS
- HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

This site will be updated routinely and if you have any suggestions for improving the web site, please contact Ron Kilburn at 802-868-3892 or rkilburn@together.net

A complete recap of last year's activities will be listed in the Swanton Town Report for 2003. In **2004, our 20th Anniversary year**, we plan to:

- Increase the museum hours,
- Obtain State of Vermont Historical Markers designating the depot as a historic site,
- Accept the relocation of the historic West Milton Pennsylvania Truss Bridge, as well as the Toll Keeper's House from the Missisquoi Bay Bridge,
- Participate in the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge in June,
- Continue our association with the Swanton Central School students by sponsoring a Junior Historical Society.

Thanks again for being a member. Your support does make a difference.

Sincerely,

Ronald F. Kilburn
President

We would appreciate your completing the below renewal form. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

- \$100 Life Membership
- \$25 Business
- \$20 Family Membership
- \$10 Individual Membership

Name: _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

Town/City, State: _____

Is there any special event or particular speaker / topic that you would like to have a regular monthly meetings?
