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President's Letter

Dear Members,

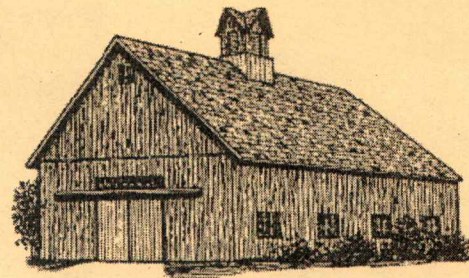
One cannot help but be humbled by global events surrounding us these last few months. In a world where tides and leaders come and go with such force as to change history forever, Sudbury seems, by contrast, to be a calm oasis.

Take note, now is the time to make your reservation for the SHS Barn Bus Tour, scheduled for Sunday, May first at 2 pm. Please call 978 443-3747 for your reservation to be paid in advance. The cost per person is \$15 for members, and \$20 for non-members.

The SHS Quilt Committee deserves our gratitude for their dedicated work thus far raising funds and awareness of our 1850 Friendship Quilt and the New Fundraiser Signature Quilt, both to be displayed side-by-side at the Annual Meeting in June and (eventually) in the Sudbury Museum. May 1st marks the deadline for signing the fundraiser quilt—DONT DELAY!

Finally, I want to thank you for making my two years as President such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I am confident that our new President will be as welcomed as I was and that our goals as an organization will be met.

Sincerely,
Kirsten van Dijk,
President



Sudbury Barn BUS Tour, May 1st

SHS Upcoming Program Highlights

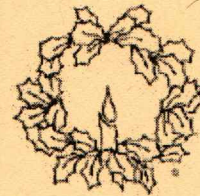
Meetings held Sundays, 2 p.m., at Sudbury Town Hall

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
May 1	Bus Tour: Historic Barns of Sudbury	Lee Swanson
	<i>Adventure! Travel! Thrills!</i>	
June 5	Annual Meeting, Election of Officers	
	<i>First Public Exhibit SHS Textile Collection</i>	

SHS Holiday Party at the Hosmer House



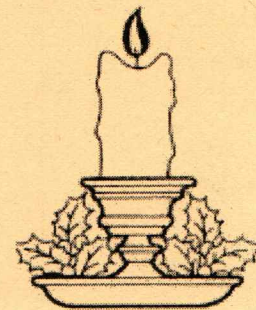
Enjoying good cheer at the SHS Holiday Party, Betsy & Bob Gottberg and Arden & Suzanne Steinbach share a festive moment. Betsy coordinated the refreshments and arranged an attractive and delicious array of comestibles prepared by members. The cheese spread with pesto and sun-dried tomatoes was especially good! Would the creator be willing to share the recipe?



After enjoying a convivial gathering and admiring the holiday decorations adorning each room of the Hosmer House, SHS members ventured into the cold, gathered on the steps of Town Hall, and warmed the night air with the merry melodies of holiday carols. Kirsten van Dijk, SHS President, directs the musical moment.



Carolers of all ages braved the cold to gather, spreading good cheer into the winter night.



All photographs courtesy of Terry Keeney.

Editor's Scribbles

As a relative newcomer to the Sudbury Historical Society, it is with some trepidation that I assume the role of newsletter editor. To follow in the footsteps of Ursula Lyons and Sharon Kindick, who as Editor and Layout Editor invested much skill and dedication to their tasks, inspires more anxiety. Their extensive past contributions do make my role much easier. To this new task, I bring good typing skills, an eagerness to become better acquainted with the SHS and to support the organization's aims, and the ability to view Microsoft Publisher as a quirky challenge. While SHS focuses on the past, we must admit that current technological advances enable stylish sharing of organization updates! Please forgive the mistakes that I will surely make as I

learn more about SHS and you, the valued members. Lee Swanson has contributed many hours of labor to this debut edition, preventing many serious errors. Thanks, Lee!

The newsletter traditionally appears quarterly, with an issue for each season. The winter edition has merged with the spring, and I apologize. I will work to bring subsequent issues to publication more promptly, in tune with the seasons. To that aim, let me announce the schedule for submissions to upcoming editions. Due dates are as follows:

- ◆ Summer edition: June 17
- ◆ Fall edition, September 23

Another concerning matter is that this publication lacks a proper name other than the generic

Suzanne Steinbach

'Newsletter'. In order for its pages to hold their head high in the company of publications from historical societies in Westford ("Musings"), Maynard ("Memories"), Bedford ("The Preservationist"), and Framingham ("Vintage Framingham"), we should adopt a distinctive title. The newsletter hereby announces that it solicits nominations for its name. We look forward to receiving many creative suggestions for consideration by the Trustees. A christening ceremony in Fall, 2005.

Suggested newsletter names, other comments, and submissions may be relayed to the editor at:

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The Curator's Meanderings ————— Lee Swanson

Hello, from the Sudbury Museum, high on the Common.

My father, Milton R. Swanson died on March 10th in York, Maine where he & my late mother lived for 30 + years after selling the Wayside Country Store near the Marlborough/Sudbury line on Rte 20.

They had purchased the empty building, roadside stand, small house & land from the Estate of Henry & Clara Ford in 1947.

They turned it into the world famous WAYSIDE COUNTRY STORE-Best by a DAM-SITE (500 ft from a dam). It was a great time in the history of this country, as famous people were not afraid to wander about, thus you never know who you were waiting on. As our first customer was James Cagney, it

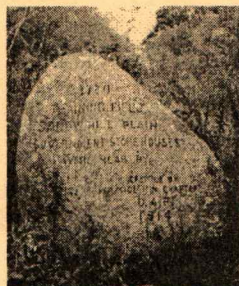
set us on a path. When Mrs. Clara Ford came in, and was introduced to my parents, we waited nervously for her opinion. She said it was wonderful and left, then sent

her chauffeur in to tell us she didn't like the row of Commodores & Thunder Jugs over the Exit!

The Commodores & Thunder Jugs were marked with PP for the PARK PLAZA in Boston

An Invitation to all Sudbury Historical Society Members

The Wayside Inn Chapter of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) has invited members of the Sudbury Historical Society to an OPEN HOUSE at Peace Lutheran Church (Rte. 126) in Wayland on SATUR-



Training Field

DAY, APRIL 30th, 2005, 2 to 4 pm. Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Wayside Inn Chapter of D.A.R.

Many of our members belong. The D.A.R. has placed lasting monuments on almost all historic sites in Sudbury. They give annual educational

awards & scholarships. Come and see their display of what they have done for Sudbury!

RSVP :

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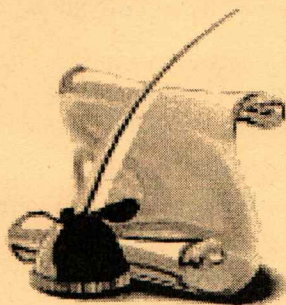
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waysideinndar@hotmail.com

Surprise Mail

-----**Ginney Maenpaa**

As a rule, opening the membership mail is pretty routine; the envelopes contain a completed membership form and the appropriate check. Once in a while, however, there is a surprise! A few weeks ago, the mail brought an envelope containing a well-written letter and a return envelope. The letter-writer's name is



Danny Howard, and he is an inmate in Maine's House of Correction! In his "spare time", he is working on his genealogy and requests the assistance of the Sudbury Historical Society. The ancestor he refers to is Micah Howard who on June 4, 1782, married Rebeckah Rice. My initial reaction was "Oh, heavens—another Rice!" Unfortunately, I could not be of much assistance to Micah Howard's descendant, but we have solicited the expertise of Ruth Brown (another Rice!), who will attempt to lead one Danny Howard in the right direction (excuse the pun).

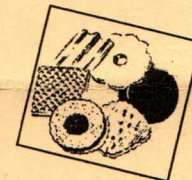
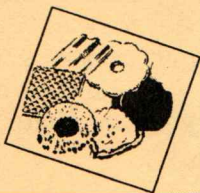
Another surprise came from the

daughter of Mildred Tallant. She enclosed a check for \$25.00 and requested a square in the new quilt. The Tallant's were long-time Sudbury residents and very involved in the community. Mildred was a volunteer librarian in the children's division from 1961—1974 and also a 50 year member of the Sudbury Woman's Club. She is now at a nursing home in Millersburg, Ohio, very close to where her daughter resides. November 2004 was Mildred Tallant's 100th birthday!

Betsy Gottberg writes:

Members have been most generous responding to requests to bring "fingerfoods" for our monthly meetings.

Thanks to all for your help!



Editor's note:

Many thanks to Betsy Gottberg for coordinating meeting refreshments! The delicious snacks are artfully arranged, and lively conversation always surrounds the refreshment table. Thank you so much, Betsy!

The "New" Signature Quilt

-----**Ginney Maenpaa**

By now, you have surely read the articles about the new Signature Quilt in *Action Unlimited* or seen the display about the Quilt at the Goodnow Library. Dedicated artisans are bringing to life the 2005 Signature Quilt to help defray costs of preserving the 1850 Friendship Quilt, acquired by the SHS in April, 2003. It has been more than two years since that

purchase. The Quilt Committee, very proud of the new work of art and history, would very much like to have the new Quilt finished and ready to be displayed for all to see by June 5, 2005, the SHS Annual Meeting.

Remember this is for businesses also, not just people, to sign.

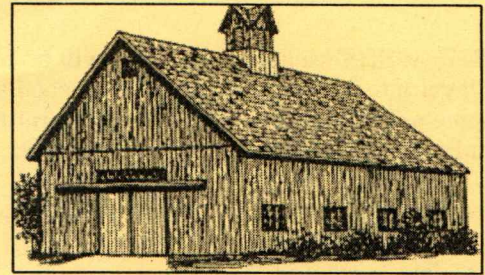
If you are still "thinking about" mak-

ing a contribution, now is the time for action. If you aren't sure just what to write when you sign the quilt, call us! We can offer many suggestions. The final, absolute deadline for making your contribution and signing the quilt is **May 1, 2005**. Call 978 443-9023 or 978 443-3747 to reserve a piece of history in your name. Thank you!

“Game or Shine” — Barn Presentation Draws Large Crowd

On Super Bowl Sunday, a poster outside Town Hall announced, “Barn Program Today—Game or Shine”. A standing-room-only crowd greeted the presentation by Bud Haworth of R.B. Haworth & Sons, Berlin, MA. Mr. Haworth shared with the audience a tour of restored and newly constructed barns in and around Sudbury, some familiar sights to those who

travel town roads. Listeners learned that chestnut was “yesterday’s pressure-treated wood”. Discussion also revealed diverse uses for barns in 21st century Sudbury. Hands-on exhibits of timber joints and building models enriched the event. Many listeners left with new interest in adding to their home a piece of history in the shape of a barn.

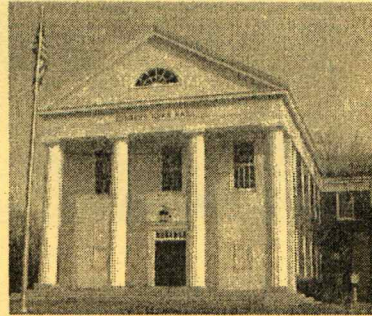


Question and Answer

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Where is the Sudbury Historical Society Museum located?

(Clue at right. Answer at far right)



Nancy Somers

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: It is located upstairs on the 2nd floor of the Sudbury Town Hall. It is open to the public Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Please call ahead if you would like to visit: 978 443-3747.

Sudbury Memories

Alice Byington

It was almost fifty years ago when my husband and I first looked at Sudbury as a place to build our home and raise a family. Roy was an electrical engineer with Raytheon, and his group was about to move to a new laboratory in Wayland Center. Sudbury, a conveniently located, historic yet growing town, offered lots of open land and a good school system.

We found a builder with land for a new development and chose a lot after walking in from Hudson Road. Roy drew up house plans; the land was cleared so roads could be cut in, lots laid out, and construction started. Our dreams became a reality.

When we moved in, my only neighbors were out on Hudson Road or two houses behind us on Goodnow Road. The Morses lived on the Goodnow Farm with 47 acres, and the Strattons in the antique farm house alongside with 25 acres.

Today our undeveloped land is now the Country Village section of town. The Goodnow Farm has been subdivided and developed by Northland as has the former Stratton properties, now the Camper down area.

Our generation built schools and saw them torn down and replaced (the high school and junior high school, Fairbanks School, now the town pool and Senior Center). Horse Pond School has become the State Police Academy.

Gone are the carnation growers and the independent drugstores. The Raytheon Laboratory in Wayland closed. A Sudbury plant arrived. Collins Market in Wayland used to take telephone orders and deliver. The old market is now office space. The milkman delivered dairy products every other day. I understand that you can still get this service, but only once weekly. All sorts of shopping opportunities have come to town, but some have

come and gone. Our children have all grown up and have families of their own. My husband is no longer with me but still in town, up on the hill overlooking the Town Center.

My neighborhood “Country Village” remains active. There have been many changes, but neighborliness endures. To quote a neighbor who recently returned home from a family ski trip to Vermont, “We were pleasantly surprised to see our neighbors plowing our driveway”. I had the same experience when I looked out to see my neighbor, John Doherty, doing the same for me. We have a neighborhood newsletter with birth announcements, Mom & Kids play dates, Ladies’ Night Out, Men’s Night Out, and a babysitting list. To quote my neighbor again, “I just love our neighborhood and neighbors!”

We made a good choice 50 years ago by settling in Sudbury, and I plan to stay, joining my husband someday on that hill in Sudbury Town Center.

Our volunteers are special; you can be too!

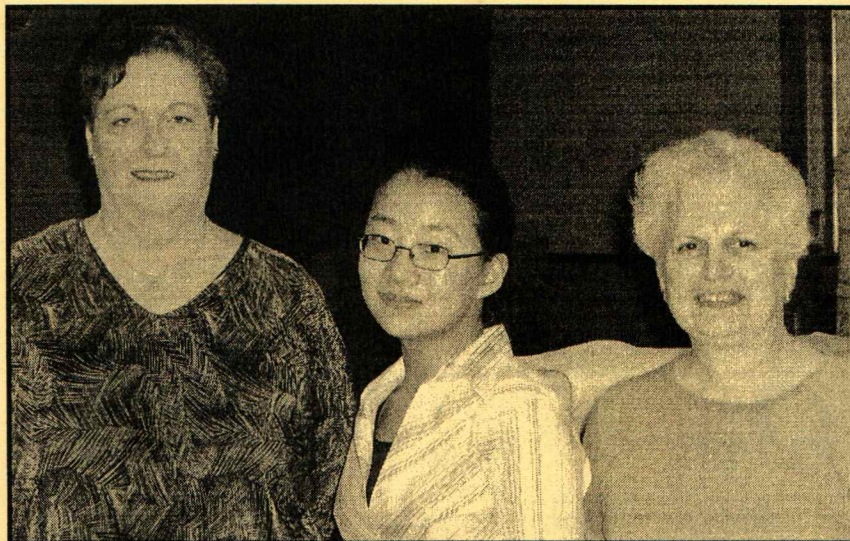
Here at SHS we are all volunteers, but some are Extraordinary. Like Elly Berry who shows up almost everyday, to work on essential things that are detail oriented, and time consuming.

Or Mary Trubiano who does a week's worth of work in a day, inputting membership & donation data into our "Past Perfect" software.

Or our Lincoln Sudbury Community Service Intern Madeline

Lee who will be coming back as soon as fair weather returns, and she can walk here from school. (Warm weather is coming isn't it?)

Ginney Maenpaa will have 5 vertebra fused via surgery on April 28th at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Let's all send cards, and go in by the carload to visit her, a day or two after the surgery, I know it made a difference with me! LS



VOLUNTEERS-Elly Berry, Madeline Lee & Mary Trubiano

ACQUISITIONS--May 18th, 2004 to March 18th, 2005

- Virginia Maenpaa-----a 45 star flag, 1976 Bicentennial material, miscellaneous Sudbury news clippings & material
- George Lewis-----4 early grave rubbings of Sudbury stones [that may be the only evidence of what they said]
- Naomi Fruitt of FLA-----Binder of preliminary 1968 Sudbury Historical House Survey; Copy of Janet Smith's *History of Sudbury's Buildings*, etc. 1939 copy of *Sudbury Beacon* for Tercentary; *The Country Doctor*, story of local doctors, 9pg; *History of Clothing 1639-1700*, draft, hand written, 10pg.
- Gladys Zimmer-----5 Sudbury postcards, 4 color, 1 b&w, of MM Chapel, Country Store, Grist Mill, & School
- Betty Steudel-----1962 Sudbury By Laws, & Planning Board; *This is Sudbury* LWV; *Three Centuries of Sudbury Homes*, Sudbury Park & Rec. booklet
- Ruth & Joe Brown-----1 Huge Bavarian Allioli Bible, to sell, or frame plates & sell, no genealogical information
- L.S.R.H.S Library-----Collection of Sudbury Town reports, etc. including Betsey Powers typed transcripts of all early Town Meetings + old *American Heritage* magazines for clip art.
- Bill Andreas-----1 Sudbury Laboratory Soil Test Kit, in original green painted wood case, complete,
1 color postcard of Ecke's X Motel, Sudbury, both purchased via EBay
- Shirley Barnes-----1 color copy of South Sudbury property map #83
- Mary Trubiano-----2002 Senior Strutters 11th Annual Musical Program
- Curt Garfield-----1 iron seed row maker & 1 iron seeder on handle + 2cs of books, all from the Smith Family
- Elly Berry-----2-1939 Shell Oil road maps, U.S. & Maine + Maritime Prov. + '30's *Guide to Historic Places*.
- Alan Kattelle-----Booklet on Thomas H. Blair of Northborough [he produced the 1890's Camera we own]
- Art Richard-----1 brass Sudbury inspected MEAT stamp used by Harry Rice
- Bill Schecter, LSRHS-----12 DVD's & VHS's of the old High School as occupied & used by students before demolition
- Joe Brown-----2 Two dollar US bills, stamped & postmarked with new Zip code 01776, 1st day, 4-13-1976

ACQUISITIONS-----Continued



Curator/Archivist Lee Swanson, Head Proofreader-Silky, & Aaron Levine, LSRHS Intern

a Great School" captures the reunion of all graduates.

Margaret Cushing Kolm-1 printed 1772 Sermon on Jacob Bigelow's ordination at 1st Parish, accepted for 1st Parish.

Bill Schecter, LSRHS—1 DVD of "A Great Gathering of a Great School" captures the reunion of all graduates.

Rebecca Cutting——1 sepia photo, original, 10x13 of Grandma Hunt's birthplace (one of only two existing photos of Rice's Tavern [when the Hunts owned it after it closed]). + 1 Color plate of Sudbury Centre, South Lincoln & Lincoln map from an Atlas.

Kirsten van Dijk—*Researchers Guide to American Genealogy* reference book; 1965 Town Report; Children's book by last years speaker Robert & Kristine Thorson-*Stone Wall Secrets*

Joe Brown—Collection of medals, proof coins, decorations, etc. he received in his many years & adventures w/the Sudbury Minute & Militia. + Paper targets once used for SMM turkey shoots.

Suzanne Steinbach—2 versions of *Puritan Village*, 1965 & 1975

Dick Walker——(from the Bogle-Walker House) 1 pistol barrel found at original Sudbury Fight Grave; 1 officer's scabbard found on land; a multitude of items representing material culture of Sudbury's subsistence farming and life in this town. Including a 1740's grain-painted potty chair; Bob Walker's farm tools; 8 qt cream cans; hat forms; kitchen tools, bean pots, reflector oven; cases of early religious books,

Mary Jane Hillery——Collection of Korean War documents & 50th Anniv. booklets, etc. of return of POW's including Town Proclamation of same.

Bill Schecter, LSRHS—1 DVD "A Great Gathering of

A museum is only as good as its collections, (or its interpretation of it's collections)

AND MORE ACQUISITIONS !

Bruce & Jeanie Quirk of the Antique Exchange—1 Blue Staffordshire Cup & Saucer from the Wayside Country Store, South Sudbury, MA. (These collectibles will mystify collectors in the future, as when we ran the Country Store, my father always listed the store as being in South Sudbury, because that is the

way Henry Ford always advertised it. But it is actually way over the line into Marlborough. He would order custom made English Staffordshire china in many forms, in iron wire crates. The china was packed in straw under water in England to make a very compact package. In 20 + years of receiving this ware, at 2 or more shipments a year, at 500 lbs per crate, we only

had one broken plate! The empty crates became cages in Hager Pond to hold the snapping turtles caught by John Rogers each summer. He took 1500 lbs a week to the Fish Market in Philadelphia, where Bookbinders Restaurant would buy the live critters, each weighing an average of 25 lbs, and make delicious TURTLE SOUP!) —LS

Every day we are losing our SUDBURY HERITAGE!

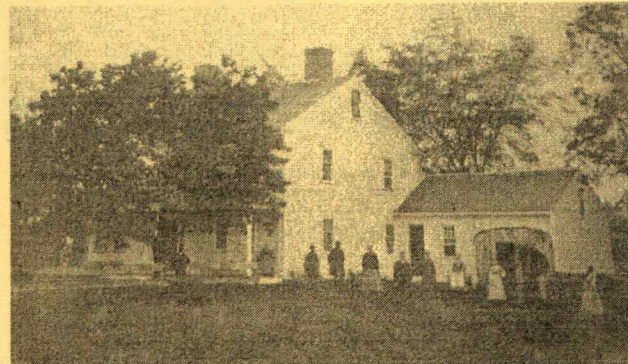
And More Acquisitions!

Bruce & Jeanie Quirk also gave a Sudbury Grange Badge.

Harriet Ritchie gave a B&W photo of a Sudbury High School class having a Banquet in the lower Town Hall. We need the student ID'd

Rice's Tavern photo at left, was given by Rebecca Cutting. No-

tation on the back names all the Hunt family members (except 2 servants) making it an important historical piece. We will take it to the NE Document Conservation Center in Andover to obtain a price to conserve it, as it is so rare, and deserves it. A blow up will be on display in the ARNWR eventually.



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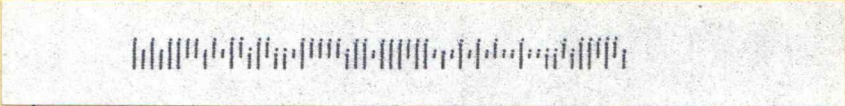
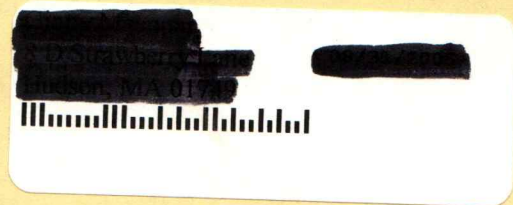
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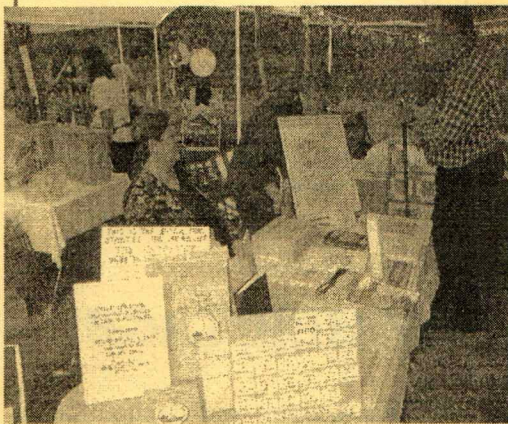
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The Sudbury Historical Society, Inc. raises awareness & appreciation for our heritage by the collection, preservation, and sharing of records & artifacts which document all aspects of daily life in the Town of Sudbury



Retailing / Marketing Genius Needed



Trustee Ellie Berry helps out customers at the 2004 Sudbury Muster

- ◆ "Entering Sudbury 01776" magnets
- ◆ 1875 Sudbury map (framed and unframed)
- ◆ Sudbury grinding stone cup plates
- ◆ Sudbury first day covers
- ◆ *Barns*, a DVD about local structures
- ◆ *Hudson's History Index*
- ◆ Curtis Garfield's *100 Years of Sudbury History* (hard or soft cover)



President, Kirsten van Dijk, with the SHS booth built the old-fashioned way—NO NAILS!

Sudbury Muster, Fall 2004

All photographs courtesy of Terry Keeney.

What treasure would you like to acquire at a Sudbury Historical Society meeting? Sudbury-related items currently offered for sale by the Society include:

Here's your chance to add items to this list. Please send your suggestions to Nancy J. Somers, 3 Drum Lane, Sudbury 01776.

Thank you!