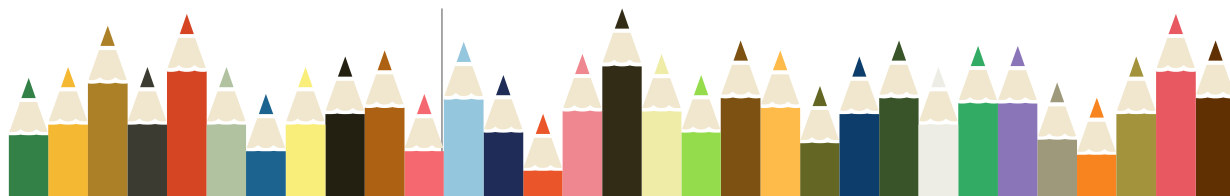


SHS NEWS

Membership Drive/ Sweden Days Schedule



New Hats!



SWEDEN MAINE Est. 1813

Look cool like our model Tim Graves, Kay Lyman's grandson. Buy a new Sweden Historical Society baseball cap in the town office or at the Schoolhouse.

Join Team Sweden

It's summertime in Maine! The crabapple trees have bloomed and are setting fruit. Gardens are growing. Loons are calling from the lakes. Camps are open. This summer, Sweden's roads are being repaved and Spectrum is coming to town. Our new fire station and the Oxford County emergency communications tower are under construction. Best of all the Sweden Historical Society is preparing for this year's **Sweden Days, August 7-10**. Read the full schedule on page 2.

Please support SHS by joining the Society or renewing your membership today. And consider joining "Team Sweden," the Society's Board of Trustees, listed on page 4. We need volunteers to accomplish our goals.

Join the fun:

Sweden Days will follow its time-honored pattern with a hike, KPEPA potluck and talk, an historic house tour, talent show, village green displays and opportunities for painting, yoga and an old-fashioned square dance at the town hall.

David Sears (right) is preparing to take intrepid hikers to the Goshen Cemetery in one of Sweden's abandoned neighborhoods. There may be ghosts! (*con't p. 3*)



Haze

Duigan has started an 8-week summer internship at SHS, working to digitize our archives and catalog our collections. A



Bridgton resident, Haze will work two days a week plus Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00. Please come in to the schoolhouse during those hours and welcome Haze.



Trustee Susan Danielson (left) and SHS President Nils Johnson training Haze on Past Perfect in the Sweden Center Schoolhouse (b. 1854)



Roger and Carol Johnson in front of the Red House, circa 1961. Come see the house in its new location during Sweden Days.

SWEDEN DAYS 2025

August 7 -10

Thursday, the 7th

9:00 - 11:00 am

Hike to Goshen Cemetery

Meet at town parking lot to carpool.
FMI Contact Miriam Gibely (647-2842)

5:00 pm **Potluck Supper** at the Meeting House
Keyes Pond Environmental Protection Association
6:00 p.m. KPEPA Annual Meeting

Friday, the 8th

10:00 am -12 noon

Historic House Tour & Nevers Family Reunion

1805 Nevers/Johnson renovated farmhouse
316 Bridgton Rd. \$10 admission fee

7:30 pm **Talent Show** (Meeting House)
Contact Becky Buyers to sign up (256-4444)

Saturday, the 9th

9:00 am to 12:30 pm on the Village Green

Sweden Historical Society Exhibits & Merch!

Bell Ringing & Poetry Reading at 9:30 am

Sweden Food Pantry Raffle Tickets

Greater Lovell Land Trust

Games Yoga, Cornhole & More!

Sweden Fire Department Trucks & Firehouse Design

Hot dogs, burgers and soda for sale.

12:30 pm **Painting Class with Jeff Dalzell** (Meeting House)

\$5.00 fee for paints & supplies

7:00 pm **Contra Dance with caller Kathryn Larson, music by "Birds on a Wire"** By donation

Sunday, the 10th

4:00 pm **Sweden Community Church** Service with Rev. Neil Wilson and Dan Moore, keyboardist
Sweden Food Pantry Raffle Drawing
(prize is a side of beef)

Join the FUN (con't from page 1)

David and fellow Conservation Commission members Miriam Gibely will provide leadership and a lift in the back of Dave's truck to make the trek.

Leila S. Harris, a wildlife ecologist and bat biologist will speak about bat conservation at the KPEPA meeting. She holds a Master of Science in Ecology and is pursuing her PhD at the University of California, Davis. Leila's interest in bats began in childhood, watching their acrobatic foraging flights in the evening sky above her family's barn in Sweden.

Come tour Sweden's oldest farmhouse, built by Col. Samuel Nevers in 1805. SHS featured the historic home two years ago. Since then Nils Johnson and Becky Buyers have had it lifted and moved away from the road, restored the original post and beam

structure, replaced the ell, and updated the electrical and heating and cooling systems. Travel both back in time and forward into a climate resilient future in their old/new house.

Back by popular demand are Jeff Dalzell's painting class and Kathryn Larson's contradance calling. And there is still room for more acts in the Talent Show. Don't be shy! Sweden's got talent!



Sweden Historical Society Membership Form & Annual Dues

Date: July 1, 2025

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Payment (enclosed): _____

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| \$15 Individual |
| \$35 Family |
| \$40 Patron |
| \$200 Benefactor |

Membership payment is due July 1 of each year and is renewable every July. Please complete this form and send it with a check, made payable to the Sweden Historical Society to:

Sweden Historical Society
147 Bridgton Road
Sweden, ME 04040-5430

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