

HERITAGE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2014

The Candia Heritage Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provides for the proper recognition, use and protection of Candia's historic and cultural resources.

A year long project for the Commission was to compile and publish an updated history of the town with an emphasis on residents' personal recollections. The last recorded history was done by the Bicentennial Committee in 1963. The new book begins with the history as it was documented in 1963. Contributors to the 2014 "*Candia: A Sense of Place*", were members of town organizations updating their activities, many Candia residents' memoirs and Moore School student appreciations of the town. New and old photographs enhance the book. Copies are available at the Smyth Public Library or Commission members for \$15.

The Commission has created walking tours of the Historic Hill and East Candia. We are presently working on a walking tour of The Village.

The Commission hosts the Smyth Memorial Building at Lights on the Hill, conversing with visitors about the potential for reuse of the building. Library shelves display Liz Claver's international nativity collection. The building was also open during the summer on the same Saturdays as the Fitts Museum.

Ongoing activities are: Moore School 4th grade Candia History Day and Agriculture Day; monitor barn preservation easements; organize annual town wide roadside cleanup.

Members: Diane Philbrick, Chair; Carleton Robie, Selectmen's representative; Betty Sabean, vice-chair; Carmelle Druchniak, secretary; Lorraine Briand, Ray Cresswell, Dave Desilets, Carol Howe, Sandra Whitcomb.