

THE BRIDGER

The Vermont Covered Bridge Society Newsletter – September 2024

Mark Maddox, Editor



From the Editor

Welcome to edition 98 of *The Bridger*. In this edition, we'll recap our Spring meeting and provide you information for the up-and-coming Fall meeting. Also, information regarding our officer elections, a bridge opening and number of events we've attended. So, keep reading for these stories as well as others to see what is happening.

If you are keeping track of the edition numbers you'll notice edition 95 does not exist. Consider that an editorial error (or fat finger mistake).

As always, If there are items you'd like to see in *The Bridger* or interesting tidbits you hear about regarding any of our bridges I'd be glad to hear from you.

Cheers! *Mark Maddox*

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VCBS Annual Spring Meeting

Minutes prepared by Mark Maddox

Our annual spring meeting was held in Charlotte, VT on June 8, 2024. There were 26 individuals in attendance and 1 via Zoom.

DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, SKIPPED TO EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Vice-President Steve Miyamoto at 10:41am.

Events Committee

Presented by Chair - Beth Brown Limmer

II. Officer's Reports

Reading of Minutes

Secretary Mark Maddox read the minutes from the September 30, 2023 Fall Meeting

- Motion to approve and seconded
- Note: in the Fall 2024 meeting, the full minutes will not be read for approval as they have been provided in *the Bridger* as well as posted on-line.

- Arlington Farmers Market
 - VCBS has been invited to 3 sessions this summer.
 - First will be Friday 6-14
- New lapel pin featuring the Chiselsville CB
 - close to Arlington
- Kingsley CB about to be opened.
 - Approaches to bridge being paved
 - Beth in contact with neighbors that want to be invited in the opening
 - Probably use Mail Chimp to notify of opening date

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- Probably late June.
- Strawberry Festival moved from Father's Day to June 23rd
- Charlotte 4-H group will help serve lunch today
 - Made a 'covered bridge' cake
 - Jeanne will give them a presentation ribbon
- Today's CB caravan
 - Holmes Creek, Quinlan, Seguin
 - Mark will lead
 - Miles will speak about work on Holmes Creek

Fundraising Committee

Presented by Acting Chair – Beth Brown Limmer

- Make sure to visit merchandise table to see new items:
 - lapel pin, new calendars (cover is the AM Foster bridge)
- Calendars
 - Steve Brown spent a great deal of time putting the calendar together; collected photos, formatted the pictures.
 - Price went up on bundles to sell to bookstores.
 - Jeanne and Beth have presold some of these
 - We make more selling face-to-face
 - We are going to concentrate on face-to-face sales.
 - Beth keeps a stock of the calendars with her to sell.
 - Will be available on website.
 - Selling for \$15 each

CONTINUATION OF OFFICER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Chair Dan Monger who distributed the budget to attendees

- Reviewed current year (1-1 to 6-8)
 - Little activity at the moment

- Purchase of:
 - new items \$748
 - calendars \$1635
- We have about 1/50th of what the national organization has
- Total income \$2150.81 – dues and donations
- Expenses
 - Historical – storage: \$519.50
 - Communication: \$614.18
 - Publicity: \$252.66
 - Membership: \$25.42
 - Scott and Barbara donating much to keep expenses down
 - Events: \$745.47
 - \$330 payment for venues
 - Currently have 300 calendars, sold 425 last year. Can order more with a week notice
 - Education: \$122.52
 - Total expenses: \$5,055.58
- Net loss of \$2904.77
- Doing well, early in year
- No questions, report accepted as submitted

President/Vice-President report

Presented by Steve Miyamoto, Vice-President

- Joe's accident earlier this year
 - fell and broke several bones
 - Oxygen levels dropped but doing better
- In Green MT rehab in Colchester
- He has cell phone available for calls
- Card in lobby for individuals to sign

III. Committee Reports

Historical Committee

Presented by Steve Miyamoto

- Steve will be the chair until someone else steps up.
- Climate controlled facility in Williston
 - VCBS get collections from individuals.
 - We used to have a professional archivist (Bill Carol) that managed it. Bill had a tremendous amount of material but much was lost when he passed.
 - Trying to maintain this.
 - Jim Kennison has been recruited to help in maintaining the collection
 - Are there other options for storage? Would a museum do it?
 - Steve did look at this last year but the museum will only take it if it becomes their property. He did look at a historical society but that wasn't part of their mission.

Communications Committee

Presented by Steve Miyamoto

- Distribution problem in sending out the spring edition of The Bridger
 - Joe usually handled the mailings but due to computer hacking there was a disruption to the distribution lists.
 - The mailing list has been reconstructed using Mail Chimp and hopefully this has resolved emailing lists.
 - Still working on the hard copy mailing list.
- Printing of newsletter was being handled by Joe but Scott Scribner has now started handling the sending out of hard copies.
- 2 options for newsletter: email or hard copy.
- All memberships now go to Brandon, not Jerico PO box.
- Jeffersonville PO is the IRS listed box.
 - Dan Monger to call the IRS to see if Jeffersonville PO box needs to be maintained.
 - Can we forward?
 - Only for 1 year.

- Peter Chapin volunteered to check the Jeffersonville PO Box every 3 weeks or so.
 - Who has the key for Jeffersonville? Terry Shaw?
 - Could we transfer that key?

Covered Bridge Cake Presentation

Beth presented the covered bridge cake that the 4-H club made.

- Cake made using layers and carved to look like a bridge.
- Used black dye for the roof, brown for the siding, black for the portal and green for grass and blue for the river.
- Included in silent auction with proceeds go to the Charlotte 4-H



Covered Bridge Cake by Charlotte 4-H

Membership Committee

Presented by Chair Scott Scribner

- Expressed thanks to members and the board.
- Scott's primary purpose when joining was to consolidate all the membership lists.
 - He reached out to members via email and/or hard copy to get dues.
 - If emails bounced, he contacted them.
- Membership
 - Have 230 household members
 - 303 actual members
 - 109 life members
 - 8 students

- 5 businesses
- Continuing to follow up with past dues
- Added 24 members this year, one of which was a life member
- Many people send back notes with their dues as well as some extra donations
- Please share any ideas with us to help improve
 - New covered bridge list developed with longitude/latitude was one idea
- Scott is managing sending of the hard copy of *The Bridger*
 - Found several members that weren't coded for the hard copy.

Publicity Committee/Speakers Bureau

Presented by Chair Liam McKone

- We welcome anyone to join the publicity committee and anyone who wants to join the Speakers Bureau - Contact Liam.
 - Liam would be happy to turn over the chairmanship of the publicity committee
 - Working on a draft to determine how we want the publicity committee to work.
 - Will review with the board.
 - Believe we need to reach out with the media, etc.
 - Liam currently attends weekly group meetings near Smugglers Notch that provides a package
 - Perhaps we could do this too.
 - Speakers Bureau has a presentation that people can use
 - Mark and Beth are ones currently speakers
 - Liam and Steve hope to present at the Green Mt home where Joe currently is
 - Next fall is the 25th anniversary of VCBS
 - Glad that we have new members and some younger to pass on
 - New email set up for Publicity Committee instead of using Liam's
- NOTE: Terry Shaw still on legislative

Education Committee

Presented by Chair Jeanne Beaudry

- Jeanne will do a presentation at 1pm to review some of the items that she has been doing.
- Invite anyone who is interested in going to school, etc to join the committee.
 - Needs people in the central/southern areas of VT

Bridge Watch Committee

Introducing Miles Jenness

- Miles is a restoration carpenter and timber framer
- His company is Vermont Heavy Timber, LLC
- Enjoys covered bridges
 - Uses google maps when traveling to find covered bridges in the area he is in
 - Excited to work on covered bridges to help maintain them
- Will talk with John Weaver, creator of the Bridge Watch Program, to find out what he can do for the program
- Question: could he work with students to help with some restoration?
 - He is using students with Essex Tech on one project.
- Has worked with VT DOT people on some of his work.
- John Weaver has said he will continue to work with the state, Miles will discuss that with him.
- State inspects bridges every 2 years that are part of the road system.
 - Other bridges do not have an inspection program.
- No conflict of interest being on the VCBS Board as well as running a restoration company.
- He mentioned that there are carpenters in Europe that would be interested in working on Covered Bridges in the US and welcomes any ideas

IV. Old Business

- none

V. New Business

- What are we going to do for the 25th anniversary of VCBS?
 - Proclamation by the governor?
 - Can we form a committee?
- Update on Ed Barna
 - one of the original 3 founders of VCBS
 - wrote “Covered Bridges of Vermont”
 - in long term care, has degenerative neurological issues with leg and can’t walk.
 - Has been in a facility from June of last year.
 - Needs help getting in and out of bed.
- Covered bridge half marathon – can events committee partner on this?
 - Beth will look into it for next year.

VI. Meeting adjourned by Steve at 12:03

Afternoon session

After lunch served by the Charlotte 4H group, Jeanne Beaudry presented work she and the education committee have been doing

- Middle School Science Fair, grades 6-8 and Elementary in Charleston K-8
 - Provided information about the VCBS, covered bridges by county with pictures, the Orleans County Covered Bridges
 - Jeanne’s husband Marcel made a replica of the Lords Creek Covered Bridge
 - Provided information for a Covered Bridge building competition but too late in the year to be able to complete this
 - Plan to continue this in the upcoming school year
- Derby school

- Some students were not able to attend a Natures Classroom (4 day event)
- Provided presentation for the kids unable to attend
- Spent 4 afternoons working with students on building covered bridges
- Continue to work with 4-H groups and trying to connect with Scouting America to get them involved

Marcel continued the discussion with the Covered Bridge model he built:

- Lords Creek Bridge in Irasburg over the Black River
- Uses the Paddleford truss
- Marcel shared memories of his childhood (around 7) seeing the bridge being moved truss by truss
- Today the trusses only hold up the roof
- Metal stringers were added to hold the bridge together in its current location
- Not in good condition

The final discussion of the day was on the VCBS 25th anniversary. Ideas that Beth discussed:

- Could we do a kids ‘journal’ book?
 - For each CB, would have information regarding the bridge, what they enjoyed, memories, who they visited it with, etc.
 - Based on the “Vermont State Parks Adventure Book”
- Cookbook?

The Silent Auction yielded \$180 for VCBS, \$20 for the 4-H

Donations for the 4-H were \$50 (plus \$20 silent auction and additional \$20 from Friday)

Lunch donations: \$223

The afternoon concluded with a group of 9 individuals led by Mark to the Lake Shore (Holmes Creek), Quinlan and Seguin Covered Bridges. With only 1 minor deviation needed heading from the



Quinlan Covered Bridge to the Seguin Covered Bridge.

Left - Lake Shore (Holmes Creek) CB – photo by Mark Maddox

Election of Officers Slate is Complete

- By Mark Maddox

With the June issue of The Bridger newsletter, we began the process of electing VCBS officers for two-year terms to begin on January 1, 2025. Currently the following incumbents are unchallenged: Steve Miyamoto, Dan Monger, and Mark Maddox. They will continue as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively. Joe Nelson will step down as President and assume an advisory Director position. Beth Brown Limmer is running for the open position of President unopposed. Per the Vermont Covered Bridge Society Bylaws, Article 5, Section 4, "... if there are no opposing candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, balloting of the membership will be dropped, and

the Board of Directors will move to approve the slate." As such, the Board of Directors will meet to approve the current slate of candidates to be effective at midnight on 1-1-2025 for a period of 2 years.

This is an open organization, and all members are invited to participate, giving of their time and talents. If you don't wish to run for one of the four offices, you are urged to join a committee or join the Board of Directors by chairing a standing committee or a bridge watch area. Volunteers, please contact Steve Miyamoto at spmiyamoto@comcast.net or via mail at 8 Ridge Rd, Essex Junction, VT 05452.

Vice President's Report

- by Steve Miyamoto

Well, it's been an interesting time since the last newsletter. Our president, Joe Nelson, has been recovering from his injuries sustained this past March. I've been able to fill in as much as I could in his absence. It's been challenging but we are still together as an organization. And Joe is now at home and continues his recovery.

The Spring meeting in Charlotte was a great success thanks to Beth Brown-Limmer and her Events crew. We had a request for feedback on the meeting and

the day. One of the major items that came up was that the speakers were not able to be heard by everyone. This input was taken into consideration, and we now have a solution for the fall meeting. I have purchased a small PA system that will allow moderators, speakers and members to be heard. This will be used in Warren at our Fall meeting.

Technology continues to evolve for us. On the social media front I have created a new group called Vermont Covered Bridge Society. Our original

Facebook presence was actually a Facebook page. It turns out that no one other than the page owner could post to it. So, the new group with the same name was created and is starting to gain some attention and traction.

Recently we had a website disaster! The entire vermontbridges.org website was inadvertently wiped out. Fortunately, the site has been restored. I am taking measures to create a backup separate from our web hosting provider. Sorry for the inconvenience. A full backup is currently in progress as I write this.

Summer is such a busy time and that is no exception for the VCBS. The Events Committee is very busy with events throughout the state promoting the VCBS. Hope you have been able to visit with them at the State Fair, local community events, 4th of July celebrations, and covered bridge reopening celebrations.

This is a great group with very dedicated people who love the covered bridges of Vermont. Thanks everyone for the countless hours given to the VCBS.

- Steve

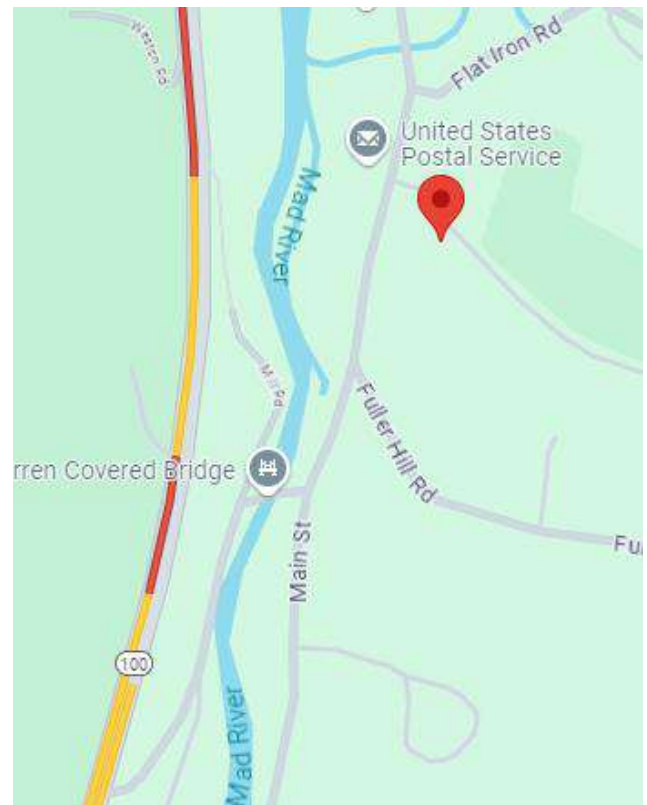
Events Committee

- by Beth Brown Limmer, Chair

As usual, I wish to thank the members of the Events Committee: Karen Tryon, Nancy Hodgson, Rhonda Vannest, and Paul Limmer for their donations of time, travel, food, and energy to VCBS. You folks are very much appreciated by me, and I'm sure many other VCBS members as well.

Eleven fast-paced weeks have passed since our June 8, 2024 Spring Meeting in Charlotte! On Sat. Sept. 28, we will meet again in Warren, VT for the 2024 Fall Meeting! The address for your GPS is: 42 Cemetery Rd, but the Warren Town Hall sits on the Main Street and is in the same building as the Warren Public Library.

Meet and greet at 10 a.m. Business meeting begins at 10:30 sharp. After lunch, Miles Jenness, VCBS Bridge-Watch Committee Chair, will talk about his recent work on several covered bridges in Vermont, including the Warren Village / Lincoln Gap CB and the Sanborn CB in Lyndonville. I will not steal Miles' thunder, but it will be a very interesting presentation.



The caravan at 2:30ish will visit Warren Village CB and then the Great Eddy CB, and Pine Brook CB, both in Waitsfield. I sure hope the foliage will be more

vivid than last Fall, which was rated between dismal and abysmal on my native Vermonter scale.

For the bakers who are planning to come on 9/28/24, please bring your specialty. If it's apple pie, great! If it's cider donuts, fabulous! If it's maple cookies, yum! We'll serve a few for the opening refreshments, others for dessert, and some will go into what I'm calling the "Raffle Like None Other", which replaces the door prizes and the Silent Auction of prior meetings. Please plan to buy some Raffle tickets so you can go home with something (edible or otherwise) that you didn't come with! Questions and more info: Melby5584@aol.com See you soon in Warren!

In the Spring of 2025, our VCBS meeting is going to be in Windham County. I'm working on a venue now, and a Saturday date. If you have a preference between May 31 (week after Memorial Day), June 7, or June 14, now is the time to let me know. Watch for more details about the 2025 Spring meeting in the December issue of The Bridger. (And if you are keeping track of venues: Fall 2022: Clarendon (Rutland Co). Spring 2023: West Arlington

(Bennington Co). Fall 2023: Woodstock (Windsor Co). Spring 2024: Charlotte (Chittenden Co.)). It's Windham County's turn.

At our 6/8/24 meeting, questions about VCBS 25th anniversary year (in 2025) were asked for discussion and suggestions. (Thank you, Jeanne Beaudry) An ad hoc Year 25 events committee has been formed and the four of us have met by phone conference twice thus far. By the 9/28/24 meeting, we'll report on our ideas and solicit feedback from the group. We have some time this Fall to plan, so we are ready to launch into action in January. Twelve short months in 2025 will go by quickly, and preparation now is the key to success then. Bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and energy. It is all needed!

See the Fundraising Committee Report, elsewhere in this newsletter, to read about what we've been doing this Summer at sales events. Suffice to say, no moss has been growing beneath our feet.

Snow the bridges!

- Beth Brown Limmer

Fundraising Committee

- by Beth Brown Limmer, Acting Chair

"Sales season" began at the June 8, 2024, VCBS Spring Meeting in Charlotte. The gorgeous 2025 VCBS calendar made its debut (thanks to Bill and Jenn Caswell for courier service to West Lebanon on 6/3/24) as well as the new Christmas ornaments and lapel pins, each featuring a Vermont covered bridge. John Knox's photo notecards and thumb drives holding 103 photos of Vermont covered bridges also were available for the first time. The VCBS merchandise line expands each year.

Because the new lapel pin features Chisleville CB in Sunderland, Paul and I went to the Farmer's Market twice (6/14 and 7/19). They graciously allow a few non-profit organizations to attend for free each week. The pins were popular. We also went to the

Chisleville CB itself on 8/3/24 to meet the Audi Rally. We were there 15 minutes flat, and net sales were \$91.00 (Yes, we hope to meet them at a Vt CB next August too, probably in Addison County).

Paul and I went to Jeffersonville on July 4 and set up as a vendor (free this year) at the ball field by the school. There was a float for VCBS in the Parade (thanks to Terry Shaw and Liam McKone), but sales were dismal. It was hot and although many people were there, they were primarily interested in food and the children's games. (That dunking booth did look enticing, believe me!)

On another hot day, 7/8/24, we were offered a free space at Bristol Farmer's Market. So we went, and

the park was shady, the big maples and a light breeze saved us. We sold very little but had some good conversations about VCBS with prospective members. The net income from Bristol, Jeffersonville, and June trip to Arlington Farmers Market was just over \$100.00. But you don't know until you try, and the managers were all very glad to have us come. Can't put a price tag on the value of this kind of publicity, in my view.

The Kingsley Covered Bridge in East Clarendon was closed for a 2.7-million-dollar restoration from May 15, 2023 until July 3, 2024. On July 25, 2024, VCBS, along with community neighbors, Clarendon Historical Society and Clarendon Town officials, held a Reopening Celebration at the bridge. Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and Chamber and Economic Development of Rutland Region Executive Directors and State Senator Brian Collamore came for the ribbon cutting and short remarks. No VCBS merchandise was offered for sale. We were trading in goodwill and community service that evening, and several new VCBS members have been added as a result.

In Grafton on 8/1/24, VCBS' own Mark Maddox was the keynote speaker at the Grafton Historical Society's annual meeting. Paul and I served as support team, and we sold a few things. But the really great news is that several Grafton folks have joined VCBS! Welcome! See you at Chester Festival on September 21 & 22, 2024! If you know of any groups that are interested in hearing more about Vermont's covered bridges through our Speakers Bureau, please contact us at vermontcoveredbridgesociety@gmail.com.

Last, but certainly not least, VCBS was at the State Fair at Rutland 8/13 – 8/17/24. This was our third consecutive year, and my thanks to all the VCBS members who came to visit and to those that helped man the booth (Karen Tryon, Mark Maddox, Scott and Barbara Scribner, and the tireless salesman, Paul Limmer). After expenses, VCBS made just shy of \$500 from sales this year, and the weather was perfect! Win-win!

Just this last weekend, 8/24 & 8/25/24, VCBS was a vendor at the Best of Vermont Festival in Ludlow. Net sales were just under \$200. Thanks to Mark Maddox, Scott and Barbara Scribner, and Paul Limmer.

Bridge Watch/Bridges in the news

Sandborn Covered Bridge – by Mark Maddox

The Sandborn CB has seen lots of activity lately. In preparation for potential flooding from Tropical Storm Debby, Miles Jenness of Vermont Heavy Timber (also chair of the VCBS Bridge Watch) and crew stripped siding off the bridge to allow water to flow through if it got that high. The bridge was also secured to the riverbanks with cables. Fortunately, the August 9th storm did not cause flooding or damage to the bridge. Since that time, Miles Jenness and crew have completely dismantled the bridge and stored it for restoration. Work to restore the bridge will hopefully start in 2025.



Sandborn CB in storage - photo by Jean Beaudry

For more information regarding the flood preparation and dismantling, see the following:

https://vermontbridges.org/news_items_2024/vermont/sanborn_bridge_secured_08-08-24.shtml?fbclid=IwY2xjawEnDL1leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXfKzY2WRUzFgUoH5BzzT7rIPcALktWP7vsFOZN8tWmF5d7-MmXpPZH0lyw_aem_otH2r43G89eHWzZ-e8T14w

<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/news/sanborn-covered-bridge-is-dismantled-to-prevent-further-damage-41657214>

Kingsley Covered Bridge Reopening – by Mark Maddox

On July 25th, 2024, the Vermont Covered Bridge Society, working with local organizations and residents, organized a barbeque to officially open the newly restored Kingsley Covered Bridge. Approximately 85 people were in attendance.



L-R Helen Hadley, Lyle Jepson (Rutland Chamber, Ex Dir), Bob Underhile (in back) Clarendon Historical Society President, State Senator Brian Collamore (Rutland County – in front of Bob), Michael Klapschin – Claren Select Board Chair, Carol Lighthall (OVRCC Executive Dir), Beth Brown-Limmer, Chris Gatti-Palance, Bob Stefanski. Photo by Mark Maddox

The bridge took nearly 14 months to complete, partially delayed by flooding in July 2023, and cost 2.7 million dollars. Senator Brian Collamore spoke to commemorate the occasion. The Kingsley Covered Bridge is the last remaining bridge in Clarendon.

Cambridge Covered Bridge– by Liam McKone

On August 26, 2024, Liam McKone presented three items to the Town of Cambridge Recreation Committee that oversees the growing network of trails in the town to solicit their coordination and support.

1. Add the existing CBs on the brochure map that is updated frequently. The ten CBs that no longer exist in the town might also be shown with a different symbol since many of their abutments can still be seen on the trail system.
2. Cooperate with VCBS in creating a brochure with map for a CB trail with interpretive signs at the location of all 13 existing and lost CBs. A grant for this project will be explored by Liam McKone.
3. Join with VCBS to convince the Cambridge selectboard to keep motor vehicles off the Cambridge Junction (aka Poland) CB. It is currently closed and only open as part of the road system seasonally, but the siding destroyed in the 2023 flood has been repaired. Reconstruction of the damaged abutment will take place this fall and there is a possibility that it will again be subject to the risk of motor vehicle traffic.

The Recreation Committee will consider these proposals and respond to McKone."

EDITOR'S NOTE: VCBS Board will discuss their position on closing the Cambridge CB to vehicular traffic in the future.

The Brandon Museum Covered Bridge Exhibit

By – Scott Scribner

During the month of July, The Brandon Museum, in conjunction with The Vermont Covered Bridge Society (VCBS) is showcasing a Covered Bridge Exhibit.

There were special guests on Saturday, July 13th. The VCBS Education Chair, Jeanne Beaudry and her husband Marcel Beaudry, gave presentations on Vermont Covered Bridges. Jeanne, a retired schoolteacher that taught kindergarten through 6th grade, discussed some of her time educating students and children with special needs about covered bridges. Jeanne and Marcel have held workshops where they have helped children build covered bridge models. Marcel reflected on his memories of the Lord's Creek Covered Bridge which inspired him to build a small-scale model of it, which is on display at the museum. About 28 guests were in attendance for the presentations. After the presentations, everyone was invited to explore the exhibit.



Brandon Museum Display

In the exhibit, Vermont artist Elaine Cole Kerr (who is also a member of the VCBS) displayed some of her artwork including covered bridge paintings. Elaine is known for painting all 100 of Vermont's covered bridges. Elaine also had some of her calendars and books for sale at the museum. Elaine designed and

Painted the VCBS ornament (1st of the series). Some of her paintings, calendars and ornaments are for sale at the museum until the end of the month.

Even though you have missed out on the special presentations, the regular exhibit is still going on through the end of the month of July. This is a great exhibit for the family and kids to attend to get out of the summer heat. This is a great learning experience as well, as there are handouts describing many parts of the covered bridges. There is also a scavenger hunt in the exhibit where kids can find the bridges listed on the scavenger hunt sheet. For the adults, there is a map of the local covered bridges so your family can take a covered bridge tour. This way you can see the bridges "in real life"! The tour takes you to several towns surrounding Brandon.



l to r Marcel Beaudry, Scott Scribner, Jeanne Beaudry

You still have time to see this exhibit so make sure you make plans to come see it before the end of the month. Your Brandon Museum will be bringing in new exhibits to try and keep you coming back for more! Donations are always accepted so we can keep all the exhibits free.



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Vermont Covered Bridge Society Membership Application

Dues and donations are used to promote the preservation of Vermont's covered bridges

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

- Membership:** New Renewal
- Student (\$10) Individual (\$15) Couples (\$20) Life (\$200)
- Life-Couple (\$300) Business/Organization/Municipality (\$15)
- (Memberships are valid to the end of the current calendar year)
(New memberships purchased in the fourth quarter are valid through the next calendar year)

- Newsletter Delivery:** Postal Mail Email Opt-out
- Receive VCBS Email:** Yes No

- Donations:**
- Palladio (\$2) Palmer (\$5) Hale (\$10) Burr (\$25)
- Powers (\$50) Town (\$75) Tasker (\$100) Long (\$150)
- Paddleford (\$200) Whipple (\$250)
- Other Amount (\$_____)
- (The Vermont Covered Bridge Society is a 501c3 organization)

Return completed application with payment to: **OR** Visit our website to join:

Vermont Covered Bridge Society
PO Box 83
Brandon, VT 05733



(Checks payable to Vermont Covered Bridge Society)

www.vermontbridges.org/membership