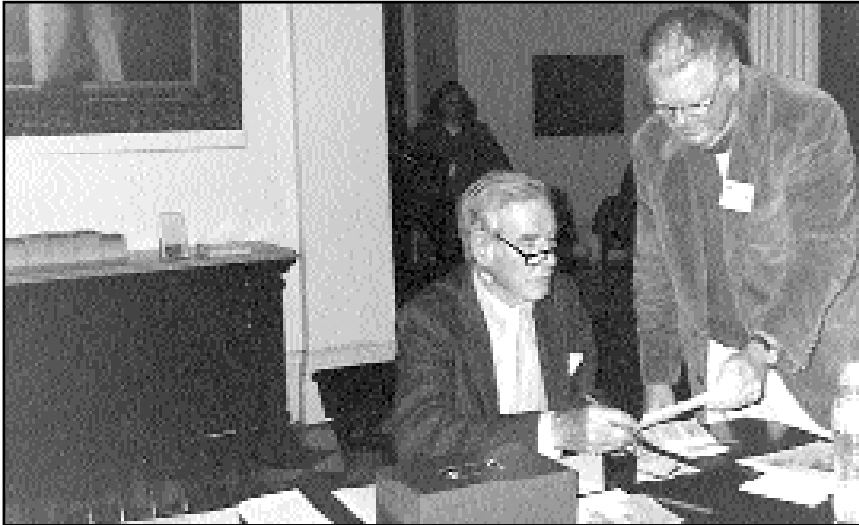




The Friends of the Vermont State House

# PROCEEDINGS

Spring 2003



Top, Art Williams signs in Rep. Andy Donaghy, D-Poultney. Left, Friends chair Warren Kitzmiller, who is a legislator from Montpelier, with new Rep. Steven Maier, D-Middlebury, and right, with Sen. Claire Ayer, D-Addison.

## 34 new legislators join Friends

During the three days of orientation for legislators elected in November 2002, the Friends were absolutely delighted that 34 chose to become members of the non-profit organization. We hope they joined because of appreciation for this genuine state treasure of a building, and the visible results of our restoration teamwork with those whose election preceded theirs.

Of course, if our included gift of an item

bearing the Capitol's image (chosen from Under-the-Dome gift shop inventory) influenced their awareness of the Friends, we hope that working in such a wonderful setting will influence a desire to renew next year! One Senator from the class of 2000, whose membership lapsed, nonetheless chose to collect this year the necktie he had never asked for when he first joined! Fortunately, that's the exception rather than the rule (and we hope he still joins!).

The enthusiasm of those newly elected has raised legislative and official memberships to 65 – an increase of more than 20 percent over two years ago. The increase in membership that occurred among other interested groups is especially important for us now. Thank you, new legislators, for your support and enthusiasm! Welcome to the Friends of the Vermont State House.

## A magic 'wand'

### *National Life sponsors new audio tour program*

National Life of Vermont has very generously agreed to sponsor production of an audio tour for visitors to the Vermont State House. If all goes according to plan, by the end of this year we'll have history by wand – not by waving it, but by listening to digitized narration recorded on a hand-held device called a "wand."

The text and history is being prepared by the Friends and State House Curator David Schütz. The technology and production is expensive, but thanks to a grant of \$20,000 from National Life, anyone visiting at any time will be able to get a slice of State House history.

As one of the leading tourist attractions of the state, the Capitol building welcomes thousands of tourists every year, possibly more than any other state capitol. There are also thousands of official visitors, from lobbyists and attendees at legislative hearings to foreign delegations. Except during the summer and fall guided tour season, these visitors, many of whom linger to admire this majestic

1859 granite building, have had only a little brochure to guide them.

The audio tour program will change that. Vermont's lovingly restored State House is not just an historic, well-known tourist site, but also the functioning seat of our government. Introduction of an audio tour system will enhance public understanding of government and history. It will also ease the difficulties inherent in keeping our Capitol as open and accessible as it has traditionally been – a point of wonder to most foreign and many out-of-state visitors.

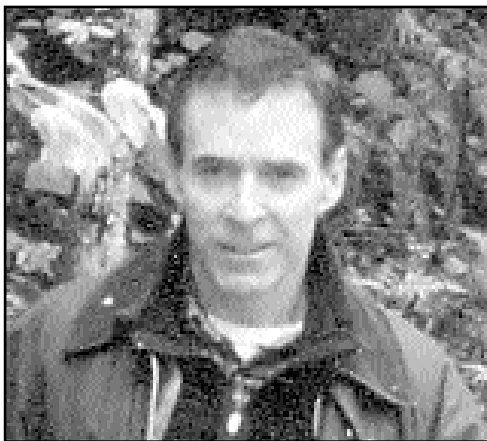
The clever technology in the audio wand will permit adult visitors to choose the information they want: aesthetic, historic, or governmental. Using a personal tour device should also minimize disturbance while the Legislature is in session, when the State House is both busy and crowded. Because the system stores recorded information digitally, new information can be uploaded to the wand as needed.

(See audio tour, page 2)

# Farewells, and hello to three new trustees



*Hilde Sparrow*



*Thomas Pierce*



*Kathy Satterfield*

## Hazel Leland, Ali White step down

The Friends regret the departure of a longtime trustee and honorary trustee, Hazel Leland, who has faithfully served on the board in either capacity since the Friends formed in 1982. She has moved to North Carolina, where she is closer to her family. We will miss her at board meetings, where she always brought us back to our important philosophical purpose when we sometimes got lost in the details.

Ali White, a valued and energetic recent addition to our board, resigned earlier this year because of a family move with her still-young children to Newport, almost at the Canadian border. We will miss her cheerful and energetic contributions on both the outreach and membership committees, but hope to see her back at our State House. We also regret that Bob Johnson, recently elected in November, had to resign.

## Friends board gets new talent & energy

*Three new Trustees were elected at the Friend's Annual Meeting Nov. 15, 2002.*

**Thomas Pierce** is an avid collector and scholar of Vermont painting, particularly 19th century landscape and early 20th-century impressionist paintings (even those that depict scenes beyond Vermont's borders.) He serves on the board of the Fleming Museum, where he recently co-curated that museum's recent Charles Louis Heyde exhibition. Paintings by Heyde are now hanging downstairs, loaned to the State House through Tom's intercession. A Burlington resident, he is the co-owner of Michael Kehoe, Ltd, a men's clothing store that is celebrating its

25th anniversary this year. He graduated from St. Michael's college in 1970, and in 1977 realized he couldn't stay away! Tom's enthusiasm for the State House now extends to the curatorial and membership committees of our board.

**Kathy Satterfield** needs no introduction to most of us – nor to the State House, in which she served for years, most recently as assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. We were all sad to see her leave for Rhode Island, and now are delighted that she's back: Rhode Island's loss is our gain. She is living in Northfield with husband Chuck, and working just across State Street, serving the Department of Travel & Tourism at the Montpelier Welcome Center. We welcome Kathy back, but have no intention of letting her sit for long in the Vermont chair we presented her on departing!

**Hilde Sparrow** joined in February, when Ali White began her northward move. After teaching first graders in Michigan for 20 years, she moved to Vermont in 1986, and continued teaching in Berlin. She was "impressed by the richness of the history of the Vermont State House," and soon became a tour guide. She recalls that the almost universal visitor reaction was amazement at the care devoted to our Capitol and, even when it was only partially restored, the frequent comment that "Vermont has the most beautiful and unique State House – the best of any" they had visited. Hilde was a Friends trustee for two terms while she served as the community relations officer at CVPS. She has agreed to serve on the outreach and membership committees because she feels it is important to complete the restoration, preserve the gains of the last 20 years, and produce materials so that people will better understand it – and Vermont.

Are you interested in being a Friends Trustee? Or joining us in supporting and promoting our historic State House?

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## Audio tour

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Our special winter guides will continue to provide tours for school groups and their teachers during legislative months.

National Life Insurance Company in Montpelier has been a long and faithful supporter of State House restoration, even before the Friends were formed. It printed the Robbins history of the Vermont State House, which was published the year we began. Its latest contribution continues in that proud tradition.

# Emblems *of* Valor

*Farmers' Night program was a moving performance about Vermont's Civil War battle flags*



*Above left, Charles Martin tells one of the flag stories with narrator Chris Graff in the background. Right and below, part of the large group of Civil War re-enactors who paraded and presented arms, lending authentic presence to the Friends' annual event.*

The stories were riveting, and the tales of courage almost beyond understanding. The Friends' Civil War program on the evening of March 26 was called "Emblems of Valor," and it was quickly clear to the audience nearly filling the Hall of Representatives that Vermont's Civil War battle flags were carried and protected with an heroic and very costly reverence.

The ambitious program brought a cast of dozens of Civil War reenactors, six musicians, and ten readers to Farmers' Night at the State House. The impresario for all this was reenactor and history buff John Sargent, who pulled it all together – original script, complex stage directions in the crowded House well, the use of props – while coping with the unforeseen start of the Iraq war.

Many people pitched in to help on a program that took hours more work than he or anybody else expected, but it was well worth it! The unveiling of several of the old flags - some snipped at the edges by long ago souvenir hunters - lent a poignant background.

The idea for the program came from testimony last year before the House and Senate Institutions Committees requesting some funds to conserve the delicate flags and banners. Testimony by John and Don Wickman and others actually brought tears to the eyes of some on the committee with their descriptions of how important these "Emblems of Valor" were to our Civil War regiments - and to Vermonters today. During the last two years, the reenactors have raised more than \$13,000 to aid the task.

Fortunately, the legislature responded with an allocation of funds for storage and to analyze the conservation needs and then develop a program specific to each flag. David Schütz, State Curator, plans to choose a conservator after recommendations have been written for all of the flags. Several of the important flags that have never been stabilized are in such fragile condition that simply moving them risks further loss of the fabric.



# Help us recruit new volunteers

Do you have a friend who'd enjoy meeting and talking with people from all over the world? Or who would enjoy learning about the history of the Vermont State House, its restoration, art collection, and the legislature? We've found that our volunteers are also our best recruiters. And remember that many hands make lighter work! You know best who could be a good, reliable volunteer and would be fun to work with.

Be sure to tell anybody you recruit how important it is that they attend a fun training session with State Curator David Schütz before being turned loose. Also, because dates are assigned in pairs, those new to their jobs will have an experienced volunteer to work with.

A cheerful attitude and knowledgeable answers to countless, often unexpected, questions are often the first welcome to Vermont that visitors receive. Or volunteers

can help out in the Friend's gift shop. In addition, we need occasional office help, especially from the computer literate. Anyone willing to help out at 10 Baldwin Street with mailings, membership records, research projects, and other jobs that always come up, is encouraged to register an interest, talent, or willingness at the luncheon.

As a "thank you" to all volunteers, each autumn the trustees of the Friends provide an all-day outing via comfortable bus trip to a Vermont site of special historical interest. The trip is set up using suggestions submitted at the spring luncheon. Everyone always has a great time!

Whatever your volunteer interest may be, come join our State House team or come back with a new and interested friend. We look forward to seeing you on June 12th!

## Friends Membership 2003

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A 2003 Legislative page, center, visits the Friends' gift cart to buy a souvenir from the State House. Volunteers Gloria Bishop (left) and Eleanor Fraser (right) are among many who help Under-the-Dome Gifts operate this small version of the gift shop for three hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the legislature is in session. The cart allows visiting school groups, legislative guests, and legislators obtain souvenir gifts, postcards, mementos and Vermont candies.

## Membership News

Despite the economic downturn, we are very pleased that our membership has increased 70 percent since May of 2001, just two years ago! We now have over 380 members. We must confess, though, since all of our devoted volunteers are now members, the strictly comparable figures would be closer to 33 percent, or almost 300 paid members up from 226 two years ago. Our entire membership committee, chaired by Ed Miller, has worked hard to achieve this improvement.

As an all-volunteer group, our expenses are kept to a minimum, but costs are rising. Having completed our largest fundraising drive ever with payment of the last Capitol/Capital Campaign pledge only in December 2002, we hope that membership rather than special fund drives will support our final restoration and continuing education programs. Most of the State House publications need revision, an expensive proposition, and we are embarking on both a Website to help inform a broader public less expensively, and an audio tour. The first has start-up expenses while the second has some maintenance costs associated with it.

To help fund the organization, we are planning to start a business member partnership. In the past, businesses and professional associations have given generous support to special goals. We hope that through longer-term continued membership support, we will be able to thank them in a sustained way while making it possible to plan a year's activity and expenses. Possibilities include having some "adopt" an annual event, such as our Farmers' Night program, periodic reunions for former legislators or pages, a special luncheon or field trip for our volunteers - even subsidizing an issue of *Proceedings*. The possibilities are numerous and, we hope, will attract charitable dollars.

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## Volunteer luncheon is June 12

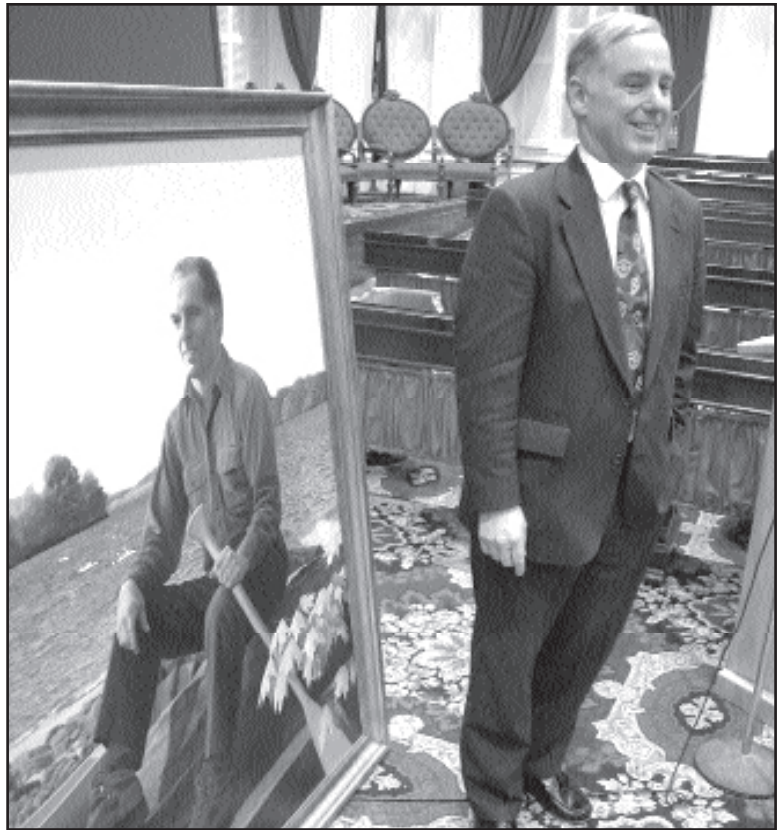
Trusting that the legislature will adjourn before the end of May, we are planning to move back into the State House cafeteria for our annual begin-the-tour-season get-together. Save Thursday, June 12 on your calendar. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. This is the time to sign up for the dates and times of choice, as well as for training sessions for both new and old volunteers.

This year's speaker, J. Kevin Graffagnino, should be especially interesting. Kevin has just returned to Vermont to take over as Director of the Vermont Historical Society, which has moved to new offices in Barre's historic old Spaulding graded school. The society will soon be re-opening its Pavilion Museum in Montpelier as well.

To reserve your lunch – we'll have a scrumptious menu with great desserts – phone the Friends office (828-0386) by June 9. Returning volunteers who cannot attend should make arrangements for training sessions and sign-up choices by calling Lois Haseltine (479-5087) or Jacque Walker (476-5422) for tours, and Bill Barry (476-6325) for the Friends' gift shop.



*J. Kevin Graffagnino*



*Former Gov. Howard Dean at the unveiling of his outdoor-oriented portrait by Stowe artist Carroll Jones. The painting becomes part of the State House collection and is now hung in the lobby corridor.*



## New period gasoliers grace Capitol

There's some new light being shed on the State House - make that in the State House. New Cornelius and Baker gasoliers have been installed in the Senate coatroom and Executive Office antechambers, replacing the plain round glass globes that had been

hanging in those spaces.

The photo on the left shows the new tripartite gasolier fixture. The gasolier has been electrified and re-assembled from original 19th century parts by restorer Frank Boesel.

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