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Coolidge Foundation Celebrates 50 Years

Former Presidents, First Ladies and Distinguished Leaders Send Congratulations

On August 7, 2010 the doors opened to our new President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center at Plymouth Notch, Vermont. A dream that began 50 years ago by his son, John Coolidge, this new state-of-the-art facility will house the growing collection of archives of President Coolidge and preserve his legacy, promote ongoing educational programs, encourage scholarly investigation, and provide a most fitting library for our 30th U.S. President, who was born in Vermont.

President Coolidge also brought basic American values to public life – patriotism, faith, humility, hard work and thrift. He inspired public confidence through his “straight talk,” as well as by delivering on his promises.

Barbara and I commend the efforts by John Coolidge, the son of the President, for his vision in forming the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation”

President William Jefferson Clinton



President Clinton sent warm greetings on October 7, 2010 to everyone gathered in Boston for the “Straight Talk” symposium and gala while complementing the Foundation for preserving Coolidge’s legacy and the lessons that still can be gleaned from his character and integrity.

President Jimmy Carter



“I admire President Coolidge, especially his strong commitment to public service and his ability to restore America to a peacetime basis after WWII.

The principles for which he stood have merit today on the broader world stage. We must continue to bring these principles – liberty and justice for all – to the entire world, so that every man, woman, and child has the opportunity to enjoy good health and live in peace.”

President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush



“Barbara and I send warm greetings to all gathered in Boston for the 50th Anniversary Symposium organized by the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation.

You are part of a celebration that is both timely and overdue – overdue, because no recent presidency has been more misunderstood and trivialized than that of Calvin Coolidge; timely, because Calvin Coolidge played a significant role in the growth and success of our country.

President Coolidge was guided by an unshakable belief in the Constitution, ethical behavior and the free enterprise system. He possessed character and courage and honed these traits with an ability to assess, guide, and give expression to the mood of the American people.

Caroline Kennedy



“Congratulations on the dedication of the new President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center. It is a wonderful tribute to the legacy of President Coolidge. There is nothing more important than the education of our children,

and I know the memorial will be a valuable resource to the citizens of Vermont and all of its visitors.

I am deeply honored that you chose to hold your 50th anniversary celebration at the John F. Kennedy Library. My parents were proud to serve on the advisory board of the Foundation, and they would be so pleased to know that President Coolidge’s memory will be celebrated at the Library.”

Mrs. Nancy Reagan



Mrs. Reagan graciously accepted our invitation to join the Coolidge Foundation as an Honorary Advisor. Her office sent congratulations on our many accomplishments to date.

John C. "Jack" Bogle



Keynote Evening Speaker, legendary financial leader and founder of The Vanguard Group. Named one of the "world's 100 most powerful and influential people" by *Time Magazine*, Mr. Bogle was honored to offer the closing remarks at the 50th Anniversary Symposium.

"I must confess to have been absolutely dazzled by the huge audience, the distinguished setting, the fine reception, and then the standing ovation following my speech. Thanks to all concerned for making the evening so memorable!"

Vermont on the National Stage

How often do you get to be the very first students in a brand new classroom? Just three days after the Education Center was dedicated, a course for teachers filled the Coolidge Foundation's new classroom. *Vermont on the National Stage: An Inquiry Lab*, met on August 10, 11, and 12 with the goal of using primary sources to study and connect topics of Vermont and United States History. Eight teachers, whose responsibilities range from grades four through 12, hailed from schools in Bethel, Dummerston, Ludlow, Hartland, Stowe, Chester, Starksboro, and St. Johnsbury.

Sigrid Lumbra from the Vermont Department of Education, Victoria Hughes from Vermont Historical Society, and Alan Berolzheimer from Flow of History collaborated with CCMF Education Coordinator, Diane Kemble to plan and teach the course. This group planned a variety of involving activities that utilized the Library of Congress web site, practiced using Inquiry Learning, and explored the whole President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site to design activities that encourage students to pursue the questions that are a crucial step of inquiry.

On the first day, Michael Sherman, editor of *Vermont History* and co-author of *Freedom and Unity: a History of Vermont*, spoke to the group on how local and state history reflects events and ideas on the larger national or international stage. Of particular interest were slides of large painted panoramas of historical events that were brought around for shows in 19th century town halls. Michael then joined the group for a picnic in the Plymouth Cemetery.

That evening, two filmmakers of the upcoming collaborative Vermont Movie, *Freedom and Unity*, showed excerpts from the movie and the group discussed how it might be used as an educational tool. Author and teacher Lyn Blackwell presented a talk on the second day about the roles of women and other topics of Vermont and U.S. connections.



Sigrid Lumbra from the Vermont Department of Education shows teachers Susan Hendrickson (left) and Beth Hahr some of the possibilities from the Library of Congress web site www.loc.gov

What's next? The teachers went back with ideas and plans to inspire their new students in using inquiry to pursue and examine primary sources, both from the Library of Congress and from more local sources. The eight teachers and four instructors will meet in late October at the Vermont History Center in Barre. One more meeting is scheduled for March when the topic will focus on using inquiry on visits to museums and historical sites. This course receives support from the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Grant administered by Waynesburgh University. Check it out yourself at www.loc.gov

—Diane Kemble
Education Coordinator

President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center Dedicated

Under sunny skies, the village of Plymouth Notch welcomed over 200 enthusiastic visitors for the formal dedication of the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center on August 7, 2010. The 14,000 square foot center represents the culmination of the long time partnership between the Coolidge Foundation and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The former Visitor Center, erected in 1970, was modernized and expanded to accommodate refurbished exhibit areas, gift shop, reception, classroom, and lounge, with an addition for an auditorium, catering kitchen, four fully accessible rest rooms, the foundation offices, a presidential library, and collections vault where historic books, documents, photographs, post cards, sound recordings, and ephemera are stored. The foundation and the division contributed to the construction cost with funds raised through capital construction bill appropriations proposed by Governor Jim Douglas and private donations from individuals, business, charitable foundations, and civic clubs.

Giovanna Peebles, State Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, as well as State Archeologist, served as the Master of Ceremonies, and later joined Governor Jim Douglas, Coolidge Foundation President Bob Kirby, and Coolidge Foundation trustee Mimi Baird in the ribbon cutting. Diane Martin opened the ceremonies by singing the Vermont state song, "These Green Mountains," which she composed. Vermont's U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders and U.S. Representative Peter Welch remarked on the importance of preserving historic places and studying history. Senator Patrick Leahy was unable to attend, but had arranged for a special tribute published in the Congressional Record. Other speakers included Ed Jeter and Jerry Sayles, both sons-in-law of Florence and John Coolidge. John was the son of Calvin and Grace Coolidge. The keynote speaker was Tom Slayton, former editor of *Vermont Life Magazine* who reminded the celebrants that Coolidge's upbringing in Plymouth Notch guided how performed his duties as president.



Coolidge Foundation President Bob Kirby, Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, foundation trustee Mimi Baird, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders, U.S. House of Representatives Member Peter Welch at the dedication of the Museum and Education Center

Vermont Historic Sites Operations Officer, John Dumville described the new center. Foundation president Bob Kirby lauded Governor Douglas for his strong, unceasing support of the project and presented him with a half dollar containing the images of George Washington and Calvin Coolidge, which was minted in 1925 to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of American Independence 1776 – 1926.

Following the ceremonies and the ribbon cutting, the visitors streamed into the new center. They were serenaded by a wandering barbershop quartet and enjoyed the musical renditions of a pianist performing in the auditorium. Items from the Foundation's library, photo, document, and object collection were available for review, and paintings from the State House, courtesy of curator David Schütz, were a featured special exhibit in the galleries, along with an exhibit of the 1925 presidential inaugural organized by Site Administrator Bill Jenney. Since the dedication and its accompany publicity, visitation has dramatically increased, as have the accolades for the amenities and features of the new center.

—William F. Brooks, Jr.
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Constitution Day 2010 Observed

by Black River Middle School and Vermont Law School

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

— The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

The foundation celebrated Constitution Day 2010 by inviting two Vermont Law School (VLS) students, Monica Miller and Dalayna Tillman to speak to students from Black River Middle School about the First Amendment and the establishment clause. After hearing an overview of the Constitution, the establishment clause, and the Freedom from Religion Foundation, Inc. v. Obama case [691 F. Supp. 2d 890 (W.D. Wis. 2010)], the students broke out into workgroups to devise arguments for both the plaintiff and defendants.

After 20 minutes of intense debating, the students regrouped to deliver their oral arguments. Two pairs of students were selected to present their arguments to the VLS student judges on the constitutionality of the National Day of Prayer.

Dalayna Tillman noted, "The students were very articulate and did a stellar job of coming up with well-reasoned arguments. I was particularly impressed with their respect for their peers who presented ideas that were different from their own." The program concluded with the class voting on



Vermont Law School (VLS) students, Monica Miller and Dalayna Tillman, with pupils from Black River Middle School on Constitution Day

whether the National Day of Prayer was constitutional and whether the law observing the holiday should be rewritten. The vote was 10 to 4 in favor of the day being constitutional and 8 to 6 in favor of the law not being rewritten.

Monica Miller stated that "The day went well and it was neat to see the kids shine through at the end and really give full thought to both sides of the issues." Everyone agreed that students really had a great learning experience and walked away with a refreshed appreciation for the Constitution, particularly the First Amendment.

—Dalayna M. Tillman

Vermont Law School, J.D. Candidate 2012

Education Coordinator, Diane Kemble notes: Constitution Day Programs, which provide opportunities to learn about the United States Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787, are supported by grants from the Vermont Bar Foundation and Ben and Jerry's Foundation.

Biochemist and Certified Public Accountant Join Foundation as Trustees

The Foundation welcomes Accountant Susan Sundstrom, Ph.D., and Janice Graham, CPA, who were elected to the Board of Trustees at the August 2010 annual meeting. Ms. Sundstrom is a scientist, board certified by the American Board of Toxicology. Her work has been in consulting, providing advice in toxic tort litigation, performing human health risk assessments, and providing industrial clients toxicological information for commodity and specialty chemicals used in manufacturing processes.

Born and raised in Keene, NH, Sue received her undergraduate degree from the Department of Zoology at the University of New Hampshire. Her doctoral thesis was earned in the Department of Biochemistry at Dartmouth Medical School.

Following completion of her doctoral thesis, she conducted post-doctoral research investigating the mechanisms by which chemicals and hormones modulate cell growth and influence cancer. Her research was based in the Division of Reproductive Biology of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the University of Pennsylvania.

While studying at Dartmouth, Dr. Sundstrom met her future husband, Matt Foley, who was earning his MD at Dartmouth Medical School. They settled in Groton, MA and eventually bought a second home, a small farm, in West Woodstock, VT, where she now spends most of her time and where she and her husband ride Icelandic horses.

Sue is also a member of the Green Mountain Horse Association, the North Country Hounds, and the Board of Trustees of the Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society.

Janice Graham is the principal of Janice Graham & Company, P.C., a certified public accounting firm located in Woodstock, Vermont. A graduate of Springfield High School in Springfield, VT, she attended the Community College of Vermont and Lyndon State College prior to earning her certification in public accounting in 1992. Janice has over 20 years of experience in public accounting and in providing services to not-for-profit organizations in Southern Vermont as well as serving on various not-for-profit boards. She is a Rotary Club past president, a Paul Harris Fellow, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Woodstock, Vermont. Janice lives in Barnard with her partner, Steve Cota, between them they have four adult children and enjoy biking, skiing and traveling in their free time.

The Washington - Coolidge Half Dollar



At the August 7, 2010 dedication in Plymouth Notch of the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center, Foundation president Bob Kirby presented Vermont Governor Jim Douglas with the Washington-Coolidge Half Dollar minted in 1925. Governor Douglas is a long time member of the Foundation and, through his leadership and recommendations, the Vermont legislature appropriated some of the funds for the new center through the capital construction bills enacted over several years.

The history of the Washington -Coolidge Half Dollar is of special interest to Governor Douglas, the Foundation, and all Coolidge enthusiasts. President Coolidge is the only President of the United States to ever appear on U.S. coinage during his lifetime and, moreover, during his term in office. How did this come to pass?

The coin in question was a special striking of a commemorative half dollar for the Sesquicentennial of American Independence: 1776-1926. At the behest of the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association, Congress authorized the minting of this coin on March 23, 1925. The legislation provided for the production of not more than one million silver half dollars that were to be delivered at face value to the Association. The Association would then in turn sell the commemorative coins to the public as a souvenir for \$1.00 each, with the fifty-cent premium going to defray the cost of the Sesquicentennial Exposition, which was to be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to November 30, 1926.

John Sinnock, the chief engraver at the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, proposed a design for the coin, but the Sesquicentennial Association rejected it. Instead, they chose a design sketch prepared by John Frederick Lewis, a Philadelphia lawyer and prominent patron of the arts. It was his sketch that Sinnock used to produce the dies for the coin.

The coin's obverse depicted the conjoined portraits of Presidents Washington and Coolidge. The reverse showed the Liberty Bell (this basic design was later used for the reverse of the Franklin half dollar struck between 1948 and 1963). Unfortunately, the Association insisted that the design be executed in a very low relief—a technique popular among numismatists at the time—with the results that the coins struck up poorly.

As our first President and the victorious leader of the Continental Army, Washington was selected to appear on the coin. Coolidge was chosen because he was the then sitting President. Not surprisingly, there were some objections raised to Coolidge—a living individual and political office holder—appearing on the coin, but they received scant attention. President Coolidge, a great admirer of George Washington, must have been most gratified and greatly honored to have his portrait placed next to Washington on this historic coin.

The Mint struck the first Sesquicentennial silver half dollar on May 19, 1926, and during that month and the next, it struck a total of 1,000,528 half dollars. Regrettably, the coin did not sell well, probably because of insufficient advertising. The final tabulation was 140,592 pieces sold. The remaining 859,408 coins were returned to the Mint where they were consigned to the melting pot.

Finally, we should recall that President Calvin Coolidge spoke at the Sesquicentennial Exposition on July 5, 1926, the ceremony having been delayed a day because the Fourth fell on a Sunday. His speech, "The Inspiration of the Declaration," is one of his more notable efforts and is still frequently quoted today. The speech was carried nationally by a 15-station radio hook-up. In this address, the President famously said, "We live in an age of science and of abounding accumulation of material things. These did not create our Declaration. Our Declaration created them. The things of the spirit come first. Unless we cling to that, all our material prosperity, overwhelming though it may appear, will turn to a barren sceptre in our grasp."

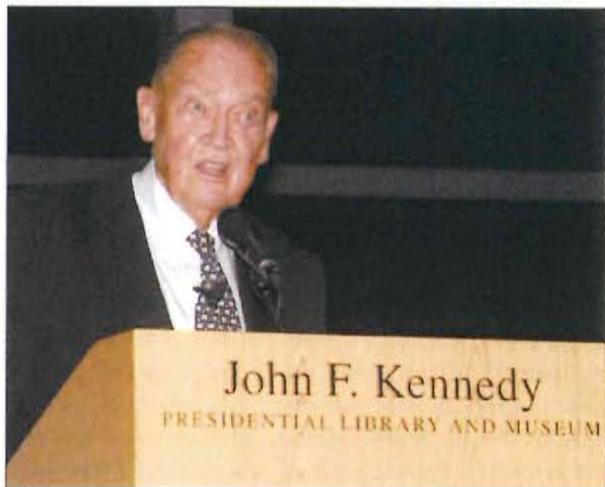
—Jerry L. Wallace, Retired Archivist
National Archives and Records Administration
Member, Coolidge Foundation National Advisory Board



STRAIGHT TALK

Spreading Awareness and Understanding of Calvin Coolidge

The Foundation hosted STRAIGHT TALK, its 50th Anniversary Symposium, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston on October 7, 2010. The symposium advanced the commitment of the foundation to bring a greater awareness and understanding of Calvin Coolidge. Much of what Coolidge believed as well as the values that guided his presidency have special relevance in today's world.



John C. "Jack" Bogle, Keynote Evening Speaker

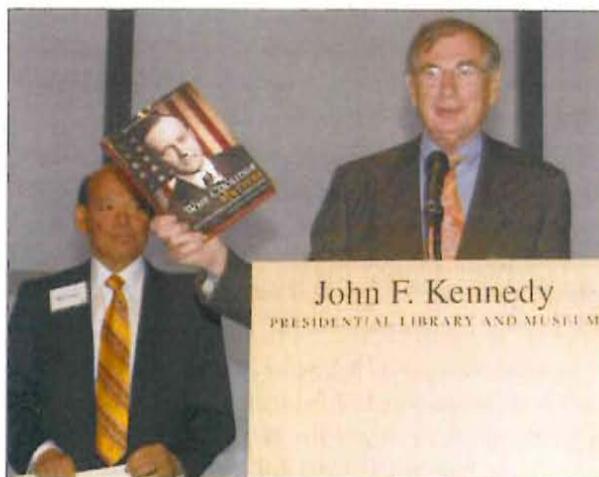
Legendary financier John C. (Jack) Bogle, founder of The Vanguard Group, gave the keynote address to a packed audience of scholars and business leaders. His speech centered on the timeless values President Coolidge lived and how they could guide the America of today. He cited a flourishing economy and a slashing of U.S. debt as well as the American public's contentment under Coolidge's leadership. Bogle spoke of the impact Alexander Hamilton and Theodore Roosevelt had in shaping Coolidge's thinking. Like Roosevelt, Coolidge reestablished a representative government of all the people, reopened the closing doors of opportunity and reawakened the soul of the country while reinforcing the moral fiber of America.

Bestselling author Amity Shlaes led the morning session with new research unearthed in her scholarly studies of Coolidge as a Strategic Administrator. She examined Coolidge's priority for economy in government coupled with multiple reductions in tax rates as fundamental to his success in leading the country to unparalleled prosperity. David Pietrusza explored Coolidge's world-view with his address A Standard of Righteousness, in which he spoke of morality, the dignity of work and idealism.

Milton Valera, President of the National Notary Association described Coolidge's integrity and character as the bedrock of the Notaries. L. John Van Til, Ph.D., described Coolidge's religious principles and how the teachings of philosopher Charles E. Garman impacted the Coolidge. Governor Michael Dukakis spoke of Coolidge's civility as a tool for leadership in making government work properly. "Coolidge abhorred negative campaigning and campaigned as simply as he lived—a lesson for today."

Other speakers included Garland Tucker, CEO Triangle Capital, who delved into Coolidge's presidential style and the 1924 election, a landslide victory for Coolidge, that became a turning point for the political parties and campaigns of the future. Author Carl Sferrazza Anthony, a specialist in America's First Families, probed the importance of Coolidge's wife, Grace Coolidge, in helping him absorb the stresses of the presidency. Martha Joynt Kumar, Ph.D., portrayed Coolidge as anything but silent considering his record number of press conferences, his pioneering use of radio and writing his own speeches. Joe Thorndike, Ph.D., an expert on taxation, spoke of America's willingness to pay fair taxes and detailed the Mellon/Coolidge tax strategies. International strategic communications advisor Sarwar A. Kashmeri moderated the Kumar/Thorndike panel.

Foundation President Bob Kirby noted that the STRAIGHT TALK "symposium advanced the scholarly discussion of the Coolidge administration and his record in life and politics, much of which paradoxically has been underappreciated."



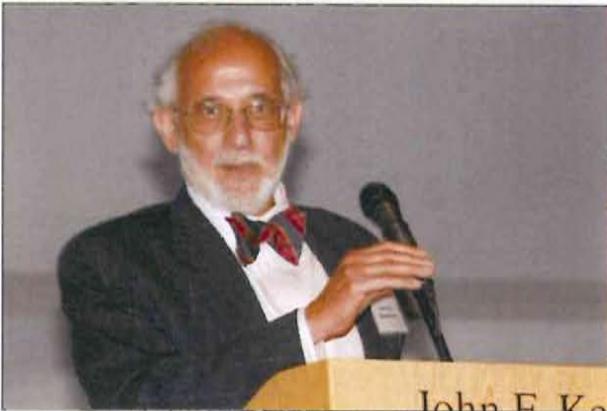
Foreground, Robert P. Kirby, President of the Board of Trustees and Milton G. Valera, President of National Notary Association



Barbara O'Connell, Chairman of the event, stands with Holly Holoway, Frank O'Connell, Karen Greenburg and Steve Pittendigh



JFK Library, Boston, MA



Sarwar A. Kashmeri, Panelist and CCMF National Advisory Board



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Amity Shales and David Pietrusza, Speakers at the Symposium



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“There are two things necessary for the enrichment of life, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. They are very simple and are known to all men. One is hard work and the other is a determination to do right.”

—Letter to H.W. Gibson,
November 24, 1920



Dear Friends,

The Foundation's 50th anniversary year has been eventful and inspirational. The celebrations included the completion of the Coolidge Museum and Education Center, its dedication, and, with your help, expanded historical research, public programming, and publication. Just as the future president helped his young son assemble a go-cart, we ask that you offer your volunteer and financial assistance as the foundation broadens its outreach in Vermont and out-of-state, strengthens its presidential research, collection, and archival resources, and more widely publicizes the legacy of Calvin Coolidge.

In this period of congressional gridlock, inter and intra political party squabbling, the nation, our leaders, and fellow citizens can benefit by a deeper look at the measured and bi-partisan leadership example offered by Calvin Coolidge as he ventured from elected municipal office to overwhelming support as our 30th U.S. President. Through consensus governing he offers an inspirational model for today.

We ask your support as we complete our 50th year and embark upon programs and policies that will benefit our historical perspective and lead us to a bright future.

Sincerely,

Joan L. Randall
Executive Director

Change Over in Foundation Office Managers



Karen Mansfield (front, second from right) and her admirers

The Foundation bid a fond farewell to Karen Mansfield who has served as office manager of the Foundation since 1996. Two dozen of her colleagues gathered for a buffet picnic on the grounds in early August, 2010 to acknowledge and extend thanks for her service. Karen adopted and maintained the membership and donation software Access, kept the accounting records using QuickBooks software, produced schedules on the Excel spreadsheets, answered the phones, greeted visitors, scheduled weddings, maintained the inventory for office supplies, administered the sale of books, and kept us all – staff, trustees, members, and the public – on task and centered. Living nearby at the junction of Route 100 and 100A, Karen was always available to quickly respond to any office or building emergency. Not yet fully retired, Karen has been assisting Nancy Yale at the Wilder House Restaurant, continues her ongoing home improvements, and the hand weaving of artistic, sturdy, utilitarian and decorative baskets. Her daughter Kristi Rollins can be found several days a week greeting visitors at the reception desk of the new Coolidge

Museum and Education Center. We wish Karen all the best and thank her for the time, energy, and commitment she doggedly gave to the Coolidge Foundation.

Our new office manager is Carolyn DiCicco, who has been an owner and operator of the Barnard General Store since 1996. Originally from Grafton, Massachusetts, after raising two young children, Carolyn finished at Clark University in Worcester and was an early childhood teacher before moving to Vermont. Her grown son Peter is now an adventure travel guide, who travels the world, and her daughter Laura, who lives in Vermont, founded and operates her own landscape business. Carolyn brings enthusiasm and passion to the Foundation, where she is readily and happily adapting to administrative life in Plymouth Notch, benefitting from the new office space and equipment. Carolyn, when she can find time, enjoys gardening and hiking. She lives with her partner Kim Furlong in Barnard, Vermont.

—William F. Brooks, Jr.
Development Director

Openings for History Enthusiasts

Do you enjoy sharing your enthusiasm for Calvin Coolidge and history? Could you spare some mornings during September, October, May and June to explore the Coolidge site with students? If so, please consider volunteering as a docent for the Coolidge Foundation's History Exploration Programs.

This fall, 300 area students from Fourth through Twelfth Grade, visited the site. With enough docents, groups can be small, usually six or seven. Thanks to a dedicated group of docents, we are able to carry out this rich and rewarding program. Current docents include, Charlie Buell, Nick Cassone, Bill and Anne Cherico, Grant Drake, Patricia Graves, Terry Gulick, Dennis Hagan, Bob Jakoubek, Kathy Lynds, Dave McNally, Betsy Owen, Sue Poirier, Norm Vanasse, and Joan Wise. We thank Nancy Tanzer and Barbara Eakle for their many years of service.

Docents receive informational materials and training and also learn the details of leading groups by shadowing experienced docents. Dates are known well in advance and docents have the option of choosing the dates that work for them. Docents also may assist at special events.

Please consider joining the front lines of the Coolidge Foundation's Education Program by becoming a docent. Contact Education Coordinator, Diane Kemble at dkemble@vermontel.net or by calling the office at 802-672-3389. We'd love to have your involvement. Thank you.

From The Vault

The Coolidge Foundation has been busy these last few months with innumerable changes. The attention to our collections began in June with the arrival of an intern. Kate Bradley is a graduate student pursuing a dual master's degree in Library and Information Science and History with a concentration in Archival Management at Simmons College in Boston. Bradley spent three days a week all summer attending to the Special Collections, Archives and Library. The first step in the process was to create an inventory of the contents of the old vault.

Utilizing both previous inventories as well as physically opening every box provided a basis from which to plan the future. At the same time work was done to separate the archives of the Foundation. This separation will, and now does, facilitate research and accessibility to records. Along with the division of items came necessary steps in re-housing. Much of the Special Collections were stored in acidic boxes or folders, and some in no containers at all. Quite a few items needed preservation attention and as a result, acid-free, buffered boxes and folders were purchased and utilized, and particularly fragile items such as negatives and slides were re-housed as well.

In late July came THE MOVE. With the aid of the Seth Woodman, David Melbourne and Danielle Hubing, we moved most of the library, Special Collections, and Archives all in one day. This was a tremendous task and was supported by the use of a friend's truck as well as two book carts borrowed from the Norman Williams Public Library in Woodstock, VT. The only comment about the experience is; there should be a new Olympic Sport: off-road book cart driving.

Once the move was completed with the contents of the vault organized appropriately; the library books shelved in order; archival supplies put away; and countless other small tasks accomplished; it was time to address policy. We successfully laid out policies for the reading room and how research requests are to be handled. In addition, with the arrival of the



Kate Bradley, Collections Manager, surveys the collections, archives, and books in the New Vault

new computers, we were able to install and begin utilizing PastPerfect, a software program designed for small museums, libraries and archives. It functions not only as a database for an institution's holdings, but also as a means of maintaining information regarding membership, mailing lists, exhibits, and many other forms of information.

Looking Forward

Although we accomplished a great deal this summer, much remains to be done. In regards to the library, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the books have been catalogued, with the remainder to be done. The input of Special Collections into PastPerfect has begun with the recent purchase of the Multimedia Upgrade. This is a rather large project that will eventually include inputting the bibliographic records into the system as well. We hope to no longer be reliant upon our card catalog. With each hour spent in working with the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation's holdings we come across more information and help to guarantee its future accessibility to researchers. Through both preservation and the use of PastPerfect, the Foundation makes strides towards its goal of becoming a Presidential Library. It is my sincere hope that within a few years all of these dreams will come to fruition and we can help the world to understand the life of Calvin Coolidge and his influence on the future. We welcome funders to this project.

—Kate Bradley
Collections Manager

A scenic photograph of a woman in a white dress walking through a field of tall, golden grass. The background shows a line of trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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National Notary Association Book Launch of *Why Coolidge Matters*

Collaboration is the most important ingredient for a non-profit organization to be successful. This summer the Coolidge Foundation joined forces with the National Notary Association in the launch of their new book *Why Coolidge Matters: How Civility in Politics Can Bring a Nation Together*. With an introduction by Milt Valera, President of the National Notary Association and a forward by Vermont Governor Jim Douglas, the book has 19 essays on Calvin Coolidge written by historians, journalists, elected officials, an archivist, and an attorney.

This event took place in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. on August 3rd. Robert Kirby, President of the Foundation, Barbara O'Connell, Vice-President and Joan Randall, Executive Director, attended the book's unveiling; U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, Vermont's Governor Jim Douglas and Chris Jeter, President Coolidge's great-grandson spoke at the ceremony, along with Milt Valera, who had published the book. Following the formalities, each Congressman, Senator and Foundation Trustee received a complimentary copy courtesy of the National Notary Association.

Prior to the book's unveiling, Governor Jim Douglas and Chris Jeter spent five intense hours from a central broadcast studio in the nation's capital doing live media interviews on why Coolidge matters today for distribution throughout the



U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy lauds Vermonter Calvin Coolidge

nation. Each interview was scheduled 10 minutes apart with no breaks in between. It was a sight to witness their talent and dedication as they spread the word throughout our country of the history and importance of President Coolidge. The Foundation is very grateful to Milt Valera of the National Notary Association for making the book possible and for organizing such a successful book launch.

—Joan Randall
Executive Director

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*To Become the Gateway to
All Things Coolidge*

Mission Statement

*To Open the Eyes of the World
to Calvin Coolidge*

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Coolidge Christmas Open House

at the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, Plymouth Notch, Vermont

Saturday, December 11
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Christian Church, both decorated for the season

For further information, call the
Plymouth Notch regional office of the
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