

# Coolidge Club #16

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## News from the Notch

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## Elevate Your Fourth of July at the Notch!

*"But how our interest and wonder increase when we behold the miracle of the birth of a new nation." Calvin Coolidge*

On **Friday, July 4**, the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation will celebrate the birth of the nation as well as its thirtieth president, Calvin Coolidge. Coolidge is the only U.S. president born on Independence Day, and July 4 has been commemorated here at the Notch for many decades. Honor President Coolidge and elevate your Fourth by attending a day of special celebrations.

We invite you to gather at the Plymouth Notch village green at **11:30AM** where a

delegation from the Vermont National Guard will lead a march to the Plymouth Notch Cemetery. There, a wreath from the White House will be placed at the President's gravesite in a brief ceremony with members of the Coolidge family in attendance. President Coolidge's great-granddaughter **Jennifer Sayles Harville** will sing the National Anthem and Coolidge's relations, including **Don Pollard**, will commence a public reading of ***The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge***.

The celebration will continue at **1:00PM** in Plymouth's **Union Christian Church**, where the Coolidge Foundation will continue the full-length, group reading of Coolidge's *Autobiography*. The confirmed roster of readers includes members of the Coolidge family, Coolidge impersonator **Jim Cooke**, Coolidge biographers **Amity Shlaes** and **David Pietrusza**, Hoover biographer **George Nash**, and long-time Coolidge Foundation friends and supporters like **Mimi Baird**, **Barbara O'Connell**, and **William Jenney**. Members of the media will also read, including radio hosts **Brady Carlson** of *New Hampshire Public Radio*, **Ben Sarro** of *WNTK-FM*, **Sue Henry** of *WILK-FM*, and editors **Rich Lowry** of *National Review*, **Seth Lipsky** of the *New York Sun*, **James Ottaway, Jr.**, formerly of *Dow Jones*, and **Josef Joffe**, publisher-editor of *Die Zeit*, Germany's leading weekly newspaper. The public is encouraged to join the reading. To reserve your slot, please contact [Events@Calvin-Coolidge.org](mailto:Events@Calvin-Coolidge.org).

Other July 4 Activities include a chicken barbecue at the **Wilder House Restaurant**, wine and cheese tasting at the **Plymouth Artisan Cheese Factory**, and horse-drawn wagon rides with Plymouth resident **Fred DePaul**. In addition, members of **Fiber Arts in Vermont** will showcase their latest project - a reproduction of a Coolidge family woolen blanket.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Notch on the 4th of July!





## A Most Tragic Anniversary

Tomorrow, June 28, 2014, marks the 100th anniversary of the assassination of the **Archduke Franz Ferdinand** of Austria-Hungary and his wife, **Sophie, Duchess of Hohenburg**. This assassination launched what historian Margaret MacMillan has termed "The War that Ended Peace," the **First World War**. Coolidge Foundation National Advisory Board member (and true friend) **Jerry Wallace** wrote the feature article for our Spring 2014 Newsletter (soon to arrive in your mailbox) about the war and Coolidge's relation to it. We have excerpted a bit of his article below.

*"Three years after the war's end, on Armistice Day 1921, President Harding and Vice President Coolidge presided over the impressive burial ceremony for America's Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery: an event, perhaps more than any other, symbolizing the conclusion of the Great War for the United States of America. Before his death in August 1923, in another important step to ensure world peace, President Harding would make an appeal for the United States to join the World Court.*

*With his ascension to the presidency, Calvin Coolidge would continue Warren Harding's work for world peace, with the United States extending its hand in friendship to the nations of the world. While America's primary mission was seen as providing an example and inspiration to others, there was to be no retreat into isolationism, as some would later claim. Both Presidents recognized the nation's new premier standing in the world."*





## Come Judge High School Debate!

The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation invites you to **participate as a judge** for our High School Debate Program. The Debate Program is a major part of our effort to bring Calvin Coolidge's heritage and values to a new generation of Americans.

The Debates will be held on **July 8 & 10 and August 1** here at Plymouth Notch.

Our partner again this year is the [Debate Institutes at Dartmouth](#). The Institutes are led by Nicole Serrano, a nationally-respected debate leader.

We will also have [home school students](#) from throughout New England at our August 1 Debate.

In the morning the students will be given a tour the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site, led by Amity Shlaes, our Chairman and Diane Kemble, our Education Director. The tour will highlights aspects of the Historic Site that relate to the day's debate topic.

Following this, the students will participate in an economics seminar led by [Roberto Salinas-Leon](#) of the Mexico Business Forum, Amity Shlaes, and Executive Director Matthew Denhart. The seminar will teach students economic reasoning that relates to the day's debate topic.

In the afternoon the students will participate in debate competitions that will be judged by **generous volunteers like you**, followed by a barbecue dinner and awards ceremony at 5:15PM.

This year's debate topic will be impromptu, but we will send judge materials in advance. As always, we will have our judge trainers on hand. Novice judges are highly encouraged to participate.

The Coolidge Foundation is proud to welcome these young Americans and encourage them to learn more about American history and economics, and particularly about our thirtieth president, Calvin Coolidge.

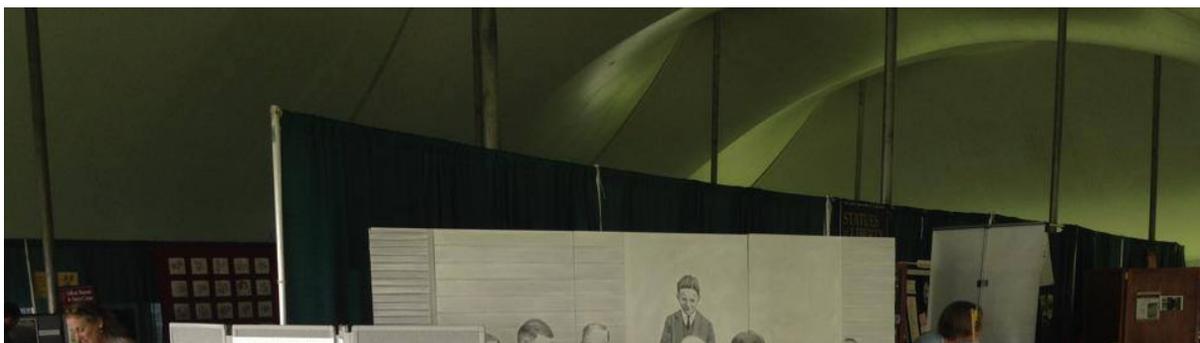
To judge, please R.S.V.P by no later than Thursday, July 3 to [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org) or 802.672.3389 ext. 113. Please visit our web page on Debate [Here](#).



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## Scenes from the Vermont History Expo

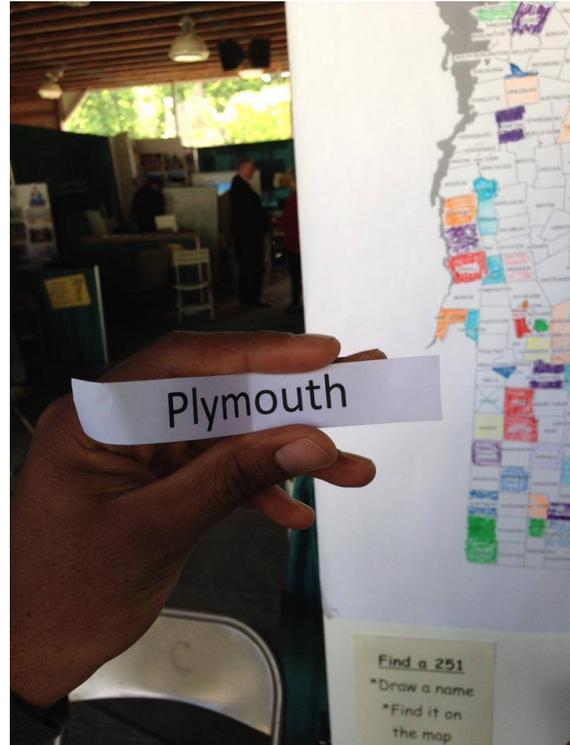
The Coolidge Foundation sponsored a booth at the **Vermont History Expo** this past weekend in Tunbridge, Vermont. Enjoy a few pictures from the day here.





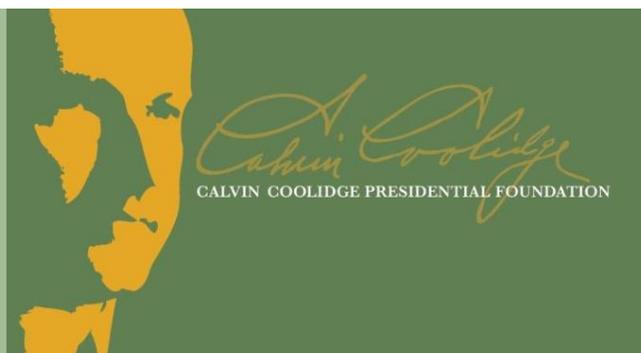


U.S. Senator **Patrick Leahy** of Vermont, Mrs. **Marcelle Leahy**, Education Director **Diane Kemble**, and Program Associate **Rushad Thomas** are pictured here with the mural of the Coolidges, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and Thomas Edison at the Coolidge Foundation's History Expo Booth.



Program Associate **Rushad Thomas** drew "**Plymouth**" from the bucket at the **251 Club's** Wall of Vermont Towns. Passersby were invited to color in the town they drew from the bucket on the giant map of Vermont at the 251 Club's booth. What are the chances a Coolidge Foundation staffer would draw "Plymouth" from the bucket?

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**



THE SECOND ANNUAL NEW YORK DINNER  
**THE COOLIDGE PRIZE FOR JOURNALISM**

FEATURING

**A DEBATE ON INCOME INEQUALITY**

**SENATOR PHIL GRAMM**  
AUTHOR OF GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS ACT

AND

**CHRYSTIA FREELAND, MP**  
AUTHOR OF "PLUTOCRATS"

WITH REMARKS BY

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Since debate is our major program, this year's dinner will feature a debate on income inequality between former **U.S. Senator Phil Gramm** and **Chrystia Freeland, Canadian MP**. [Gramm](#), a trained economist, was a longtime U.S. Senator from Texas and the author of much financial legislation. Freeland represents Toronto in the Canadian Parliament and is the author of the major book *Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else*. Freeland gave a [TED talk](#) on inequality, and it has received well over a million views. **Larry Kudlow** has agreed to help moderate. At the dinner we will again award the \$20,000 **Coolidge Prize for Journalism** and the \$1,500 **Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth**. This year we will also award a runner-up Calvin Prize. Be on the lookout for more dinner information soon, but

for now **SAVE THE DATE!**

## Coolidge Foundation Home School Debate Camp

This summer we are pleased to launch our first annual Homeschool Debate Camp. Interested homeschool families are invited to learn more about this exciting opportunity and sign-up. All the details, [including the link to sign-up](#), are included in our program flier, below.



Join us in idyllic Plymouth Notch, Vermont for the first annual Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation Homeschool Debate Camp. Plymouth Notch is the birthplace and childhood home of America's thirtieth president. It is here that Calvin Coolidge took the Oath of Office in 1923 in a ceremony administered by his father, a notary public.

This unique historical setting is an ideal place for homeschool debaters to come for top-quality debate instruction and an opportunity to win college scholarship prize money.

- Special presentations by **Amity Shlaes**, **Matthew Denhart** and **Rushad Thomas** of the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and **Roberto Salinas-Léon**, president of the Mexico Business Forum.
- **Greg Rehmk**e of Economic Thinking and experienced NCFCA alumni will lead sessions for beginning and advanced students in policy, Lincoln-Douglas and extemporaneous formats.
- Students will learn how American history and economic principles can give them an edge debating their own annual topic.
- On Friday, August 1, homeschool campers will be invited to compete alongside high school debaters from the Debate Institutes of Dartmouth summer camp on an impromptu topic, with prizes in the form of college scholarship money for the winners.
- Campers will be lodged at the recently renovated Cortina Inn and Resort. **Parents are needed to Chaperone.**
- Camp begins at **11AM on July 30** at the Coolidge Foundation. The Cost is **\$150**, which includes lodging, all meals, and materials. Registration Deadline: **July 11, 2014.**

- For more information please email [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).

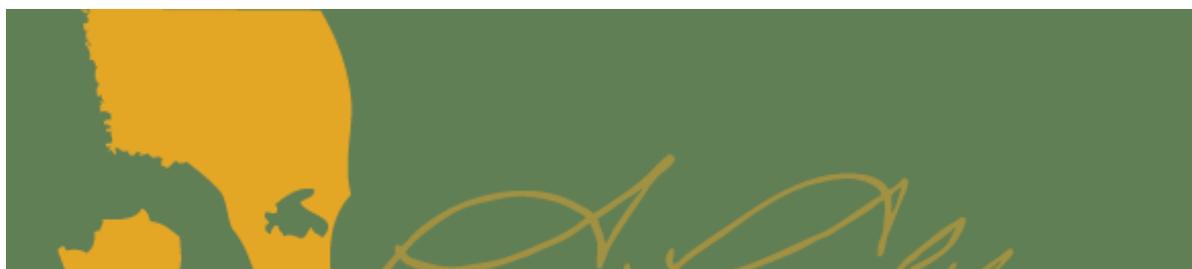
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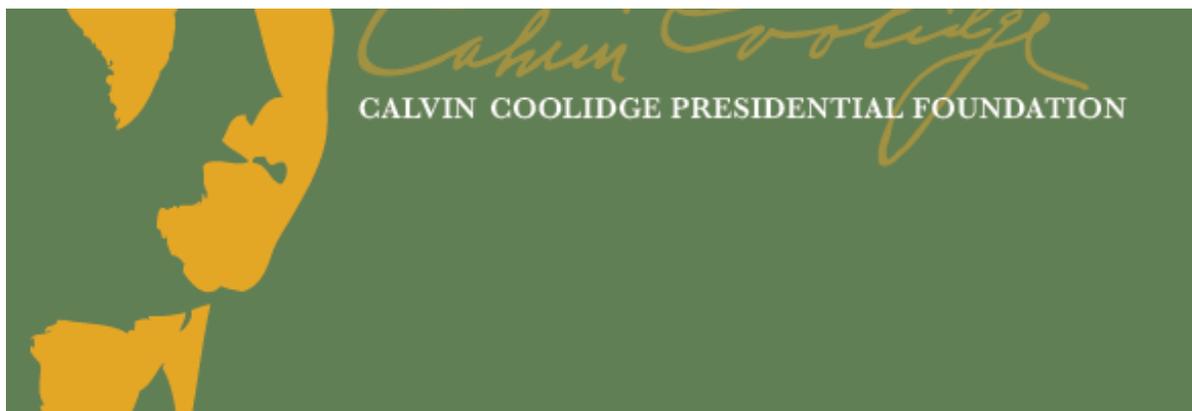
## Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth



The Coolidge Foundation has established the **Calvin Prize for Vermont Youth**, a writing prize named after President Coolidge and Calvin, Jr. Writers aged 19 years and younger currently living in the state of Vermont are eligible to compete for the **first-place prize of \$1,500 and the runner-up prize of \$500**.

This year's Calvin Prize, the second annual, asks Vermont students to think about what factors will influence their decision to remain in Vermont or move elsewhere when the time comes. Furthermore, students are instructed to use Coolidge's *Autobiography* and other sources to address the issues they face and compare and contrast their own situation and decision-making process with that faced by Calvin Coolidge in his years as a Vermont youth. Learn more about the 2014 Calvin Prize by [clicking on this link](#).





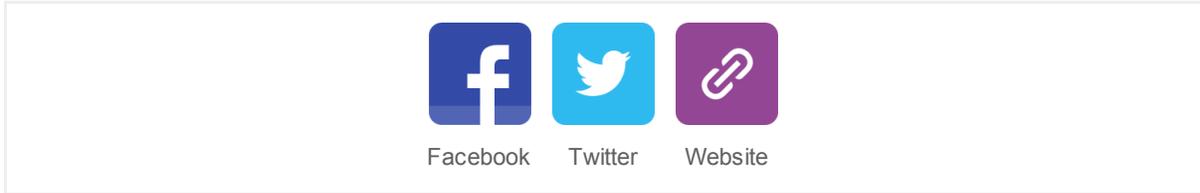
## Coolidge Foundation Updates

**Coolidge needs your mind, wisdom and voice this summer!** We have a very full calendar of events for summer 2014, and there are many opportunities for Coolidge Club members to get involved. Please join us **July 4 to read from the *Autobiography***. Please also come to the Notch on **July 8, July 10, and August 1 to judge our high school debaters**. Also join us **August 2** to celebrate the inauguration of President Coolidge with the Foundation's annual meeting, a reenactment of the 1923 inauguration, and a presentation by author Reeve Lindbergh. **Let us know if you can help by emailing [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).**

Here's a comprehensive list of date reminders for your calendar:

- **July 4: Celebration at Plymouth Notch.** Join us for the traditional march to the cemetery, readings and wreath-laying at the gravesite, and a group reading of the Coolidge *Autobiography* in the Union Christian Church. **To sign up to read from the *Autobiography*, [click here](#). Have Questions? Email [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).**
- **July 8: Presidential high school economic debate at Plymouth Notch.** To judge, email [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).
- **July 10: Presidential high school economic debate at Plymouth Notch.** To judge, email [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).
- **August 1: Presidential high school economic debate at Plymouth Notch.** To judge, email [events@calvin-coolidge.org](mailto:events@calvin-coolidge.org).
- **August 2: Coolidge Foundation's Annual Meeting** and Plymouth Old Home Day with speaker **Reeve Lindbergh**. We will also hold a **reenactment** of Coolidge's 1923 inauguration as President. Actor **Jim Cooke** will be on hand for this.
- **August 2: Annual "Under the Tent" Summer Gala at Plymouth Notch with keynote speaker former Vermont Governor James H. Douglas.** Tickets required. Ticket info coming soon.

- **August 11: Naturalization Ceremony at Plymouth Notch.** Ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Open to the public.



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