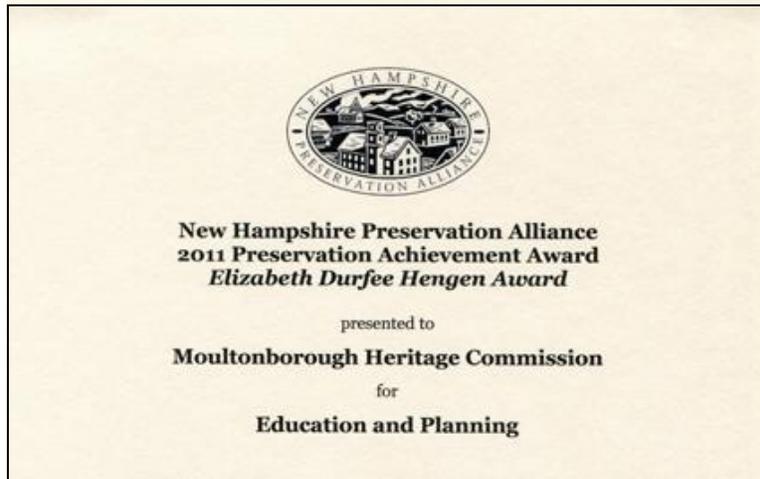


## Moultonborough Heritage Commission Annual Report 2011



Established in March 2009, the Heritage Commission works toward the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in the Town of Moultonborough. In May 2011, the Commission was greatly honored to receive a Preservation Achievement Award for exemplary work in education and planning, which is now on display in the Moultonborough Town Hall. Members of the Commission and then Town Planner Daniel Merhalski attended the annual awards announcement ceremony in Concord, where the presentation noted how the Moultonborough Heritage Commission has “set a new standard for community education and advocacy” with its Community Landmarks lecture series and the 2010 Community Landmarks Tour. Once again, the Commission would like to thank the private property owners, sponsors, and volunteers who all contributed so much to the tour. In 2011, the Commission continued to work with individuals and local and state entities on preservation initiatives and projects. In August, the Commission sponsored the NH Preservation Alliance summer workshop on “Preserving Community Character: Strategies for Managing Change in the Lakes Region.”

In order to promote public recognition and appreciation of local historical resources, the Heritage Commission continued its Community Landmarks Series in 2011, focusing attention on significant buildings and sites. These seasonal events, hosted by the Moultonborough Public Library, again drew record attendance and enthusiastic public response. In May, Gordon DuBois spoke on the self-sustaining farm operation at the Laconia State School. In June, as part of this year’s focus on barns and agricultural heritage, the Commission organized an information session on barn preservation. Professor John Porter gave a presentation on NH Barn Types and provided tips for barn maintenance, and Beverly Thomas of the NH Preservation Alliance facilitated a discussion of preservation strategies for barn owners, including RSA 79-D and Barn Assessment Grants. Cristina Ashjian lectured in July on Tom Plant’s Bald Peak Club, developed in 1919-1920 as part of his Lucknow estate, and again in August on the Kona Farm estate for the NH Boat Museum in Wolfeboro. In 2012, the Commission will host an Archaeology Field School for the NH Division of Historical Resources and Plymouth State University.

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