

CHS Tricentennial Committee Update – October 2025

1. **Garden Club On-board!** Spoke at their recent meeting and there is lots of enthusiasm and ideas including the idea of victory gardens, etc.
2. **School Outreach:** CES & Shaker District schools are onboard to help. We've shared a list of ideas with the staff. Asking for help with designing a logo, advertisements, booklets, etc.
3. **Fundraising Subcommittee:** Meetings are starting. Planning to set up online shop to sell t-shirts. Scott is pursuing challenge coins. Also pursuing other local donors for support. Thinking of having a Tricentennial mascot.
4. **License Plates:** Still making occasional sales – hoping to ramp up more as more advertising goes out. We received a \$500 grant from the Canterbury Fund to help support the production run. They deferred our request for a loan “at this time”.
5. **Roadside Marker Grant:** Working on finalizing an inscription for the submission and identifying a location. Initial submission due November 3rd.

CHS Note: When applying for the Pomeroy grant, we need to create an online account refer to and use the CHS EIN. As discussed with Fred, we will do that as representatives of CHS – acting as the Tricentennial Committee.

6. **Canterbury Time Machine** – meetings have started - LOTS of enthusiasm & ideas! Neighboring towns want to participate (Gilmanton, Loudon, Chichester)

CHS Discussion Item: We are considering a scene featuring Elizabeth Houser and would like to film in the schoolhouse when a class is there. Assume some type of permission would be needed from parents, etc. Who can help us coordinate that?

7. **Other:**
 - Working on our 2027 Calendar – and starting to slot events / plans
 - Sub-team established / working on event sheets and budget estimates
 - Music Team: Contacting local musicians / artists. Many onboard to help!
 - 300 Trees Project: Mark has been collecting seeds, making contacts, etc.
 - Looking at alternative ecommerce options for the Website
 - Table at Mark's Elkins Library talk “300 Years Ago” on October 9th We are sponsoring the door prize.

- Met with “Friends of Canterbury Center” to talk about how to collaborate in the future
- Planning on being at an upcoming Farmer’s Market in Nov/Dec. to info share / sell
- With Rachel’s help, we’re setting up an area in the Elkins Library for Tricentennial Info Sharing. Contacted the 4-H to see if they’d help with a “Guess how many things are in the jar” contest to draw people to visit it.
- Starting our own Facebook and Instagram – so we have avenues to post more ads, etc.