

Starksboro Historical Society (SHS)

Date: 09/20/24

Location: Meeting House

Event: Lost Nation Film with Q&A

Time: 6:30PM - 9:00PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: Dan Baker, Olive Phillips, Kevin Hanson, Peg Casey, Herb Olson, Ruth Beecher

MEMBERS/VISITORS PRESENT: Cecilia Elwert, Elsa Gilbertson, and many more (total of 129 folks!)

WELCOME: President Dan Baker thanked many folks for bringing this event to fruition, and introduced the event while the Meeting House pews were still filling. Treasurer Kevin Hanson introduced our beautiful Meeting House before turning the event over to Jay Craven, producer of the film, Lost Nation.

EVENT: Jay Craven, producer, and his associate producer, Nicole Doerges of Kingdom County Productions put on an amazing film, Lost Nation. Directed by Jay, this action drama told the story of Ethan Allen, a founding father of Vermont, and Lucy Terry Prince, an African American poet. The film depicted the two historical figures' struggles for land and liberty during the Revolutionary War in Vermont. Following the film, Jay hosted an interesting Q&A.

As eloquently stated by one of our local attendees: "It was so nice to drive to the village and see the cars heading to the film, you could see some weren't familiar with the village, going slow, turning around. Great to bring new people to the village. The Meeting House looked wonderful. Leaving, the lights shining on the front, the windows sparkling, white paint highlighting the architectural features, and the asters glowing, people leaving after a stimulating evening, the beautiful day carrying into night, it was magic."

Many thanks to so many folks for coming to this event, and for all donations - your support is greatly appreciated!

UPCOMING PROGRAM: John Croft Talk History of VT Route 17

On Friday, October 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm, the Jerusalem School House in South Starksboro is the location for an illustrated talk on the history of Vermont Route 17. Johnathan Croft, Mapping Section Chief of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, will present the story of this important state route that starts on Lake Champlain in Addison and runs over the Green Mountains. Croft will talk about the Appalachian Gap and other mapping related information, including plotted maps, project plans, and more.

The program is presented by the Starksboro Historical Society and is free and open to the public. This historic one-room schoolhouse is located at 397 Jerusalem Road, just off VT Route 17, in South Starksboro. Please do not park in front of the fire station door. Bring a flashlight to use after the talk to get to your vehicle.

PARKING LOT:

PO Box procurement

Vermont Historical Society (VHS) membership

Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA)

Future Meetings: how often to meet, create schedule (day of month, time, location)

Collections committee

Community presentations vs smaller programs as part of regular meetings

PROGRAM IDEAS:

Pat Melvin music

Robinson School students at Meeting House

SHS event combined with Select Board's monthly community event

Ice Cream social

Crown Point Bridge sharing

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Monday, 11/04/24

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Starksboro Public Library

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Beecher