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June 5th PHSNE Meeting Field Trip and Boat Tour Lowell, MA

PHSNE's June meeting will consist of a historical tour of the Merrimack River and Valley. Lowell has been called the first planned industrial city in the United States. A leader in textile technology, it developed an extensive canal system to serve power and transportation needs. Participants will be treated to photographic views of factories and machinery used in the city's sprawling textile industry.

See page 4 for trip details and directions.

Treasures Discovered at Warehouse

Spring cleanups can reveal many a hidden treasure, and this year's was particularly rewarding. Board Member Allan Goodrich was helping with the weekly warehouse session where volunteers cull through boxes looking for PHSNE auction items.



*Glass plate negative,
Rose Kennedy*



*Positive made from
glass plate negative*

One box contained glass plate negatives, and Goodrich, retired archivist for the John F. Kennedy Library, was combing through it when he recognized a familiar face. A bridal portrait turned out to be that of Rose

Kennedy, mother of the late president. The glass plate negative has been donated to the Kennedy Library.

Goodrich also identified images of Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge (1918-1920) who went on to become the 30th President of the United States. The Coolidge images will be donated to the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library and Museum in Northampton, MA. The same box yielded an image of President Warren G. Harding to be donated to the Ohio Historical Society.



*Glass Plate: Governor Coolidge
and Girl Scouts*



President Harding

At an earlier session, one of the volunteers brought a new-in-the-box 35 mm film he uncovered while cleaning his garage. The film contained a two and a half minute speech by JFK. The volunteer assumed this was one of many copies. This too was given to Goodrich to be turned over to the Kennedy Library.

After reviewing the film, the library's historians realized that while they had an audio copy of this speech, the Federal Register never published the text of his remarks. The description had been misidentified in the audio recording logs, and the donation helped correct the record.

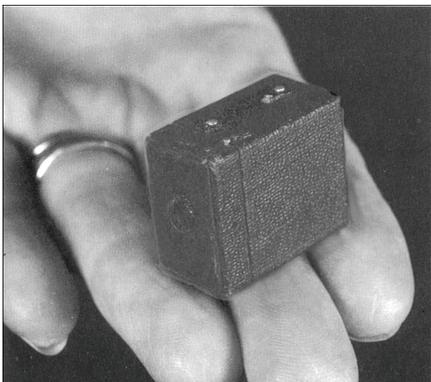
Library staff determined that the speech was filmed at the White House on November 7, 1963 and was intended to be distributed for free and shown at movie theaters throughout the country to observe Bill of Rights Day on December 15th. Most likely it was never shown since President Kennedy was assassinated shortly before the screening date, which would explain why it was not mentioned in the Federal Register.

PHSNE members are dedicated to preserving historical photographic images and equipment, and we are pleased that these images provided important information and will be housed for posterity in appropriate museums.

~ Beverly Regelman

Smallest Working Brownie Camera

Made for Queen Mary's doll-house in 1924, the tiny camera pictured here is fully operational. In a review of the then newly opened Kodak Museum in Harrow, England, published in the July 3rd, 1980



issue of *New Scientist*, Richard Fifield asked, "Is it possible that the 1/8th size model of a 2C Brownie camera made in 1925 for Queen Mary's dolls' house was the forerunner of the sub-miniature

cameras beloved of the espionage world—the Kodak MB (matchbox) of 1944 and the Steineck ABC wristwatch cameras (1949)?"

The Kodak Museum was closed in 1985, and the miniature Brownie now resides in the Kodak Gallery at the National Media Museum in Bradford, West Yorkshire. Identified as the smallest camera in the collection, the Museum's website notes that "it was not displayed in the doll's house as the camera was considered too humble for such a grand mansion."

PHSNE Membership

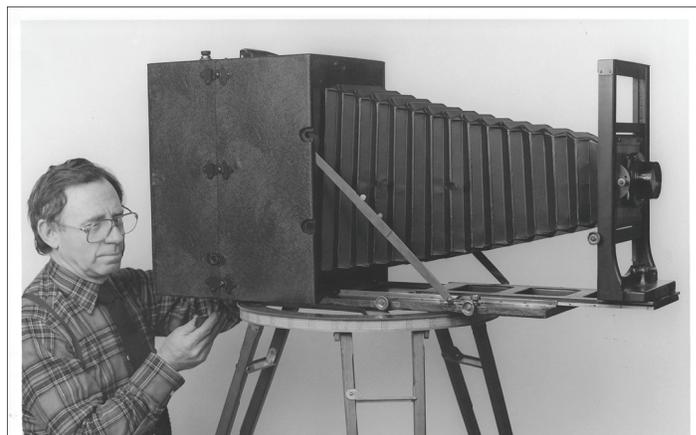
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PHSNE Names Harold B. Lewis Honorary Life Member



Harold Lewis and Cirkut Camera

Harold B. Lewis was awarded the distinction of Honorary Life Member of PHSNE by the Board of Directors at its April 6th meeting. The nomination letter, written by Henry Weisenburger, outlined his many accomplishments:

- President of PHSNE, 1979 - 1981
- Member of the Board of Directors, 1974 - 1986
- Co-editor of the *PHSNE Journal*, 2 years
- Made panoramic photos of meetings about 27 times, including the 1989 Thailand trip
- Developed a technique for "crystal photograms"
- Member of PHSNE since 1975; active participant in meeting Show and Tell sessions
- President of International Association of Panoramic Photographers, 2 years
- Redesigned the film back for large panoramic Cirkut cameras to improve function and reliability
- Designed and used a panoramic roll contact printer
- Founder of Panfoto International, Waltham, MA
- One man panoramic print show, City Hall, Boston
- Contributing to photo history via a one hour video for the International Association of Panoramic Photographers

Cirkut Cameras, like the one in the photograph, were made in several sizes. A motor driven mechanism rotates the camera on the tripod top while drawing the roll film across an exposure slot. The result is a photo of any angle or length within the capacity of the film magazine used. The camera is particularly useful for outdoor vistas and large group shots.

Photographica 75 a Big Success

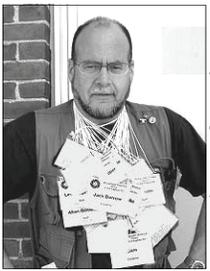


Photo by George Champine

John Dockery Show Manager

Approximately 500 visitors attended the highly successful Photographica 75 on April 30 and May 1. Seventy-one dealer tables (a sold out show) and five "world famous" dollar tables offered a wide variety of items, from collectible treasures to utilitarian gadgets.



Photo by Dick Koolish

Jay McCreery offers stereo demo

The outstanding educational displays consisted of stereo demonstrations by members of the Stereo Club of New

England, a special Kodak Model 3A camera collection, and a memorial table dedicated to the late Lt. Col. Clifford Goodie, a life-long PHSNE member. "Mom" Dockery's famous meatballs were a hit, and a beautifully decorated cake served 100 people.

Dealers and guests brought in more items for the dollar tables than we started with, including a very generous donation from Ed Shaw. Many items remain for the next show to take place November 5th - 6th.



Photo by Lew Regelman

Attendance figures included 61 students who took advantage of free admission with student ID. Marty Hassell, Dean of Students and History of Photography Instructor at the New England School of Photography, emailed,

"Thank you for hosting them all! It is such a great opportunity for them to buy used equipment and get endless hands on experience with the world's greatest experts on what I



Photo by Joe Walters

Julia blew out the candles

teach in my History of Photography course. I have been hearing about their purchases and how great it was. Thank you!!!!"

We asked for your stories from past Photographicas —

Here's a response from someone who traveled far to attend the show:

"Per your request - these are from the 2006 Fall Show. The gent in most of the shots is John Clark (dark jacket and mustache); the other is me, Ron



Giovannelli (plaid shirt). We are both PHSNE Members and have collected since 1971.

We are from Tampa, Florida and talked about going to the "Boston Show," as we called it, our entire adult lives. In 2005 I was diagnosed with cancer, and after talking about it for 35 years we finally went."

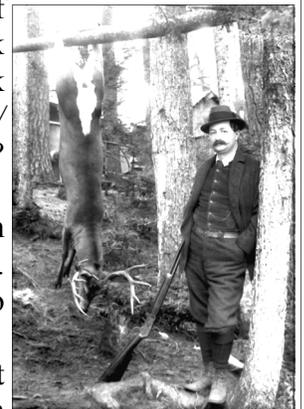
~Ron Giovannelli

Adirondack Images Looking for a Good Home

PHSNE co-founder and life member Dick Bolt is looking for a good home for about 200 photos, mostly 8x10 glass plates, of early 1900s Adirondack scenes. For details and a link to images, visit phsne.org/forum/index.php?topic=165.msg225.

The images are stored in hard shelf size storage boxes. Bolt can transport them to New England in late spring.

If anyone can help, contact Bolt via the PHSNE Forum (above link) or email dickbolt@comcast.net.



**Field Trip: Lowell National Historical Park
June 5, 2011, 10:15 A.M.**

In 1978 the Lowell National Historic Park was established to preserve and promote the significant history of the city. Since then the park has grown into a network of museums with extensive exhibits and well designed access. A replica 1900's trolley runs on a continuous schedule between the museums and other places of interest in the city. An NPS boat will show us around the city from the waterpoint view of the Pawtucket Canal. The area has numerous places to have lunch.

The PHSNE field trip will begin and end at the National Park Visitor Center located at 246 Market Street. Free parking is available nearby in a lot off Dutton Street. Please contact us at president@phsne.org by May 29th with the number of people planning to attend, and arrive at the Visitor Center no later than 10:15am. At that time we will need to take a head count.

There is no charge for PHSNE members (this includes spouses and children under family memberships). Non-PHSNE family members are welcome. For these guests, the fee is \$12.00 per adult, \$9.00 per senior (62+), \$7.00 for students with ID and children 6-16, and no charge for children under 6.

The canal tour boat seats 25, and while numbers over that can take a boat later in the day, it will be first-come, first-served.

See directions at right. Visit nps.gov/lowe/faqs for additional information.

~John Wojtowicz

PHSNE Meetings

Meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of each month, September to June, at 1:30 p.m. at the Americal Center, 467 Main St., Wakefield, MA, preceded by a mini trade fair at 12:30 and an open meeting of the PHSNE Board at 11:00 a.m; however, the June meeting will be a field trip.

Driving directions to Visitor Center, Lowell National Park:

To drive to Lowell National Historical Park, from either Interstate Route 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30A if traveling southbound, Exit 30B if traveling northbound). Take the Lowell Connector to Thorndike Street (Exit 5B). Note: Connector is closely monitored for speed.

On Thorndike Street, which becomes Dutton Street, continue straight through four traffic lights. At the fifth traffic light, turn right from Dutton Street into the Visitor Parking Lot.

With ticket validation at the Visitor Center, free parking is available in the gated section of the lot during park operating hours. From the lot, follow the signs and walk to the Visitor Center through the mill archways and courtyard to the left section of the mill building on the far side of the courtyard.

PHSNE Online

PHSNE's Web site is online at phsne.org. George Champine is the Webmaster.

Join the PHSNE Forum online discussion moderated by Joe Walters; sign up and log in at phsne.org/forum. For an archive of back issues of *snap shots* and meeting presentations, visit phsne.org/archive.

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