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Welcome

May is a wonderful month, with spring burgeoning all around us - trees and flowers burst into bloom, birds sing and [LCHIP's grant round opens!](#) Requests for funding are due to the LCHIP office by noon on Friday, June 24, 2016. If you plan to apply for funding this year, please review the information on the LCHIP website, register for and attend the appropriate grant workshop on May 10 and submit an "Intent to Apply" form by May 20. If you have questions about your potential project or the LCHIP process, please phone the LCHIP office at 603-224-4113.

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LCHIP Spotlights

Preservation Month

May is Preservation Month. 2016 is a banner year for historic preservation! It's a great time to celebrate the historic preservation work being done by organizations as small as a tiny local historical society and as large as the National Park Service.

The National Park Service, which protects natural

areas and historic structures and places, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2016. "New Hampshire by the Numbers"

nps.gov/state/nh/index.htm , provides interesting and surprising information about National Park Service in New Hampshire.

2016 is also the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, which created the National Register of Historic Places, formalized the National Historic Landmark program, and established State Historic Preservation Offices.

This Place Matters, a national campaign of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, encourages people to celebrate places that are meaningful to them and their communities, just as LCHIP grant recipients do in their communities.



Lane Homestead Preservation, Stratham

Visibly located at what is now the junction of routes 108 and 33, the Lane Homestead served as the backdrop for one of the best kept records of colonial life in New England. Samuel Lane and his son, Jabez, built the Lane Homestead and made their livelihoods there, during which time they kept extensive records of their daily lives, now published as *The Years of the Life of Samuel Lane, 1718-1806: A New Hampshire Man and His World*.



Lane Homestead Preservation, Stratham

When the long-time owners put the property on the market in 2015, the Town of Stratham worried that their beloved landmark would be redeveloped in an inappropriate way. To preserve the site and its stories, the Town joined forces with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and was awarded a 2015 LCHIP grant for \$100,000, which will help purchase a historic easement on the five acre parcel and four buildings, ensuring its preservation for generations to come. The easement will protect the Main House, the two outbuildings (Samuel Lane's eighteenth century shoemaker's shop and an early nineteenth century Corn House) and a mid-nineteenth century barn. To learn more about preservation easements contact the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance at admin@nhpreservation.org

1723 James House, Hampton

[James House Hampton NH](#)

Before building his house in Stratham, Samuel Lane met and married Mary James, a daughter of Benjamin James, owner of the 1723 James House. The James House is the earliest surviving example of the "three-post" framing

method, which became the standard framing method for two-story, center chimney dwellings in the region.

A physical record of the six generations of James' who lived there, the house is remarkably intact from the time of its construction. 20th century neglect caused extensive deterioration, but the James House Association recognized the value of the property and purchased it in 1995. Structural and conservation work in the 1990's stabilized the house, but by 2015 the exterior of the James House was in need of an extensive rehabilitation. In 2015 the James House Association was awarded a \$28,000 LCHIP grant to help with exterior rehabilitation: installation of clapboards, corner boards and trim, and painting. To learn more about the James House, click [here](#).



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■ Preservation Celebration

In lieu of our typical LCHIP road trip to one specific site, this month we encourage you to embrace the celebratory preservation spirit of 2016 and take many road trips. Visit Saint-Gaudens, a National Historic Site, or hike the Appalachian Trail, a National Scenic Trail. Visit one (or many!) of New Hampshire's 23 National Historic landmarks, 249 roadside historic site markers, 750+ National Register of Historic Places listings, or get involved with the *This Place Matters* campaign.



A roadside historic site marker for the Park Hill Meetinghouse, a three-time LCHIP grant recipient.

■ 2016 LCHIP Grant Recipients

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Acworth Horse Sheds	Lancaster - Main Street Stewardship Project
Ashland - Whitten Woods	Lempster - Miner Memorial Library
Barrington - Stonehouse Pond Forest	Lyndeborough - Rose Mountain
Berlin - St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts	Madbury - Powder Major's Farm & Forest
Danbury - South Danbury Church	Milan Community Forest
Derry - First Parish Church	Milton Free Public Library
Dunbarton - Stone Farm	Milton - Plummer Homestead
E. Kingston - Monahan Farm	Moultonborough - Castle in the Clouds
Enfield - Smith Pond & Shaker Forest	Orford - Mason Pond
Francestown - The Beehive	Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church
Goffstown - Black Brook Preserve	Portsmouth - Richard Jackson House
Hampton - 1723 James House	Portsmouth - Wentworth-Gardner House
Hooksett - Clay Pond	Rye - Oceanic Hotel
Hooksett Town Hall	Stratham - Lane Homestead
Keene - United Church of Christ	Walpole - Vose Farm
Kensington - Bodwell Farm	Windham Presbyterian Church



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