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## From the Editor

This issue of *The Quarterly* brings a potpourri of articles, spanning the pre-revolutionary period through the latter half of the twentieth century. Scott Houting's article demonstrates the extensive audience participation that occurs during some of the Society's programs, while Roger Thorne provides an example of the intensive research that is often required to document a particular subject.

In organizational news, Roger Thorne has stepped down from his role as Society President after many highly productive years in that position. But fear not; Roger remains a very active member of the Board of Directors, and has several fascinating research projects underway. The Board has also been expanded to nine members with the addition of *Quarterly* editors Bonnie Haughey and Tim Lander.

The Society held its annual Members' Picnic on May 17, which is a bit earlier in the year and thus less likely to conflict with vacation schedules. The venue also shifted from Bill and Sue Andrews' home to St. Peter's Church, providing cover from the unpredictable weather. Roger Thorne, who functions as the historian of St. Peter's, provided the audience with a short lecture on the history of the church structure, after which a buffet luncheon was enjoyed. For those still able to walk after consuming all of the salads, ham, and dessert, Roger led a "walkabout" on the church grounds. Of particular interest to some participants were the resident sheep employed in the adjacent burying ground as greenskeepers.

Society members also visited the church archives, a treasure trove of old photographs and other documents. It was interesting to see, in one aerial photograph, that the church once stood in the middle of open fields, where today it's tucked away in the woods.

Altogether, it was a very informative and enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to the Rev. Anne Bridgers for her words of welcome as Rector of St. Peter's, and to the entire parish for their hospitality.



*See ewe next year!*

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