

THE BRIDGER



The Vermont Covered Bridge Society Newsletter – Winter 2022

Melanie Schropp, Editor

Annual Board of Directors Meeting for 2023

by Joe Nelson

The 2023 annual Board of Directors meeting was convened in accordance with VCBS Constitution and Bylaws Article 3, Part 2. Also in accordance with Article 3, Part 2. The meeting was conducted via Zoom.

On the agenda were standing committee budget requests and nine proposals. Eight members of the twelve-member board participated, giving us a quorum. Participating were Melody Beth Brown, Events Committee Chair; William Caswell, Jr., Advisory Director; Jim Kenison, Historical Committee Chair; William McKone, Publicity Committee Chair; Steve Miyamoto, Vice President; Daniel Monger, Treasurer and Membership Committee Chair; Joseph Nelson, President and Communications Committee Chair; and John Weaver, Bridge Watch Coordinator.

To assemble the agenda, the chairperson of each standing committee was asked to send their activity plan for the year 2023, along with the funding needed to execute the activity.

Events Committee

By Beth Brown-Limmer

Having met with my two EC members by phone and discussed the events left in 2022 and the one planned for 2023, I would like to submit a proposed budget of \$1,010.00 for 2023. By way of explanation, this is the breakdown:

* Two in-person (with Zoom capability) VCBS meetings - \$300.00 for venue fee, food, program speakers, reimbursement of travel to scout locations, postage, and miscellaneous

* Events – These are money-making and some of the proceeds (20%) could be funneled back to the general fund and the remainder (80%) to the Save-a-Bridge fund

* Vendor fees – State Fair at Rutland in August \$220.00, Festival in Chester in September \$190.00, other craft fairs, bazaars, farmers markets \$100.00; Total \$510.00

Additionally, there is a “Greening of the Bridges” \$100.00, and miscellaneous (postage, paper supplies, etc., and partial travel reimbursement) \$100.00 (current federal reimbursement rate on 10/28/22 is \$.58/mile. VCBS rate would be \$.29/mile.)

Should the Board of Directors choose to form a Funding Committee, the budget for the Events Committee for 2023 is proposed at \$500.00, while the Funding Committee would need a minimum of \$510.00, to pay the vendor’s fees outlined above and undertake a 2024 VCBS calendar project.

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Bridge Watch Committee

By John Weaver

The mission of the Bridge Watch Committee is to address condition and evaluation of Vermont covered bridges, including evaluation of proposed repair and renovation projects. There is no specific budget amount proposed to do this work in the coming year. Most likely, a budget amount will not be required.

Communications Committee

By Joe Nelson

The Communications Committee will continue to maintain *The Bridger*, both in hard copy and via internet. It is our publication of record, gathering and sharing news in the interest of the preservation of covered bridges for our posterity. Our expenses include printing and mailing hard copy, i.e. \$350.00 and \$312.00 per year, respectively, and \$200.00 for software maintenance of our internet activities.

Membership Committee

By Dan Monger

I have committed to sending out membership welcome letters. That requires \$60.00/year in stamps (we have had 31 net new memberships since 2/2/2022.)

I have also committed to sending out reminder letters for membership renewals. That requires \$60.00 per 100-stamp roll = 1.5 rolls = \$90.00 in stamps (all memberships except Life Single and Life Couple.)

Plus ink cartridges for my personal HP ENVY 6400e printer. (I purchased this, not VCBS.) \$45.00/black and color (can't buy just black) x 6 (~ 35 pages printed) = \$270.00; plus business envelopes @ \$27.00/500 count; plus Quicken annual subscription @ \$53.00. Total = \$500.00.

Historical Committee

By Jim Kenison

No expenditures are planned at this point, but it would be good to have a cushion available, not much, perhaps \$50.00 to draw on, if needed, for 2023 projects.

Publicity Committee

By Liam McKone

Regarding the budget for the Publicity Committee that I began to chair last summer, I have suggested providing \$500.00 for costs to acquire materials. I'd like to establish specific items as the responsibility of the Publicity Committee to ensure budgeting covers the needs and that there is not any duplication between committees (e.g. new signage on selected covered bridges, packages of banners and other promotional materials to be stored around the state, etc.)

Summary

The budget for the Events Committee is set for \$1,010.00; for the Bridge Watch Committee, \$15.00; for the Communications Committee, \$702.40; for the Membership Committee, \$500.00; for the Historical Committee, \$50.00; and for the Publicity Committee, \$500.00 (plus \$500.00 added for printing brochures.)

VCBS Policy Proposals

Proposal 1 – Should a standing committee be created to be responsible for the procurement of fundraising items? (i.e. Procurement Committee) – *Yes 1, No 7*

Proposal 2 – Should the Save-a-Bridge fund be removed from our checking account and moved to a Money Market account? – *Yes 8, No 0*

Proposal 3 – Should our membership fees be increased? *Yes 0, No 8*

Proposal 4 – Should the Society have a business credit card? – *Yes 0, No 8*

Proposal 5 – Should the VCBS purchase a Zoom subscription for the purpose of sharing the annual meetings with the members who are unable to attend due to distance or other limiting reasons? (approximately \$150.00/year) – *Yes 8, No 0*

Proposal 6 – Should the VCBS reevaluate the membership cycle...i.e. If a new member joins late in the year, can the membership be extended to cover the following year? How late? (Currently, a new member signing up in the fourth quarter is granted the following year. Add it as a rule to the bylaws?) – *Yes 8, No 0*

Proposal 7 – Should the VCBS consider a donation toward the Sanborn Covered Bridge project? How much? \$1,000.00 – *Yes 8, No 0*

Proposal 8 – The 100 Covered Bridge Facebook group was started a few years ago. There have been many people who have completed the challenge of visiting all the existing covered bridges in the state.

Should we consider offering a complimentary one-year membership to the VCBS to those who have completed this? The group was not officially started by the VCBS, but it works under the guidance of the VCBS. – *Yes 8, No 0*

Proposal 9 – Identify influential politicians and/or officeholders by consensus of the VCBS Board of Directors and consider them to be beneficial members of the VCBS and give them PDF copies of *The Bridger*. – *Yes 6, No 1, and one abstention.*

Events Committee

- by Beth Brown, Chair

Since the Fall issue, three events were held.

Midd Summer Market

VCBS booth at the Midd Summer Market in downtown Middlebury, September 1, 2022, from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

This was a well-attended market on the Thursday before Labor Day weekend, when the Middlebury College students were back on camps for the fall semester. We recruited one new VCBS member (who lives within sight of a Middlebury Covered Bridge) and sold \$200.00 worth of merchandise (2023 VCBS calendars, ball caps, stationery, books, bumper stickers, jewelry).

Fall Membership Meeting

The fall membership meeting was held on October 8, 2022, at the Clarendon Community Center (former Grange Hall) in North Clarendon, Vermont. Sixteen members attended in person. The business meeting

was conducted by Vice President Steve Miyamoto. Lunch was followed by a presentation by Nick Strom-Olsen, descendant of Nichols Powers, prolific builder of covered bridges (and other buildings) in Vermont. A caravan to Brown Covered Bridge afterwards was enjoyed by seven attendees. (The photo I took of six members, all who joined in 2022, while at the Brown Covered Bridge was submitted to a photo contest sponsored by our insurance company.) Watch for who won in the spring edition of *The Bridger*. It may be the VBCS!

Pittsford Craft and Holiday Show

The Pittsford Craft and Holiday Show was held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Three members manned the VCBS booth. We collected donations from the public for the Rutland County Greening of the Bridges, which is scheduled for December 2, and sold VCBS “swag.” All of the VCBS 2023 calendars (except for a handful at the online store www.vermontbridges.org) are now

sold. That is 400 ordered and sold since June 3, 2022! The proceeds from the Pittsford show was \$306.00. It's a nice little craft show, and with a vendor fee of only \$20, it's on my short list to do again in 2023.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped me this year to get the ball rolling (and keep it out of the weeds!) Have a very happy holiday season. Stay well and warm!

2023 Annual Meetings

The ***Spring Meeting*** will be held on Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in West Arlington, Vermont. Details of some exciting things to happen that day will be announced in the next issue of *The Bridger*. But, as you clean out your closets and drawers this winter, think about donations for a silent auction.

The ***Fall Meeting*** will be held on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in West Woodstock, Vermont. Work is in progress on the program and some other surprises.

Membership Committee

- by Dan Monger, Chair

For those VCBS members who are receiving this newsletter with the mailing label marked in red, this indicates that you are behind in your membership dues. Membership fees are due in January. Annual members who are more than one year behind in their dues need pay only for the current year to return to good standing. Members who do not respond will unfortunately be purged from the membership list. We are very sorry to lose them as members.

We now have 181 memberships, including:

- 3 Student
- 57 Individual Yearly
- 41 Family Yearly
- 46 Single Lifetime
- 29 Couple Lifetime
- 5 Business, Organization, or Municipality

Of our membership, 97 (53.6%) are residents of Vermont, 24 (13.3%) are residents of other New England states, 50 (27.6%) are residents of states outside of New England, 9 (5%) are residents of states west of the Mississippi, and 1 (.5%) is international (Canada).

VCBS fellow members wish you a very Happy Birthday and a sincere Happy Anniversary!

December

01 Terry & Jane Shaw
 06 Priscilla O'Reilly
 20 Lyn Whiston
 23 Ed Barna
 24 David & Marikka Guay
 25 Ann Ovitt
 26 Virginia Brackett
 27 Dan Brock
 27 Steve & Susan Miyamoto
 30 Gloria Davis
 31 Janet Bramhall

January

06 Ken Spoor
 12 Jim Patch
 15 Dan Castellini

February

02 Bill Caswell, Jr.
 05 Carol Robb
 07 Rick Cyphers
 12 Bob Cassidy
 12 Joe & Ruth Nelson
 14 Richard Howrigan
 24 John Weaver
 26 David Guay

Please note: If I have neglected anyone, please send me an email at: teelmonger@ptd.net. Thank you

Note from the President

There has been some discussion among our Board of Directors about the hard copy version of *The Bridger* being the costliest item in our budget, while our email version costs nothing to distribute.

Part of the problem is the increasing cost of postage. The other expense is printing the issues. The cost per reader is approximately \$.75 per printed copy plus \$.68 postage times four issues, equaling \$5.32 per reader annually. We have 121 readers, so the total cost to the Society is approximately \$643.00 per year.

Hard copy newsletters are traditional with our organization. Some of our readers enjoy sitting down with their copy of *The Bridger*, fresh from the mailbox, to peruse the latest covered bridge news. They may not have the resources to read the email version of the newsletter, or they may simply enjoy the traditional printed version.

The email newsletters offer an option for our readers who prefer to read their news electronically. While the hard copy newsletters are printed in black and white, the email version is presented in full color, with some great photography. If you choose to receive your newsletter by email, the money the Society saves will go to our Save-a-Bridge program.

The Vermont Covered Bridge Society will always produce a hard copy newsletter, but if you decide to receive your copy of *The Bridger* by email only, please contact me at jcarlnelson@yahoo.com.

Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Resource Center – Update

It has been a remarkably busy and productive year for the Resource Center, and we are making great strides on important future plans, including the early planning for our first-ever website.

We are making significant progress on our key goal of increasing access to our collection to people around the country and the world, particularly those who may not be able to visit Oxford in person. The meaningful support of so many covered bridge societies for our efforts is making a crucial difference.

I'd like to begin by introducing my friend and colleague, Noel Rubinton, to the covered bridge community. Although he is not new to covered bridges, he had been absent from the covered bridge scene for a number of years but is now back in the fold again. Many of you had the pleasure of meeting him at the Covered Bridge Leaders' Summit back in June. Noel has an incredible background in writing and working with non-profit groups and has already been a tremendous asset to me and the Center. We are so lucky to have him on board. Please join me in welcoming Noel back into our covered bridge community.

Here are the highlights of some of our recent endeavors:

During the spring, we worked with the iSchool (the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University), and the students and faculty there helped us develop strategy for the future. They did a terrific report for us, agreeing that there is a bright future for us to attract more visitors in person and online.

On August 18, we had six Colgate University students visit the Center as part of our new partnership with Colgate's community service program. With their assistance, we were able to accomplish a lot of sorting and organizing in a short period of time.

On September 9, we once again had two student volunteers from Colgate University as part of their 9/11 Service Day program. The students finished the inventory of bridge models previously started, and they took photographs of the models. We now have a complete inventory, with descriptions and photos, of all the wonderful covered bridge models at the Center. We hope to use these digital photographs in

a future website and perhaps mount an exhibition of the models.

We will soon be launching a partnership with NY Heritage, which is an organization of more than 300 libraries, museums, and other organizations in New York. This partnership will allow us to post on the thriving NY Heritage website the scans of many of our most interesting postcards, photographs, and slides for the public to see. This will give much needed access to the Resource Center to researchers and others and also give us important visibility and publicity.

Our student intern, Tyler Hagen, returned for the summer and assisted us with many necessary projects, such as making labels for photographs, doing inventories of maps, assisting with setup for the Covered Bridge Summit, and other duties.

On June 10-12, the Resource Center once again hosted a Covered Bridge Leaders' Summit, bringing together in Oxford about 20 top covered bridge leaders from around the country. This was the second summit; the first was held in 2015. Attendees traveled from seven states, including Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Guest speakers were Oxford Mayor Terry Stark, Zachary Finn of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, Claire Lovell of the South Central Regional Library Council (NY Heritage), Janna Rudler of the Preservation League of NY, and Sarah Keen, the Archivist for Colgate University. Several covered bridge leaders also spoke at the event about their innovative programs.

Beyond raising a wide variety of new ideas and giving many of us the chance to be together in person for the first time since the pandemic, there was another incredibly positive development that started for the Resource Center. Since the summer, various covered bridge societies have donated a total of \$2,780.00, that will cover future wages of a student intern for the Resource Center. We are tremendously grateful for this amazingly generous investment in our future.

As always, if you have a collection you would like to donate to the Center or have suggestions for us, please contact me at bobtrish68@twc.com or by phone at 607-674-9656. All of your involvement is greatly appreciated.

Happy holidays to you and your families,
Trish and Noel

Greening of the Bridges

By Beth Brown-Limmer

On Friday, December 2, 2002, the eight covered bridges in Rutland County were decorated with balsam wreaths or sprays. The Select Boards in Brandon, Pittsford, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury granted permission to the Chair of the VCBS Rutland County Chapter and enthusiastically embraced this initiative.



Kingsley Covered Bridge, Photo by Beth Brown-Limmer

Evergreen boughs were donated by a chapter member, and the proprietor of the Brandon Florist Shoppe donated her time and talent to fashion the sprays. In addition, six wreaths were either purchased at deep discount or donated by Blue Seal of Brandon and Brandon Florist Shoppe. Donations from the public were collected at the Pittsford Craft Show on November 12 to assist with this project, as well.

Starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Sanderson Covered Bridge in Brandon, and with the invaluable aid of ladders and labor donated by O’Raine and Sun Painting of Rutland, the “Greening of the Bridges” began. The work party then proceeded south to Pittsford to decorate Hammond, Depot, Gorman, and Cooley covered bridges. Then we went to Twin Covered Bridge on East Pittsford Road, the Kingsley in East Clarendon, and finished at the Brown Covered Bridge in Shrewsbury.

Many thanks to everyone who helped provide this very special treat for the traveling public. As the holidays are enjoyed by those passing through the covered bridges, may good tidings follow each one. It is our hope that 2002 is the first year of a new and long-lived tradition in Rutland County, Vermont.



*Nancy Hodgson, Paul Limmer, Kevin Sweeney
Brown Covered Bridge, Photo by Beth Brown-Limmer*

Loss of Bridge Divides Village

Sheldon, April 4, 1932 – Eight buildings comprising virtually the entire business section of the town were leveled to the ground and the two sections of this village were cut off from each other by the destruction of the highway bridge across Sheldon Creek, a tributary of the Missisquoi River, last night when a fire of undetermined origin swept through the property on the east bank of the river with a loss of \$75,000.

WIND WHIPS FLAMES

Whipped by a brisk north wind and too far advanced to be subdued by hand apparatus at hand when discovered raging in the W.W. Mower general store at about 11:30, the blaze burned itself out, the wooden buildings in its path providing ready tinder.

Any hope of controlling the fire vanished when the 150-foot covered bridge connecting the east side of the village with the main highway caught fire. Aid had been hastily summoned from Enosburg Falls, but when the motorized apparatus arrived, the bridge

was afire and the firemen could not get near the burning buildings. They devoted their efforts to preventing the flames from crossing the river to the residential section and hotel on the west side.

NOTHING STANDING

Today the bridge was gone completely, timbers having been carried away by the swollen stream as fast as they dropped into it. Not a wall was standing in the area ravaged by the fire.

The Mower block which housed the general store on the first floor, the dance hall and the masonic hall on the second floor; another adjoining Mower building which formerly housed a tin smith shop; the W.C. Marsh block, which housed the post office and barber shop operated by Mose Larabee; Hoods Creamery, an unoccupied dwelling house belonging to the creamery; the blacksmith shop formerly operated by Brig Northrup; the cheese house near the hood creamery; a horse shed and the large highway bridge all were totally destroyed.

Of the buildings owned, the only ones occupied by business interests were the Mower store, the post office and barber shop. The creamery and the cheese plant had not been in operation for some time, farmers from this vicinity taking their milk to the creamer at Sheldon Junction.

THE FIRE SPREADS QUICKLY

The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first discovered by Otis Reed in the rear of the Mower general store and had gained such headway that although volunteer fire fighters arrived on the scene quickly, nothing could be done to stop the fire from spreading. The village has no fire department and the only water that was procurable was from the nearby creek. The flames raced through the Mower block and nothing was saved with the exception of a few articles from the post office. A call for help was sent to the Enosburg Falls fire department which responded with their motorized fire equipment. With the highway bridge in flames the Enosburg fire fighters had to be satisfied with remaining on the west side of the river. Much credit is due to the visiting firemen for their work in saving the C.H. Jones building which houses the Jones meat market and grocery store, situated just across the river from the burning buildings.

TO REBUILD BRIDGE

Volunteer fire fighters worked hard in saving the railroad station and other buildings which were being threatened by the flames.

With the burning of the highway bridge it cuts the village in two and as a result, school commissioners after considering conditions this morning announced that there would be no school this week in the village school which is situated on the east side of the river.

The loss is only partially covered by insurance and there is very little hope of any of the burned structures being rebuilt with the exception of the highway bridge. Town selectmen stated this morning that work on building a new bridge will start as soon as possible.

The east section of the village was without power or telephone service during the night and both the public electric light company and telephone company had men at work early this morning making repairs. – *St. Albans Weekly Messenger*

Editor's Note: Our thanks to member Rae Laitres for finding and sharing this item with us.

President's Note: The bridge connecting the two halves of the village was called the Bridge Street Bridge, 45-06-34X, a 150-foot double-barreled structure using a Burr arch truss. See www.lostbridges.org for photos and history.

New Member Corner

By Beth Brown-Limmer

This year has seen a marked increase in the number of members in the Vermont Covered Bridge Society. Welcome to all! Please reach out if you have an idea, project, or an abundance of volunteer spirit. Together, the VCBS is stronger, more visible, and more effective in achieving our mission.

Two new VCBS business members are highlighted in this issue of *The Bridger*: Eclectic Art Prints and the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region.

Eclectic Art Prints was founded in 2016 by the children of Marion Wilcox Fleming, a lifelong artist. Marion grew up in West Arlington, Vermont, where she was mentored by Norman Rockwell and other artists living there in the 1940's and 1950's. She had a "keen eye for beauty in many forms, whether in the face of a neighbor, an autumn bog, or an impending storm," writes her daughter, Julie. One of her favorite subjects to paint – covered bridges! Prints of many of her paintings can be found at www.mwfleming.com, and in December 2022, there will be a display of her works at the Fair Haven

Welcome Center, 1356 Prospect Street, Fair Haven, Vermont. Located on the New York/Vermont border in western Rutland County, this welcome center is one of the busiest in Vermont. If you are in that area, stop in to see Marion Fleming's art firsthand before you order from the website.



Photo by Beth Brown-Limmer



Photo by Beth Brown-Limmer

The Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) is a good collaboration for the Vermont Covered Bridge Society to establish. According to Crispin White, Member Services and Events Manager, visitors to the Rutland area often stop into the Chamber and are seeking “a unique experience” while in Vermont. Now, with an abundance of VCBS brochures at the ready, the covered bridges in the area can be recommended with ease. CEDRR will keep the brochure rack at the Rutland Amtrak Station stocked with VCBS brochures also. They will seize every opportunity to promote the mission of the VCBS, and that is always a good thing! Perhaps CEDRR membership for the Rutland Chapter of the VCBS and other history-focused local non-profit groups might become possible in the near future. With the vision and innovative ideas CEDRR has, the benefits of membership they offer, and their new office space within The Hub CoWorks at 67 Merchants Row in downtown Rutland, their membership in the VCBS is very exciting indeed.

Again, welcome! Other businesses, organizations, and municipalities are encouraged to join the VCBS! Membership application and dues information can be found at www.vermontbridges.org.

Swanton Covered Bridge Slated for Major Repair

By Cindy Drew, November 24, 1978

Restoration work on the historic railroad bridge which spans the Missisquoi River is scheduled to begin soon.

Eric Gilbertson of the Vermont Division of Historic Sites said that work on the damaged roof should take

place as the weather permits. No exact date could be given.

The bridge, which is on the National Record of Historic Places, is owned by the Division. A number of years ago several community members pushed to

have the bridge placed on the National Register to insure its preservation.

According to Gilbertson, there are only three other bridges like it in the state, but none as long. It had been estimated that it is the longest bridge of its kind still standing in the nation. The structure was in use until the early 1970's.



GATEWAY TO THE PAST – This large covered bridge carried trains across the Missisquoi River during the late 1800's and into the early 1970's. Marked for restoration work, the bridge will be preserved for future generations to admire. (Photo by Francis W. More in the 1960's)

The wooden span does have a few large holes in its roof, but it is otherwise in excellent condition. Holes were discovered following a large blaze which wiped out Merchants Row during the early 1970's. Some believe that sparks from the fire caught the bridge roof and burned it. No one, however, knows exactly how the holes got there.

According to information supplied by the Historic Sites Division, the bridge was built in 1898, "to connect what is presently the St. Johnsbury and Lamoille County Railroad, a lateral line running from St. Johnsbury to Swanton, with the main north-south line of the Central Vermont railroad directly west to the river."

The account goes on to say, "The structural integrity of the bridge, from abutments to trusses, remains substantially unimpaired.

Both peg and bolted bridge joints are used, an indication of the "Transition of bridge building technology at the turn of the 20th Century."

Since its closing, the tracks leading to the bridge have been taken out.

According to research, the bridge has a "very unusual roof-reinforcing truss." Similar trusses were used in the roof of the St. Albans train shed.

Built in approximately equal spans, the structure has a length of 369 feet. Combined with unusual height, it is an impressive sight.

"Three gabled smoke cupolas, once located along the roof ridge, were removed after World War II, when the railroad was dieselized," the report said – St. Albans Weekly Messenger

Editor's Note: Our thanks to member Rae Laitres for finding and sharing this item with us.

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Winter is the Best Time

By David Budbill

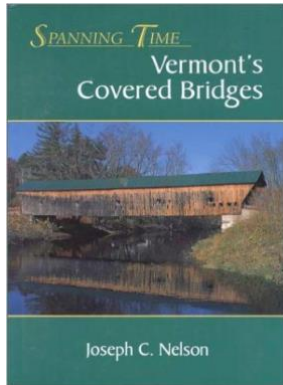
Winter is the best time
to find out who you are.

Quiet, contemplation time,
away from the rushing world,

cold time, dark time, holed-up
pulled-in time and space

to see that inner landscape,
that place hidden and within.

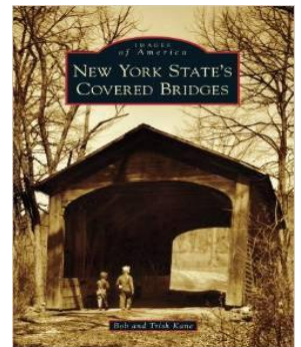
For Sale



Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges, by Joseph C. Nelson, features 102 color photographs of Vermont's covered bridges in fifteen chapters, each a guided tour. The tours are complete with maps, commentary on the uniqueness of each bridge, and historic highlights about the towns and villages in which the bridges stand.

An appendix provides: A Summary of Vermont's Covered Bridges; A Covered Bridge Glossary; A Bridge Truss section, explaining how trusses work; Thumbnail biographies of the people who designed and built the bridges; A Covered Bridge Reading List for bridge and history buffs; and A detailed Index. *Spanning Time: Vermont's Covered Bridges*: 7" x 10", 288 pages. Published by New England Press of Shelburne, VT. For reviews of the book, go to www.vermontbridges.com/bookreviews.htm. *Spanning Time* is available directly from the author for \$20.00, plus \$3.00 shipping. Send your check or money order to: VCBS, P.O. Box 267, Jericho, VT 05489.

New York State's Covered Bridges - When one typically thinks of covered bridges, New York is not the first state to come to mind, but New York once had over 300 covered bridges. Floods, fires and progress have claimed all but 32. Readers will enjoy seeing NY's current bridges, including the oldest existing covered bridge in the U.S., the Hyde Hall Covered Bridge, located in Glimmerglass State Park, and the world's longest single-span covered bridge in the world, the Blenheim Covered Bridge, washed away by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. This book also highlights the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Resource Center in Oxford, NY, the first ever center of its kind specifically designed for covered bridge researchers. For a copy of the tour, contact Bob and Trish Kane, 167 Williams Rd., Sherburne, NY 13460, 607-674-9656, bobtrish68@twc.com.

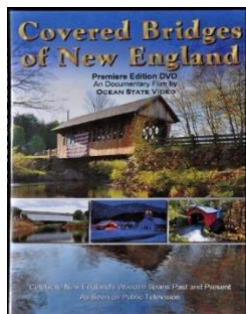
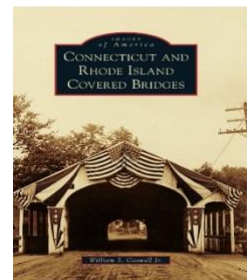


Visions of Vermont art gallery, Jeffersonville, Vermont at: <https://www.visionsofvermont.com/>, 802.644.8183

A special sale for the benefit of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society featuring the works of Eric Tobin. All proceeds of the unframed prints go to the VCBS. Sale of the framed prints will be shared 50/50. They are all Giclée on acid free paper. The glass is non-glare artist's glass.

- 10"x12" unframed, \$125
- 16"x20" unframed, \$175
- 16"x20" matted and framed, \$550
- 20"x24" matted and framed, \$850

Connecticut and Rhode Island Covered Bridges – Price reduced! During their heyday in the mid- to late 1800s, more than 150 covered bridges dotted the landscape of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Since that time, floods, fires, and progress have claimed all but two of the historic structures. With over 200 images, this book provides insight into the covered bridge history of an area that has not been well documented in the past. To order your signed copy, send \$20.00 to Bill Caswell, 535 Second NH Turnpike, Hillsboro, NH 03244.



Covered Bridges of New England – DVD, During the 19th and early 20th centuries, New England was home to nearly 1,000 covered bridges. Today there are fewer than 200 in the six-state region. This one-hour documentary visits more than 75 bridges and interviews with several of the people dedicated to the preservation of these precious examples of our country's earliest infrastructure. Produced by Ocean State Video of Rhode Island for Public Television. Profits will go to the Vermont Covered Bridge Society's Save-a-Bridge Program. For your copy, send \$10.00 plus \$1.88 shipping to: Vermont Covered Bridge Society, c/o Joe Nelson, P.O. Box 267, Jericho, VT 05465-0267.



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Membership Application

(Business or Society please provide name of contact person)

New Member Renewing Member

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

email _____

Check type of membership

- Individual - \$10 Family - \$15 Student - \$8
- Life single - \$150 Life couple - \$200
- Business/Organization/Municipality - \$15
- Sign me up for PDF version of newsletter

Check type of donation;
We are a 501c3 Non-profit org.
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- Palladio - \$2 Palmer - \$5 Hale - \$10
- Powers - \$50 Town - \$75 Tasker - \$100
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