

The Candia Heritage Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, provides for the proper recognition, use and protection of Candia's historic and cultural resources.

During 2009, the Commission:

1. Participated in Moore School Agricultural Day with a presentation to illustrate food production and preservation by an early 20th Century self-sustained farm family as contrasted to today's food supply. Students were encouraged to realize the benefits and possibilities of growing locally.
2. Participated in Candia Old Home Day with a similar display in conjunction with the Agricultural Committee.
3. Adopted a Commission logo designed by Christine Dupere.
4. Purchased a National Registry of Historic Places plaque for the Gov. Smyth Building.
5. Participated in Lights on the Hill at the historic Smyth Building, distributing "The Hill" maps and brochures.
6. Began walking tour map and brochure for East Candia and are considering application for a state Historic Marker for this community.
7. Updated records of the Smyth Schoolhouse that was removed from North Road and reassembled at Sturbridge Village Museum in Sturbridge, Mass. with the intent to sign the original location.
8. Requested that the building inspector advise the Commission of any intent to demolish an historic building.
9. Monitored barn preservation easements.
10. Organized the town-wide roadside cleanup. NH Beautiful awarded the town 800 daffodil bulbs for the accomplishment. The Candia Garden Club planted the bulbs.
11. Established a Semiquincentennial Celebration Committee to be co-chaired by Ron and Linda Thomas. The committee is seeking organizations, businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring various events throughout the 2013 anniversary year.
12. Led an historical bus tour of the 5 villages in Candia for the Moore 4th graders. The Commission supports the 4-year, 4th grade project, "A History of Candia by Kids for the Kids" that will culminate as part of the celebration in 2013.

The Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in the rich historic and cultural heritage of our town is welcomed to attend.

Members: Diane Philbrick, chair; Jim Lindsey, vice-chair; Ron Thomas, secretary; Carleton Robie, Selectmen's representative; Christine Dupere; Ray Cresswell, Ken Madden.
Alternates: Sarah Giles, Betty Sabeau, Carol Howe.