



# Freedom Historical Society

*"Preserving Freedom's Past for Future Generations"*

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*Celebrating 50 years as a Non-profit Corporation!*

**May 2019**

*The Freedom Historical Society was formed in 1965 and incorporated in 1968 and has sought to secure Freedom's legacy. We continue this effort because of the value we all receive in preserving Freedom's past.*

## **Freedom Historical Society Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Freedom NH Historical Society is to collect, research and display objects and records relating to the town's history for educational and cultural preservation. The Society fosters and inspires awareness and appreciation of the town's past through the records and collections in the Allard House and Works Barn Museum, and through its cultural education programs and publications.

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*The Freedom Historical Society & Museum is located at 28 Old Portland Rd in Freedom. We are open from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Saturday & Wednesday from 10 am - 12. we are open year round on Wednesday only from 10 am - 12. Open other times by appointment by calling 603-733-9307.*

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members and Friends:

In this newsletter we are tipping our hat to the **Madison Historical Society** and plugging their 2019 planned summer exhibit entitled "A Century of Games". We encourage you to visit them this summer. This gave us the idea of highlighting what games we have in our Freedom museum, including the "Bug-eyed Monsters" game which is cited in our own village. You can see these games at you next museum visit,

Speaking of which, our summer season starts on the Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> of Memorial Day weekend. The museum will be open every Wednesday and Saturday except during Old Home Week when we will be open every day. Hours are 10am-12pm. It's surprising how many people have not been to our museum, or haven't been in many years. Please do come by and see what progress we have made on our collections. We have greeters to guide you through.

As a reminder, we are grateful for those who have sent in their 2019 membership. For those of you who undoubtedly have been meaning to ☺, a membership form is included herein. We humbly ask that you also consider an additional donation to support our Archival project, operating expenses, or an education program of your choice. Your generosity is so valuable and appreciated! Thank you.

Sincerely, Co-Presidents  
John Shipman

Roberta MacCarthy

## FHS RECENT NEWS

- **Reminder about the 2019 Freedom Historical Society educational programs!** Please tell your friends and spread the word about our great programs in 2019. And, put the list on your calendar- you don't want to miss them!
  - MAY 15- MICHAEL BRUNO: "CRUISING NH HISTORY"
  - JUNE 19- GORDON DUBOIS: "HIKING HISTORICAL NH; 5 DESTINATIONS THAT DEFINE NH'S PAST"
  - JULY 17- JEFF WARNER: "BANJOS, BONES, BALLARDS"
  - AUG 21- JO RADNER: "FAMILY STORIES: HOW & WHY TO REMEMBER & TELL THEM"
  - SEP 18- ROBERTA MACCARTHY & ANNE GAUDETTE: "REMARKABLE PEOPLE OF FREEDOM"
  - OCT 16- FHS ANNUAL MTG/POT LUCK DINNER; Dr. Jim Vernon, Nobis Engineering: "Lake's Region Geology"
- **The FHS 2019 Calendar.** As announced last newsletter the theme of the 2020 FHS calendar will again be "Remarkable People of Freedom", but with a whole new set of people to read about. The calendars will be announced and for sale at a special event at the Freedom Gallery on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00. The calendars are a major fundraiser for the Society and we look forward to expanding your knowledge about remarkable people from Freedom's past!
- **Collections Update:** Our collection database now contains 1,804 total records: 272 photographs, 1,407 objects, 86 archive records, and 39 library records. Of this number, 262 have been entered since 9/1/2018. Our cataloguers include Sylvia Carney, Nadine Chapman, Pam Keith, Judy Smith, Hillary Johnson, and Lizzie Davis. Cataloguing our museum collections -- artifacts, photographs, archival materials, and publications -- allows us to also document the lives of the Freedomites whose stories those collections tell. The catalogue record contains a data field we use to identify people who appear in photographs or who are associated with documents or artifacts. We have thus far created a People Biographies database of 431 people. We are able to record information such as dates and places of birth and death, parents, children, spouses, education,

career, and much more. The information we enter may be limited but we're doing our best to, over time, build a valuable resource of Freedom history. Some records may only have the birth and/or death date but others are more complete depending upon resource information we have in our files and publications. For example, of the 431 people, 52 records include birth date, 43 include death date, 67 include spouse, 31 include children, 31 include mother name, 38 contain father name, and there are 17 records containing much fuller detail.

Finally, it's great to report that our Collections policies & procedures, which Nadine significantly updated, have been recently reviewed and approved by the Board. We can't overstate the significance of the work that Nadine has contributed to the museum and to the origination and access of our collection. Thank you, Nadine!

- **Museum clean-up and season opening:** Please put these important dates into your calendar and come help us if you can.
  - Spring cleaning at the Allard House is happening **May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** (Friday and Saturday) from 9am-noon and we could sure use your help for an hour or two during that time- it's easy and we'll provide refreshments!
  - Museum Opening is **May 25<sup>th</sup>** (Memorial Day weekend) from 10am-noon. Drop to celebrate and see what is up for 2019!
- **We Need Your Help!** Have I mentioned this before ☺? We need the help of volunteers to help with any and all aspects of our museum work. No experience necessary; we will show you what to do. A couple of hours here and there will help. We usually do museum work on Wednesdays, but we can adapt to your schedule. If I say "pretty please" will that help ☺?

### DID YOU KNOW?

That there are over 18 sources for historical research in our resource room at the FHS Museum? To see what is available go to

<https://freedomhistoricalsociety.org/historical-research-resources/>



See: [www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.freedomhistoricalsociety.org) and learn more.

# Freedom Games

What's fun in our Museum?  
Games from the past

## Bug-Eyed Monsters [of Freedom!]

### GREG COSTIKYAN'S BUG-EYED MONSTERS

Copyright © 1983 WEST END GAMES, INC., N.Y., N.Y.



Before we describe this game, all credit for the text goes to the game's creator, Greg Costikyan. And, we want to thank Maynard Thompson for finding this game on the internet and buying a copy for us.

Greg Costikyan ([www.costik.com](http://www.costik.com)) is a game designer and consultant in New York City and has designed more than 30 commercially published board, roleplaying, computer, online, mobile and social network games. The MIT Press published his book "Uncertainty in Games" in 2013. Greg is an inductee into the Adventure Gaming Hall of Fame. He has visited Freedom often since he is related to the Holmgren family whose house is on Old Portland Road.

First of all, this is a board game, and most of the sites on the board are recognizable to us here in Freedom. Most family names have been changed to

"protect the innocent", I presume, except for the Holmgren's who at the time of this game's creation lived in what is now the Keith's home on Elm Street. Below are some excerpts from the game to give you an idea of characters and content.

**BUG-EYED MONSTERS** has two scenarios; in one, the aliens land to capture human women and take them off in their spaceship. In the other, they land to capture presidential hopeful Dwight D. Eisenhower, campaigning in New Hampshire in preparation for the Republican primaries. Breaking the stillness of a quiet winter night in the little town of Freedom, New Hampshire, is a crack of thunder, quickly muffled by snow. They have arrived. On silent grey sleds, they slide through the forest, readying their lasers and stunners, drooling slightly in anticipation. They choose their first target: a little clapboard house nestled in the woods above town. They attack. The sounds of lasers and stunners are soon met by cries of fear and rage. Wild with lust, they fail to notice when one human makes it to a car, and careens away, to rouse the citizenry of the small town against the alien threat. Ugly, slobbering, bug-eyed monsters! They land in remote American towns and make off with women!



(Game character tiles, including John Holmgren and Margie Buell (aka, Allard?))

### Church Officers & Volunteer Firemen

If there is a human in the church hex (2310) during the activation phase, he may ring the church bell. When this happens, all humans who are church officers (those who have a small "C" printed on their counters) are immediately activated. A human who rings the church bell may not move during the following human player-turn, nor may he make a fire or melee attack. He can ring the bell even if there are BEMs in the same hex.



Similarly, any human in the firehouse hex (1905) during the activation phase can sound the fire alarm. When this happens, all volunteer firemen (who have small "F"s printed on their counters) are immediately activated.

### Dogs & Democrats

The Frederick family is no damn good. Everyone in town knows it. Sherm Frederick is a drunkard, and the whole family is a pack of Democrats. Respectable people don't listen to them. Humans who are Democrats (those with small "D"s on their counters) cannot "spread the word".



### Aliens Kidnap Presidential Hopeful

It is primary time, and presidential hopeful Dwight Eisenhower is campaigning in New Hampshire with an entourage of state troopers and secret service

men. While pressing the flesh of potential voters, Eisenhower is surprised by a party of bug-eyed monsters, intent on kidnapping him.



If, at the end of the game, the BEMs have kidnapped Eisenhower and have moved him into the space-ship, the BEM player wins. If, in addition, he has lost one or no BEMs in the course of the game, he wins a decisive victory; if he has lost two to four, he has won a substantial victory; if he has lost five or more, he has won a marginal victory. If Eisenhower is killed, the game is a draw. If Eisenhower is neither killed nor captured, the human player wins. If he has killed at least five BEMs, he wins a decisive victory; if he has killed one through four BEMs, he wins a substantial victory; otherwise, he wins a marginal victory.



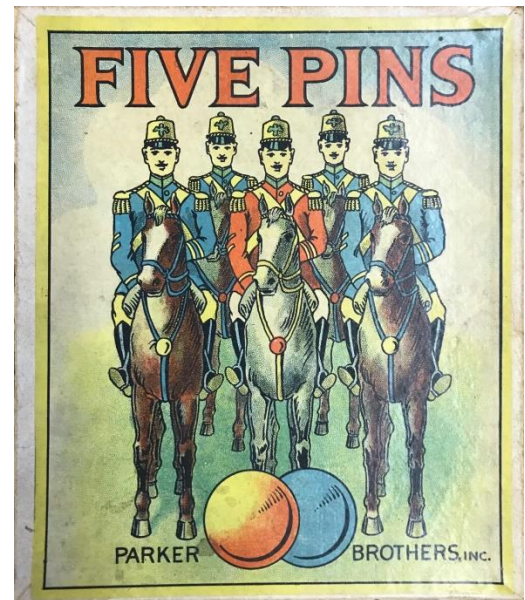
(Eisenhower & police tiles)

### Other games in our collection:

The comical game of **“Who?”** By Parker Brothers, Salem, MA. Ca. 1910. 60 playing cards printed with comical questions and answers.



**Five Pins.** Parker Brothers, Salem Ma. Early 1900's. This A table-top bowling game. (Parker Bros. also produced a racist version was also produced called “Sambo Five Pins”, which we do not have.).



The improved game of **“Fish Pond”**. McLoughlin Bros, New York. Patented Jan 28, 1860. Each fish has a type and points assigned and one “fishes” them out of slots in the pond



It is clear from the types of fish they used, that a fisheries biologist was not consulted. Finding a “haddock” or a “herring” in a fish pond would be a strange sight, for sure.

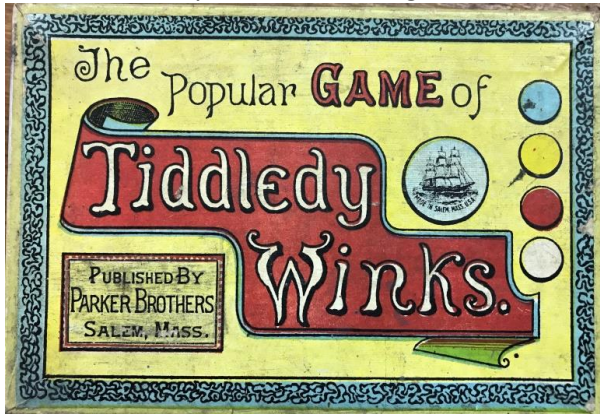


The popular game of **Tiddledy Winks**. Parker Brothers, Salem, MA. Ca 1900. (remember to pronounce the third “d”!). Now here is a game with history (see [Tiddledywinks.org](http://Tiddledywinks.org))!

- 1889, Joseph Assheton Fincher applies for and receives an English trademark for “TIDDLEDY-WINKS”.
- 1936, The Duke of Kent sees TIDDLYTENNIS played at the British Industries Fair.



- 1955, The Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club (CUTwC) is formed.
- 1958, The English Tiddlywinks Association (ETwA) is founded.
- 1960, First Varsity Match, Cambridge vs. Oxford.



- 1963, International Federation of Tiddlywinks Associations established.
- 1966, the North American Tiddledy Winks Association is founded.
- 1973, first World Singles match.
- 1978, first World Pairs match.
- 1988, first British Tiddledy wink tour of the United States.
- 2005, 50th anniversary celebration of modern winks and the first modern tiddlywinks club, the Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club
- 2009, The first triples tournament is held in the UK: the London Triples.
- There have been 1407 Tiddledy Wink games produced by 337 game makers.

**“Soldiers on Parade”,** Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, MA. Ca. 1900. “Game” includes 5” cardboard soldiers with wooden bases to be set up in formations. Some versions have up to 100 soldiers in the set (ours has 5).



**“Flinch”** card game. Flinch Card Co., Kalamazoo, Mich. 1913. Invented in 1901 by A.J. Patterson Kalamazoo, MI. Mr. Patterson was a bookkeeper at a stationery store and, once he invented the game, he ran the card company out of the same store. This custom deck has 150 cards: ten sets of cards numbered from one to

fifteen. It involves two to eight players and the object of the game is to get rid of all one's cards.



**Can you volunteer to transcribe handwritten documents into typed form?**

**How about helping to sort and organize photos and documents for scanning?**

If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at [FHSociety28@gmail.com](mailto:FHSociety28@gmail.com). Or, contact John Shipman at 539-5779 or Nadine Chapman at 539-6594.

### **Memberships & Donations**

The majority of our support comes from membership dues and donations. We are very grateful to the following individuals who became new members or paid their membership as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019:

**Lifetime Members:** William S. Barrett, Edward Boyer, Ramon & Susan Marks, Barbara McEvoy, CSM R. S. Oram, Nancy Seabury, Laura & Maynard Thomson, Sylvia & John Manley, G W Brooks & Son, Katharine Watts, Roberta MacCarthy, Gary Ward.

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**April:** Shipman, John; Carney, Sylvia; Bodnar, Joanne Nason; Custard, Alice; Middleton, Jack; Moore, Anne & Kim; Habif, Linda; Taylor, Carole & Brian.

The generosity of all of you is most appreciated.

### **Archival Project and Other Donations**

We are very appreciative of those members and donors who give additional donations to the general fund or to the **Archival Project fund**: Anne & Scott Cunningham, Charles & Heloise Depew, Jack Middleton, Howsie Stewart, Mike & Loel Poor, Charles & Holly Watts, Caroline Collins, Katherine Watts ; this latter project has pledges over a five-year period. We thank the following people for their **additional donations**: Jane McKensie, Lorraine Martin, Peg Scully, Charles & Heloise Depew, Emily Phillips, Charles & Holly Watts, Ruth & Bob Smart, and one anonymous donor.

### **Local Businesses Support your Historical Society**

We thank our local businesses that have made a significant contribution to our operating costs in 2019 by advertising their businesses in our fund-raising calendar. We encourage you to do business with them. If you would like to be, or know someone who would like to be a sponsor, please call 539-5799. It helps everyone to “shop local”!

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**Terri Brooks, Watercolor & Pastel Artist**

These and all our member donations means we can continue the critical process of making sure all of the Society's historical records will be preserved and stored electronically, as a security backup to the real thing.

### **We love old photos and biographies!**

We know you have old family photos of days gone by in Freedom. Or even current family photos that you can share. And biographical/genealogical information. We can scan them and return the originals to you; or, if you are tech savvy, scan them yourself and e-mail them to us, or share from your iPhone or computer. Remember, you and your family are now part of Freedom's history! Record it!

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☐ Yes, I'd like to know more about helping with a small project.

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