

The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum Board of Trustees is honored to announce that the Perkins House Project will be assisted by a Preservation Grant, made possible by a partnership between the Freeman Foundation and the Preservation Trust of Vermont. The grant of \$45,000, coupled with funds from community members, will make Phase 2 of the project a reality. Phase 2, which will begin soon, includes roofing, repairing exterior woodwork, painting and window conservation. Phase 2 will also include reconstruction of the barn.

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has encouraged this project from its inception and its personnel have provided us with valuable counsel.

The Museum Board is now planning for Phase 3 which will include all interior construction work and site landscaping. We continue to seek the support of community organizations, individuals and businesses. The Board has received a challenge to complete the Perkins House Project by 2009, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Museum's founding.

Anyone interested in supporting the preservation of the building and Mount Holly's history can contact Lory Doolittle, [lory@vermontel.net](mailto:lory@vermontel.net) or 259-3722 or Maggie Blane at 259- 2983.

We look forward to seeing you at our Festival of Lights event at Jackson Gore on December 2, from 6:30 to 11:00. Tickets are \$45 each and include dinner and dancing. Area businesses and artists will create holiday wreaths for a silent and live auction. Ron Unterman will preside again this year and Jamie Wood will provide music. Tickets are available from Linda Nexon. Send your check c/o Linda to Box 17, Belmont, VT 05730.