

[Back to list](#)

BLOG: 'GLAD' TO VISIT LITTLETON

05 Aug 2016 1:51 PM | [Kelly Bryer \(Administrator\)](#)



On August 1st the

Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a group of Granite State Ambassador volunteers on a visit to their area. Everyone was so welcoming and gracious – it really made our volunteers fall in love with Littleton! A big recurring theme from the comments I received was how much pride and sense of community the Littleton businesses exuded. It made a huge impact on the GSAs impression of Littleton. [An extra special thank you to GM Photography for the photos; Polly's Pancake Parlor for breakfast; Little Village Toy & Book Shop for fun gifts and The Nest of Littleton for generous gift certificates to choose a special remembrance of our day.](#)

View all of our photos at: <https://goo.gl/photos/A3KYQtpnWPhd3bJw9>

Here's a story from Sally Corcoran, Children's Museum of NH Class of 2013, about how her trip got started! You can read more tidbits about the rest of the day following...

Sandra C and I traveled up to Littleton on Sunday, staying overnight at the 1833 [The Beal House Inn & Restaurant](#), 2 West Main Street, Littleton NH 03561, so we'd be in town the next day for our Littleton NH Tour. The federal era colonial style Inn was recently purchased by a young couple in December 2015 and they are continually making changes to the inn while operating the Upscale Restaurant. The couple grew up in CT and Londonderry NH.

We were given a special rate for the room which featured antiques, TV, wifi and a large bathroom. I later learned there are some haunted rooms at the Inn and I smiled because I jokingly mentioned to Sandra C that I thought we had a visitor that night in the form of a friendly ghost...really.

Dinner time we decided to eat at the Restaurant where we were joined by another GSA, who was staying in the area and all agreed that the upscale menu selection was reasonably priced all under \$20. We each tried something different; hamburger, steak and a roast pork dinner and were very pleased with our selection.



Monday morning started by having breakfast at [Polly's Pancake Parlor](#), located 14 miles away at 672 route 117, Sugar Hill NH 03585, open 7 days a week from 7am to 3pm. The building was originally a carriage shed built in 1830. Polly and Wilfred (Sugar Bill) Dexter turned it into a tea room in the 1930's and in 1938 began offering pancakes, waffles and French toast – all you can eat for 50 cents to promote their maple products.

Today Polly's also features a gift shop and mail order business featuring their pancake mixes and maple sugar products. The business is still operated by family members and Polly's Pancake Parlor is noted for stone grinding their own organically grown grain- using the

original pancake recipe, farmed raised eggs, and smoke house bacon, sausage and ham. They are also noted for “the best coffee made from pure fresh mountain water.” They have received many prestigious awards – one of them being the *James Beard American Classic Award*.

It was interesting to learn that the waitresses at Polly’s cook your pancakes when you place your order. There were nine GSA’s enjoying breakfast at Polly’s along with Jessica Bunker, from the Littleton Chamber of Commerce who organized our fabulous Littleton tour. Some of us ordered French toast instead of pancakes and it’s always served with pure maple syrup. I chose the oatmeal-buttermilk blueberry pancakes and smoked ham with that great cup of coffee. My experience was wonderful, and I’d recommend Polly’s to everyone I meet and greet – including friends and family! I plan to do a return visit this year since it’s open year round.

Here are some comments & photos from our GSAs about other stops during the day. Thank you Sandra, Norma, Duncan, Mary, Sally, Janet, Debbie, Diane,

“Littleton really won my heart over by its “Be Glad” flags which added additional charm to this quaint little town and a welcoming feeling when you walk down its busy Main Street – knowing I’m inhaling that fresh mountain air.”

“I came away from Littleton with a real flavor of the town, as well as the pride of the people. Truly the NH way ;)”

“All the business owners were so welcoming and gave us a good sense of what the town has to offer. Littleton has a beautiful Main Street and is so vibrant. I have no reservations in suggesting to my family, friends, and tourists that they visit Littleton and enjoy its ambiance and meet its friendly residents. This town has something for all age groups and is very family friendly.”

“I really enjoyed our trip to Littleton NH. It was so much fun shopping and of course learning about Littleton history as well meeting the store owners and their staffs. Everyone was so friendly and knowledgeable. I found it very interesting that many shops have family ties going back generations. The Opera House, Historical museum, and the Thayer Hotel were historical gems. I look forward to sharing everything I learned.”

“Your town has grown a lot since I last toured there, much in the positive, and I would like to come back again soon as well as suggest to our Center guests that Littleton is a fun place to visit, even on a rainy day.”

Littleton Opera House / Littleton Historical Society

A highlight was visiting the Littleton Historical Society museum on the bottom floor of the Littleton Opera House.

“It’s obvious how much pride you possess in the Littleton Historic Society Museum. It was such a great experience to see your vision to preserve the past.”

Chutter’s Candy & Gifts

“The sweet spot on our tour was Chutters with its longest candy counter in the world. The hardest part was choosing which of the glass jars filled with favorites to open first! I even picked up a couple fun items in their well appointed gift shop.”



Thayer’s Inn

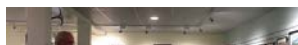
“Thayers inn was a very interesting stop with lots of historic stories with a dramatic flare. Thank you Harry & Richard!”

“Thayer’s is a gem of an Inn – such interesting stories and history. The inn is charming and an important part of Littleton. You have worked hard to preserve the past and have brought the Inn into the present and future. Sharing information about your Inn with those who wish to experience a great place to stay in Littleton will be my pleasure.”



Nest of Littleton

Not only was our group of welcome center volunteers impressed by





the tasteful and beautiful gift shop and gallery, they were blown away by the generosity, dedication and community mindedness of the owner Dave Ernsberger. Community pride was clearly evident throughout our entire day and Nest was no exception. If you haven't shopped Nest of Littleton, you need to visit. Add them to the long list of fantastic shops along Main Street, Littleton and you have a fun-filled day ahead of you!

Northern Lights Music

Littleton's full of music thanks to the Downtown Piano Project and Northern Lights Music.

"Northern Lights Music Shop is a unique storefront. The guitars are just fabulous and what an opportunity you afford to those who are musically inclined. Never have seen such a diverse selection of guitars, all makes and price ranges. Will certainly suggest to any music lovers I know to take a trip North for a one of a kind experience."

Little Village Toy & Book Shop

"The Little Village Toy & Book Shop was a fun stop on our whirlwind tour of Littleton hosted by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce. We enjoyed Clare's hospitality and browsing the well-stocked shelves filled with literary treasures and toys. This is a special shop and shouldn't be missed!"



Lahout's - America's Oldest Ski Shop

"I've been to many of the Lahout's - America's Oldest Ski Shop stores in Littleton and Lincoln, but I never seemed to have made it to the original. As the first stop of our Littleton tour hosted by the Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce it was a pretty impressive start! We enjoyed hearing the Lahout family history and of how one family's commitment made such an impact in this area."

Pollyanna of Littleton Inc

"The story of how the Pollyanna statue came to be was so interesting. How fortunate for Littleton to have had such a unique writer in its midst. Children the world over love the story of Pollyanna. Thank you for sharing this history with us, it is evident that you love sharing the process that brought Pollyanna to Littleton."





WREN: Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network

Our last stop of the day was at the WREN: Women's Rural Entrepreneurial Network shop in Bethlehem.

"WREN is an absolute gift to the North Country women. Your work to bring this to the public eye is outstanding, not only do you provide the women with opportunity; you provide the public with extraordinary artisans and their work."



[Add comment](#)