

The *Sun's* 25 Most Fascinating People of 2009

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Some roared into the spotlight. Others worked quietly behind the scenes. But all caught our attention with their stories in 2009. In no particular order, here is the The Sun's third-annual list of the most fascinating people of the year:

Bill Hayes

Ever wanted all the information right at your fingertips? Hayes did. That's why the Pelham Historical Society president partnered with Webmaster Karen Genoter to create www.pelhamnhhistory.org, which has become widely regarded as "the best Web site in history" not only in New Hampshire, but nationwide. Through diligence and daily uploads, Hayes, 68, has amassed a searchable database containing tens of thousands of newspaper articles, photos, town reports and other documents from Pelham history.

This year Hayes and Genoter's groundbreaking digital archive was recognized with the 2009 Research and Documentation Award, from the Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire.