The Rufus Porter Museum is accepting applications for the Dorothy W. Sanborn Summer Internship Program. Dotti Sanborn was an accomplished writer and teacher in Bridgton, and was a mentor to her students into their adulthood. Her life was a continual mingling of her many arts talents (quilting, painting, drawing) and her background in natural history (she wrote weekly columns in several papers). Dotti also had a keen interest in local and regional history.

Founded in 2005, The Rufus Porter Museum features the history of a remarkable 19th century New Englander, Rufus Porter (1792-1884). Porter is well-known in the folk art community for his landscape murals and miniature portraits, however, Porter was more than just a painter. He was the founding publisher and editor of the magazine *Scientific American* as well as inventor, writer, teacher and more.

Open seasonally from mid-June to mid-October, the Rufus Porter Museum’s campus consists of two historic buildings – the Webb House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Nathan Church House, which contains murals *in situ* in the style of the Rufus Porter School. The museum offers changing exhibits, lectures, classes, and special events that embrace Porter’s use of both art and science, oftentimes interchangeably.

**Internship Guidelines**
The focus of each internship will take into consideration the intern’s interests and educational requirements in conjunction with the needs of the museum. The intern will create a project of his or her design, with Museum approval, that is aimed at an educational goal. The intern will work under the supervision of the Executive Director. In addition to work on a special project, the intern will give tours of the Museum, including the special exhibit, assist with public events and programs, learn the management practices of the Museum store, and participate in the general operations of the Museum. This position offers a hands-on opportunity for an intern to experience working on all aspects of a small museum. At the completion of the internship, an exit interview will be conducted to discuss initial goals, the results of his or her project and overall experience, and recommendations for future projects and/or goals for the Museum. The intern will present his or her finished project both orally and in written form.

**Qualifications**
Graduate student or college junior or senior majoring or minoring in an appropriate field or have a demonstrable record of interest in a field connected to the mission of the Rufus Porter Museum.

**HOW TO APPLY**
Email resume/CV, cover letter and three references (at least one academic) to:
Karla Leandri Rider, Executive Director, at director@rufusportermuseum.org

**DATES:** June 1st to August 10th (dates are flexible)

**AVAILABILITY:** Maximum of 30 hours per week

**PAY STATUS:** $12/hour

**HOUSING:** N/A