



NEWS-LETTER

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Both are open even-dated Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm

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ENGLISH MUSHROOM DESIGN CHOSEN AS 2010 REPRODUCTION PLATE

The English Mushroom design on Dedham Pottery is both rare and artistically attractive. According to Jim Kaufman, the Society's volunteer pottery curator, this design is one of several variations on the mushroom which the Dedham Pottery produced. The "English Mushroom" is a design name that is found listed in an early (circa 1916) price list of the company's ware. An example of this design on an original piece is on display as part of the Dedham Historical Society Museum's exhibition. Collectors of antique Dedham Pottery have long appreciated the beauty and rarity of this pattern and the 2010 reproduction plate is a faithful rendition of the finest examples of this design. For ordering information please see the insert in this newsletter.

NEEDHAM BANK AND DHS JOIN FORCES FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM

Needham Bank and the Dedham Historical Society are pleased to announce a collaborative program promoting membership in the Society. Clients of Needham Bank who are purchasing or refinancing their home, will receive one full year of free membership in the Dedham Historical Society compliments of the bank. Membership benefits include free admission to the library and archives, 10% discount at the gift shop, free admission to the annual lecture series, the Society newsletters, and invitations to members-only events. For more information regarding this special program please call Needham Bank at 781-444-2100.

GENEROUS DONATION FROM DEDHAM INSTITUTE FOR SAVINGS

The Dedham Institute for Savings recently donated the proceeds of the sale of a painting, "The Little Love God", by Charles Mills to the DHS. The Society owns several works by Mills, a local artist and the auction was handled by Grogan & Company of Dedham. The Dedham Institute for Savings has supported the work of the Society for many years and is very grateful for this generous donation.

LOOKING FOR AN UNUSUAL GIFT?

Do you need a special graduation, birthday or anniversary gift for someone who is hard to please? Why not offer them a personalized research experience with our talented staff at the Society. We can help research genealogy, historic houses or specific historic events in the Dedham area. Many of our genealogical resources also include information on families from the surrounding areas. Our library and archives holdings include over 10,000 books as well as thousands of photographs, maps, and manuscripts. Our staff will guide the recipient through various primary and secondary resources during their visit. If the recipient is unable to personally visit the Society we are happy to perform the research and provide them with the results. One hour of great research is only \$25. Additional time can be purchased at the same rate. Contact the office for more details.

SOCIETY SOIRÉE A GREAT SUCCESS

The DHS social event of the year, the Annual Soirée, took place on Saturday, May 22 at 93 Village Avenue. The extraordinary 1895 house, the hard work of the Worthington Committee, beautiful spring weather, and great food and drink joined forces to create a wonderful event kicking off the summer season. Over 125 guests supported the Society through ticket sales and contributions. The Society especially appreciates the generosity of Maria and Greg Carlevale for sharing this beautiful home with us. Wine for the event was donated by Kathleen and Jorge Ordonez and a special thanks to co-chairs Alex Shumway and Margaret Matthews for organizing an evening to remember.



BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR THE SPRING HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, May 23 was another beautiful day for everyone who attended the DHS House Tour. Over 300 guests enjoyed gardens in full bloom as they toured the homes. Tea and light refreshments were provided in a restful garden setting. The Society extends a special thanks to the following: the very generous home owners for allowing us to include their historic homes in the tour; Andrea Gilmore, chair of the event, Stanton Lyman for preparing the house descriptions and Molly Jackson for the house sketches used in the program; B.C. Baking Company for their delicious pastries; and Fairbanks House for participating in the program.



SOCIETY SEEKING MEMENTOS OF DEDHAM'S THREE BUSINESS DISTRICTS FOR NEW EXHIBIT OPENING IN FALL

The Dedham Historical Society is seeking artifacts from Dedham's three main business districts for its museum exhibition opening in the fall. The exhibit – titled "Take a Walk through Dedham's Historic Squares" – will focus on businesses in Dedham Square, East Dedham Square, and Oakdale Square. Through the decades, these three squares have hosted businesses ranging from food markets and department stores, to pharmacies, barber shops, candy stores, and auto dealers and repair shops.

The Society plans to exhibit many items from its own collection, including postcards, photos, and newspaper articles about the three squares. Anyone with historical items relating to any of the three business districts should contact the Dedham Historical Society, 781-326-1385 or email: society@dedhamhistorical.com. The Society has received a generous donation from the Women's Exchange to support this exhibition.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY

General Membership

Leslie Bowen
Laurie & Frederick Kearney
Kara Tierney & Doug Smink

Trubiano Family
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel F. Barnard
John & Natalie Wright

David & Amy Beckwith
Carla Conigliaro

MATCHING GIFTS

This month the DHS thanks Pfizer Foundation for their matching gift from Mary Louise Bell. Do you work for a matching gift company? Ask your personnel office if they participate in a matching gift program and your donation will go even farther to help the Society meet its financial needs. Thank you!

SCHOOL GROUPS VISIT SOCIETY

The Society building was filled with the voices of third grade students this spring as they participated in the museum's program focused on local history. Students from Oakdale School (classes of Ms. Grover, Ms. Mancinelli and Ms. Atkinson) and Avery School (classes of Ms. Maregni and Ms. Merritt) learned about Dedham Pottery, the history of their school, and experienced a hands-on program with historic artifacts. Over 125 students enjoyed the visit and were excited to receive free passes to return this summer with their parents.



Prior to their visit, Oakdale School contacted the Society inquiring if we were interested in two 4 ½" tall glass milk bottles found on the school grounds. Mrs. Grover's 3rd grade class brought the milk bottles (from Fisher Dairy), along with a contemporary cardboard version, and Society staff included them as part of the history lesson during their visit. One of the bottles was accessioned into the collection the second one will remain as part of the hands-on education program for future students to examine. Our thanks to Ms. Grover and her students for this fun and historic contribution!

***RIVER RAT* BY DANIEL LUNDBERG**

The Society is asking members to search their bookshelves for a copy of *River Rat* by local author Daniel Lundberg. Published in 1941, this novel is the story of a high-school senior in Dedham and provides a wonderful sense of the region along with the self-revelations of an adolescent. The Society collects books by local authors and would like to add this to the collection. Please contact the office if you have a copy to donate to us.

ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

Postcard of Boyden Square, East Dedham, Mass.

Gift of Jim Kaufman.

Map Collection, Fairbanks House photo, Willett-Sears Case Photos, Town of Dedham pictorial map in 1900's, New England Homestead Magazine.

Gift of Alice and Fred Reinhardt.

Carolyn Strom Collins Lecture at DHS, 11/19/2009 on Anne of Green Gables movie, 1919. Internal Transfer.

CD, Clean up of Powder House Rock, Girl Scout Troop 74596. Gift of Girl Scout Troop 74596.

New England Silk Company Stock Certificate 1836.

Gift of Jim Kaufman.

Scrapbook from the League of Women Voters. Gift of Mrs. William L. Bliss.

Better Than the Best Evening Guild Church of the Good Shepherd Cookbook. Gift of Barbara Parker.

Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce booklets.

Internal transfer.

Robert Hall Lecture, DHS on 5/5/2010 "Praying Indians of Dedham". Internal transfer.

Articles on St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Gift of Mrs. Sally Burt.

2003 Photos of Dedham. Taken by Joe Pagliuca.

Sadie Galego biography and photos. Gift of Joe Pagliuca.

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The Quincy Papers Volume II, Portrait of a Patriot, The Law Commonplace Book; Portrait of a Patriot, Volume Three, The Southern Journal; Portrait of a Patriot Volume Four, The Law Reports, Part One (1761-1765); Portrait of a Patriot, Volume Five, The Law Reports, Part Two, 1765-1772;

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New England Historical and Genealogical Register Volume 164 January 2010. Subscription

Photography Rediscovered. Information and photos on Fred Holland Day. Purchase.

A New England Town the First Hundred Years; The House Servant's Directory, Facsimile of the 1827 Edition Published by the Gore Place Society; **Country Art in New England 1790-1840**, Old Sturbridge Village; **Architecture in New England by Abbott Lowell Cummings from Old Sturbridge Village**, 1974 edition; **Mr. Bulfinch's Boston; The Fairbanks House.** Gift of Sally Burt.

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