



NEWS-LETTER

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

NOVEMBER 2010

Wine Event



Gather your friends and join us at the Dedham Historical Society Museum for an evening of flavorful wines and tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Friday, November 12

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Reservations are limited

R.S.V.P by Wednesday, November 3rd

\$40 per person

Tickets are available at the DHS office.

If you are unable to join us, please consider a donation to the Society.

NEW ENGLAND HOLIDAY TRADITIONS LECTURE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Don't miss this fascinating lecture on the "Spirit of Christmas Past" by Kenneth C. Turino, Manager of Community Engagement and Exhibitions at Historic New England (formerly known as Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities). This well illustrated lecture traces the development of the celebration of Christmas from the time it was outlawed in 17th Century New England through the beginning of the 20th Century when all the trappings of a traditional Christmas were in place. For many, the celebration of Christmas today is the most important holiday of the year. But many of the customs which we take for granted as part of traditional holiday festivities and religious celebrations are actually a product of more recent history. Turino looks at how Christmas was transformed from a rowdy celebration to a family centered event. Among the topics discussed are how the

Christmas tree became popular, halls were decked, and Santa Claus came to town. Note the special time and date for this lecture: Saturday, November 20 at 2 pm!



1928 Rust Craft Christmas Card

DO YOU HAVE YOUR BOOK LIST READY?

The DHS partnership with Borders Books takes place on November 18 & 19. For every book (DVD, CD, etc) you buy at Legacy Place or on bordersbooks.com, Borders Books will make a donation to the Society. Ask your family and friends to purchase books on these two days and help the Society with this unique fundraising event. Be sure to mention voucher # **DDHM1119R** when making your purchase! Need a few book ideas? Check out these recommendations from DHS staff and Board of Directors. The voucher is printed on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

- *What Style Is It? Guide to American Architecture* by John C. Poppeliers, \$19.95. A perfect book for anyone living in an older house or how wants to learn more about architectural styles.
- *Great Houses of New England* by Roderic H. Blackburn, \$55. This book provides a great roadmap of fascinating houses in New England.
- *The Garden Squares of Boston* by Phebe S. Goodman, \$35. A great buy for anyone who loves gardens.
- *America's Kitchens* by Nancy Charlisle, \$34.95. Do you know a good cook? This colorful book is full of fun and interesting photographs of historic kitchens and a nostalgic look at kitchen related advertisements. Tupperware anyone?
- *When Mother Lets Us Cook* by Constance Johnson, \$10.95. A book of simple recipes for little folk, with important cooking rules in rhyme.
- *Do People Grow on Family Trees? Genealogy for Kids and Other Beginners*, \$5.89. Is there a budding genealogist in the family? Encourage them with this Official Ellis Island Handbook.

“TAKE A WALK” EXHIBITION OPENS

Do you remember Dom's Meat Market, Rosen's Hardware, or Chamberlin Bus Lines? These are just three of the many businesses included in the new exhibit “Take A Walk Through Dedham's Historic Squares.” Even if you are too young to remember these businesses, the old and new shoes included in the exhibit are a fun way to “take the walk” through history. The exhibit was curated by Executive Director Vicky Kruckeberg, with research assistance from Archivist Sandra Waxman, and volunteers Ellie Palma, Joan Conklin, and Betsy Games. DHS Board Member and past President, Jim Kaufman assisted with the installation of the business signs.



Oakdale Shoe Repair

DON'T FORGET THE DHS GIFT SHOP FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

It's not too early to think about the holidays. Your purchases at the Society gift shop are the perfect way to give a unique gift and support the DHS. Remember, Society members receive a 10% discount on most items. The Society gift shop is open Tuesday-Friday from 12-4 pm and on the following Saturdays from 1-4 pm for your holiday shopping convenience: **November 20, December 4 and December 18th**. Here are just a few gift ideas.

- \$10 Dedham Pottery style holiday ornaments made by a local potter. Blue, with a crackle glaze, and many of them are bunnies!
- \$25 Pewabic Pottery tiles made in Michigan are 3" X 3", beautiful, and come with a variety of animal designs similar to our own Dedham Pottery. A unique hostess gift for the holiday season.
- \$35 Give the gift of DHS membership! (family \$50).
- \$50 Dedham Pottery Throw. A perfect gift for anyone who needs that extra blanket to ward off the winter chill.

- \$75 Historic House Marker. Contact us now to make sure we have time to research the house & have the plaque ready in time for the holidays.
- \$98 The 2010 Dedham Pottery Mushroom Plate. (or choose from many of the designs from the past 12 years!)

NEW OBJECTS FOR THE COLLECTION

The DHS has recently purchased several items for the collection. A sampler, made by Rowena (Roxana) Roberts in 1808, is a wonderful addition to the Society's collection of samplers. Roberts was the daughter of Samuel Richards (1756-1822) and Olive (Mason) Richards (d. 1837).

The Society also purchased a collection of 47 works of art on paper by local artist Henry S. Talbot. The collection includes water colors on paper, pen & ink drawings, and pencil sketches. Talbot was born in Dedham in 1836, died in April 9, 1924 and attended Dedham public schools. The Society already owned several works by Talbot of local images and this new collection helps to show the breadth of his work. These new items, along with the other objects listed in this newsletter, help the

collection continue to grow and reflect life in Dedham.



Watercolor by Henry S. Talbot

ARCHIVES ACQUISITIONS

Geishecker's. A history of the Geishecker stores as told by the family. Gift of Geishecker Family.

Schall Family Collection. Rust Craft Greet Cards and box, Nursing class notes, Photo of Shiretown Road, Rust Craft maps, Dedham Pottery Books. Gift of Janet Schall.

Sacco-Vanzetti Era Photo. Photograph of a contingent of police officers, most likely not from Dedham, standing guard outside of the Registry building. Gift of Robert Hanson.

Martha Birchall Collection Photos of Dedham and horse racing, Scrapbook, The Great Stallion Race at Readville, Sept., 27, 1900. Scrapbook, Readville Race Track. Gift in memory of Ethel A. Birchall. Gift of Martha Birchall.

St. John's Methodist Church booklet and article. Gift of Elizabeth Bryant.

Materials such as The Norwood Record, 11/26/2008, related to celebration of 75th anniversary of football game of 1933 against Norwood, includes photos and articles. Gift of Joe Pagliuca.

Captain Alfred J. Reid photo and biography. Gift of Mr. David A. Reid.

Dedham 250th Anniversary of Memorial Hall Photo. Gift of Medfield Historical Society.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Reflections 1968 Yearbook. Gift of Janet Schall.

Pointers. The American Journal of Italian Genealogy. Gift of Carol Sestito and William Sestito.

The Centennial History of the Dedham Country and Polo Club. Gift of Betsy Games.

Country Cabinetwork and Simple City Furniture; A Winterthur Guide to American Chippendale Furniture; American Furniture and Its Makers; Furniture of the Pilgrim Century: The Furniture of Historic Deerfield; A Winterthur Guide to American Needlework; American Silver; Early American Silver. Gift of Carl R. Nold.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

2010.01 Sampler, framed. "Rowena Richards was Born April 16 1796/wrought this Oct. 27, 1080/aged 12 years". DHS purchase.

2010.01 Dedham High School Football Letter Sweater. Worn by Captain Alfred J. Reid, class of 1936. Gift of David A. Reid.

2010.10A-AW 47 works of art on paper by local artist Henry Talbot. DHS purchase.

2010.11 Wall Clock used in Oakdale Spa store. Made specifically for Spa owner, Mrs. Florence Reaves. Gift of Carolann Reaves.

DHS ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

The 2010 Annual Appeal letter, from Society President Steve Brayton, was sent out in mid-September. Every dollar helps the Society continue its mission of outstanding exhibits, programs, and research. Please send in your donation and a receipt will be sent to you for tax purposes. The following is a list of contributors as of October 14, 2010. It is important to note that many other individuals and organizations have made significant contributions throughout the year to specific projects of the Society. They have been gratefully acknowledged at the time of the gift.
(IMO-In Memory Of; IHO-In Honor Of)

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a percentage of the net sales raised from this coupon will be donated to the Dedham Historical Society

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the DHS.

Elizabeth Brown
Jeff Feuerman
Janet Holmes
Glenn Johnson

Deborah Keefe
David J. Ray
Barbara Rosenfield
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Wilcox, Jr.

In September Executive Director, Vicky Kruckeberg, visited Newbridge on the Charles and encouraged our neighbors to become part of the DHS. A special welcome to these new members and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

ANNUAL DEDHAM HOLIDAY STROLL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

The Society will be part of the Annual Dedham Square Holiday Stroll on Friday evening, December 3. As part of this special evening, children's toys from the DHS collection will be on exhibit starting December 3 through January 8th. Be sure to bring your kids and enjoy the season with "Donder", the stuffed horse, and other surprises.



IN-KIND DONATIONS

The DHS is seeking in-kind donations of the following items. Please call the office if you can assist us.

- 4-Drawer legal size filing cabinet
- Digital Camera with accessories
- Scanner

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