



NEWS-LETTER

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FROM DEDHAM TO CUBA - NEXT STOP IN DHS LECTURE SERIES

The November 17th lecture features the Society's Executive Director Vicky Kruckeberg discussing *Museums & Historic Preservation in Cuba*. Kruckeberg was part of a museum delegation visiting colleagues in Havana earlier this year. The delegation visited building preservation schools, art & history museums, and the historic house museum of author Ernest Hemmingway. Kruckeberg will share her insights and photographs taken during the trip.

Be sure to bring all of your culinary friends on January 26th for a lecture by Nancy Carlisle, Curator at Historic New England. Nancy will delight us with a historical look at *America's Kitchens*. Copies of Carlisle's book will be available for purchase the night of her lecture.

WINE EVENT SUCCESS

The fall wine event at the DHS was a success with guests enjoying interesting wines, tasty hors d'oeuvres, and great conversation. Our sincere thanks to Whole Foods at Legacy Place for their generous support of the evening. As part of controlling expenses and increasing the income from the event, members of the Worthington Committee prepared the appetizers.

Special thanks go to Clara Potash and Laurie Rabe for their coordination of the event, Mary Anne Osborne and Robyn Garth for organizing the

wine, and hats off to everyone on the Worthington Committee for providing wonderful food. This annual event is an important fundraising program for the society.



CRAWFORD DEDHAM POTTERY GIFT

The Dedham Historical Society has received 30 pieces of Dedham Pottery as a bequest from the estate of Kathleen Crawford.

"We are grateful to Ms. Crawford for this gift that markedly improves the Society's collection," said Jim Kaufman, board member and Dedham Pottery curator.

The collection includes a number of particularly fine pieces, including a bread & butter plate decorated in the French Mushroom design and signed by Dedham's finest decorator, Maude Davenport. Since the Society already has a plate in the French Mushroom design signed by founder Hugh Robertson, this new piece will enable viewers to contrast the two styles of painting, Kaufman noted. "This one example is emblematic of our experience that each new gift of pottery presents numerous educational opportunities," he added.

SPECIAL GIFT TO DHS ANNUAL APPEAL

DHS lifetime member Margot Pyle made a very special contribution to the Annual Appeal this year. Ms. Pyle donated \$5,000 in memory of longtime member and civic leader Jack Delaney, who died in 2010.

“Jack was such a pillar of the community,” said Pyle. “He did so much for Dedham, always in his own quiet and gracious way.”

DHS President Steve Brayton thanked Pyle for her memorial donation. “This is a wonderful way to remember Jack Delaney and his role in the community and the Society. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank Margot for her thoughtfulness and generosity.” The Annual Appeal, underway through December 31, supports the Society's mission of preserving Dedham's history.

2011 ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTORS

Our sincere thanks to all who have thus far helped us meet our financial obligations for the year 2011. 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) This listing is as of October 13, 2011. Please be sure to contact us if there are any errors.

PRESERVATION CIRCLE (\$5,000 & Above)

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EMERGENCY ACTION BY DHS STAFF

Mother Nature and local construction work presented the DHS with a succession of severe challenges in recent months. From August to October, the staff dealt with the East Coast earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and water main construction in Dedham Square.

A close inspection following the August 23 earthquake found no damage, fortunately. A week later Hurricane Irene churned toward New England with warnings of high winds and flooding. In a 48-hour effort prior to the storm, the DHS staff moved all books and archival materials in the library-storage area a minimum of 12” from the floor.

Irene luckily spared the Boston area, but a month later the DHS faced another challenge, this time from human activity. Excavation for water main replacement in the Square caused severe vibrations in the DHS building. In response the staff moved Dedham pottery and other decorative objects a minimum of 4” from the edge of shelves, and applied special wax to some items to avoid vibration “creep.”

All electronic records, including financials, research materials, artifact information, and everyday operational files are backed up daily at an off-site location. During these emergencies, DHS took extra precautions to ensure computer security.

“On behalf of all DHS members, I thank the staff for their tremendous effort in safeguarding the building and collections from these multiple threats,” said President Steve Brayton.

SUCCESSFUL FALL EVENTS

The Society has been busy this fall with school children, lectures, and visitors. Both the *History of Baker Chocolate* and Fairbanks House archaeology lectures drew good crowds with enthusiastic questions from the audience.

October also brought 101 students from the Newman School in Needham for a history day program at the DHS and Fairbanks House.

Visitors to the library, archives, and museum came from around the Commonwealth, out of state, and as far as Australia and Ireland. They enjoyed the new exhibition “Dedham Celebrates” and many found pictures of friends and neighbors at various

350th celebration events in 1986.



Students from Newman School, Needham

DON'T FORGET TO SHOP AT THE DHS FOR UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Have you started your holiday shopping yet? DHS members receive a 10% discount for gift shop purchases. Here are a few items for your consideration:

- 2012 Calendar with Civil War images from the DHS collection - \$20 plus tax (available only at the DHS)
- Dedham Pottery inspired tree ornaments with the distinctive blue and white crackle glaze - \$10 plus tax
- 375th Anniversary Commemorative Dedham Pottery plate - \$110 plus tax (orders must be received before November 15th to guarantee delivery by December 16th)

*Join us for the DEDHAM SQUARE HOLIDAY STROLL
Friday, December 2nd from 5 - 9pm
Bring your kids to see our special toy train layout
Courtesy of George Dunn.*



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

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*The DHS museum, gift shop, and library are
open the following Saturdays from 1pm - 4pm.*

- November 12 & 26
- December 10

*Please note: the DHS will close December 19th
and reopen on December 27th.*

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