



NEWS-LETTER

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

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BOSTON FIRES AND DEDHAM'S HIGH STREET ARE FOCUS OF 2011-2012 SPRING LECTURES

The spring lecture series concludes with two fascinating topics: the "Great Boston Fires" and "A High Road Through History." On March 15th lecturer David Kruh will take us back in history to several significant fires in Boston including the Coconut Grove nightclub disaster. Author and historian Robert Hanson returns to the DHS on April 19th for the Ben Fisher Memorial Lecture as he once again enlightens his audience with stories of High Street. The Annual Meeting, including election of officers and Board of Directors, will precede Hanson's lecture. Both programs start at 7:30 pm. Admission is free for DHS members and \$5 for non-members. Funding for the annual lecture series is provided by David G. Newsom.

SPRING SOIRÉE AND HOUSE TOUR SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19 & 20

Make plans to join us for the Annual Spring Soirée on May 19th at a lovely private home on High Street. Members and their guests will enjoy cocktails, catering by *Chiara* of Westwood, good friends, and lively conversation. Invitations will be mailed to DHS members in late April. Soirée tickets are \$100 per person or \$125 for patrons and include admission to the house tour on the following day.



This year the tour on Sunday, May 20th will focus on several homes in Franklin Square, a historic church, and a recently renovated rectory. Advance ticket sales are \$20 for DHS members and \$23 for non-members. Tickets sold on the date of the event are \$25 for everyone. Please contact the Society to purchase your tickets now and avoid standing in line the day of the tour!

GENEROUS DONATIONS AND GRANTS SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DHS

Several recent donations and grants will make a lasting impact on the work of the Society. Joe Pagliuca, long-time member and volunteer, passed away in January but his love of Dedham will live on through his generosity and spirit. Joe designated the Society as the recipient for donations to honor his memory and many of his friends and family members have contributed to us in the past few weeks. In addition, Joe personally left the DHS a generous financial gift. Joe's son, Joe Jr., contacted the DHS and encouraged us to write about his father's gift in hopes that others will step forward to support the Society where Joe enjoyed so many hours.

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Thanks for all the memories, Joe!

Generous Donation and Grants - Continued from page 1

The Peter Reynolds family and Fablevision provided a \$2,500 donation to the DHS to support our technology needs. The funds will be used to upgrade computers and software and to continue the data management program for the collection. The gift was in honor of Tom Clinton who served for many years as the Youth Commission Director.

The Society also received a \$250 grant from the Dedham Cultural Counsel to support a summer hands-on tour for kids. Look for details of the program in the next newsletter.

Former DHS Executive Director Robert Hanson and the Society in Dedham for Apprehending Horse Thieves presented the Society with a donation of \$2,000 to start a digitization project of maps in the collection. Over 30 maps from the collection will be digitized and a high resolution copy made for researchers to use. This will allow the Society to provide access to the map information without risking damage to the original documents.



Robert Hanson and DHS Librarian Sandra Waxman reviewing maps for digitization project

Our sincere thanks to these generous folks for acknowledging the work of the Society and supporting us with their financial gifts. If you would like to add your contribution to these gifts please contact the DHS office at 781-326-1385.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The DHS Library and Archives is very fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers who provide valuable services to the organization by improving access to research materials. Currently, these volunteers are working on three projects that will help researchers and staff with locating information in the archives. Betsy Games, a former librarian, recently created a much-needed index to facilitate searching for locations or individuals in the “Images of Dedham” book published by the Society. Eleanor Palma, a retired teacher, is working on organizing a collection of pamphlets published in the Town of Dedham from the late 1700’s to the present day. Finally, Brian Keaney is building a database on the schools in Dedham to assist with research on school-related topics. The Society Board of Directors and staff appreciate the work by all of our volunteers to help us serve our membership and the community.

DHS SEEKING MEMORIES FOR “GROWING UP IN DEDHAM” EXHIBIT

This fall the DHS will open a new exhibit about “Growing Up In Dedham.” The gallery will include 19th and 20th century children’s clothing, books, toys, and photographs. Executive Director Vicky Kruckeberg is asking Society members to share their memories to include in the exhibit or future newsletters. *“Our members have great stories about growing up in this area and we hope this project will provide them a forum for sharing some of those memories with us.”* The stories can be about any decade including recent years.

To submit your stories, please email them to the DHS at society@dedhamhistorical.org or send a hard copy to: Dedham Historical Society - Memories Project; PO Box 215; Dedham MA 02027. Stories should be typed and limited to 100 words or less. By submitting your story you are giving the DHS permission to save it for the archives, use it in the exhibit, newsletter or other Society related purposes. All submissions must include your full name, address, phone number, and email address. Stories may be edited in order to fit exhibit labels or the newsletter.

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. This listing completes all donations through December 31, 2011. Please be sure to contact us if there are any errors. (IMO = In Memory Of, IHO = In Honor Of)

BENEFACTOR (\$2,500-\$4,999)

Peter H. Reynolds & Family (IHO Tom Clinton, Youth Commission Director)

DONOR (\$100-\$249)

Chris Mathias

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Betty Anderson

Janet Haynes

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Anthony & Sandy Vallentine

2012 DUES RENEWAL

DHS general membership dues notices were mailed on January 3rd and 50% of our members have responded with payment of their dues. If you haven't already renewed your membership, please consider sending us your check today. If you have any questions regarding your membership contact us at 781-326-1385 or email society@dedhamhistorical.org.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

America's Kitchens. DHS Purchase. Co-author Nancy Carlisle spoke at the DHS on January 26, 2012

Henry Withington Genealogy. Gift of Kathy Brown

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Belt, leather. Dedham Fire Department Lion Engine 2. (West Dedham). Gift of Michael Grogan

Reproduction Dedham Pottery 9" plate. Rabbit boarder with Endicott Estate 1905-2005 in center. Made for 100 anniversary of the Estate. Commissioned by the Friends of Endicott Estate. Gift of Rita May Cushman

Four (4) Dedham Transit Line, Inc. tokens. Gift of Bill McKibbin

Dedham 375 T-shirt. Gift of Dedham 375 Committee

Ceramic coffee mug. "Dedham 375 1636-2011" Gift of Dedham 375 Committee

White plastic water bottle from the patch.com. Promotional item given away at Dedham 375 all-town birthday party on September 10, 2011. Gift of Dedham Patch.com

Dedham Pottery reproduction Christmas tree ornament. "1636-2011 375 Years" written above rabbit design. Ornament never put into production. Anonymous gift

Oval shaped commemorative pin. "Dedham 375 1636-2011" Gift of Dedham 375 Committee

Ladies fan. Used by Mary Patterson Shaw. Gift of Susan Sullivan Brocato

Tortoise shell gentleman's card case. Belonged to David Patterson b. May 17, 1739. Gift of Susan Sullivan Brocato

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Katharine Pratt Silver Bowl. Gift of James D. Kaufman in honor of Margo Pyle

Wooden outdoor business sign “M. Guber General Merchandise”. Upon moving to Dedham in the early 19th century, Guber opened a small store at 31 Milton Street. Gift of James D. Kaufman in memory of his father, S. Sidney Kaufman



ARCHIVES ACQUISITIONS

Dedham Co-operative Bank Tote Bag. Gift of Carol Sestito

Vogel’s Personal Papers and information on Vietnam War. Gift of Carl V. Vogel

Dedham Choral Society Concert, Winter, 2011 Program. Gift of Frank Walley

“Be Prepared” BSA Eagle Scouts Booklet. Gift of Benjamin F. Reynolds

Speech given at funeral of Joseph Pagliuca, January 15, 2012 by his granddaughter, Jody Pagliuca LaPointe. Gift of Jody Pagliuca LaPointe

Dedham Times Article on Joseph Pagliuca. Gift of Dedham Times

Hudson bus lines schedule, season’s greetings flyer of the Fairbanks House from United States Post Office. Gift of Helen Nehiley

Reverend Elizabeth Stevens Collection. Reverend Stevens was ordained as a minister of Religious Education at the First Parish Church in 1985. Gift of Reverend Elizabeth Boyd Stevens

A Child’s History of Dedham by Margaret Etta Sullivan. Gift of Tom Clinton

Are you a Facebook fan? Join our Facebook family by requesting to be one of our “friends.” It’s a great way to keep up to date on the latest news from the DHS.

**WELCOME OUR
NEW MEMBERS**

Diane DiBiasio
David Ulrich & Family

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CORPORATE SUPPORTERS**

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Building Conservation Associates
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Eastern Bank
F. M. Walley Insurance Agency
Lou Sawan
MIT Endicott House
Needham Bank
Norfolk & Dedham Group
Roscia’s Plumbing & Heating
Total Image Day Spa

The DHS Museum, Gift Shop, and Library are open the following Saturdays from 1pm – 4pm.

- March 10 & 24
- April 14 & 28

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