



# NEWS-LETTER

## DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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Library Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 4 pm; Museum Hours: Tuesday – Friday 12 – 4 pm

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

### January 2014

## *Winter Wine Tasting 2014*

*Friday, January 24th from 7:00pm to 9:00pm*



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

\$45 per person

R.S.V.P. by January 17th

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

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the DHS.

## **LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES WITH DEDHAM'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS ON JANUARY 30TH**

Be sure to join us on Thursday, January 30 for Andrea Gilmore's lecture on Dedham's Historic Districts. Gilmore is Director of Architectural Conservation for Building Conservation Associates, Inc. and vice-president of the DHS board of directors. This lecture will discuss the process for a neighborhood to become a historic district and the implications of this designation. The three local districts in Dedham are located on the west side of Dedham Square; along High Street at the historic "Connecticut Corner"; and at "Federal Hill" which is along Highland Street. The National Register includes all of these districts as well as properties not in the local districts on High Street and Village Avenue.

The lecture series continues with Michael Grogan exploring the world of oriental rugs on March 27th. Grogan is the President and Chief Auctioneer of Grogan & Company Fine Art Auctioneers & Appraisers of Dedham. Michael Grogan began his career in the Oriental Rug business in 1978 at Sotheby's in New York. After rising through the company to become the head of the Oriental Rug Department, then a Vice President, Mr. Grogan left Sotheby's in 1987 to establish Grogan & Company.

Admission to the lecture series is free for DHS members; non-members \$5.00. Doors open at 7:00pm.

## **2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

2014 membership dues notices were mailed out on December 31, 2013. You can help the Society reduce our mailing costs by renewing with the first notice. The Society dues remain at: \$35 Individual; \$50 Family; \$100 Contributing. Your membership is important to help us continue our mission. In 2013 we served over 350 museum visitors, an additional 300+ students, 250 lecture attendees, and 300 visitors or inquiries to our library/archives.

## **DHS PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**

DHS staff and board members have worked hard over the past year to reach out into the community and increase interest in the Society and our local history. We participated in the Flag Day parade for the first time along with our friends from the Fairbanks House. Executive Director Vicky Kruckeberg wrote an article for the premiere edition of Dedham Community Life magazine and additional articles by board member Andrea Gilmore and Kruckeberg will appear in future issues. Kruckeberg also worked with DedhamTV to prepare the first of several 10-minute segments on local history. Additionally, board member Jim Kaufman helped prepare an article on Dedham Pottery for an upcoming issue of *Yankee* magazine.

These outreach efforts are an important vehicle to draw new members and guests to our door. Please be sure to let staff and board members know you appreciate their hard work.

## **TOWN REPORTS TAKE A LOOK BACK 100 YEARS**

It is enlightening and often entertaining to spend time with old town reports and see what has changed in our community. The DHS Library & Archives holds many reports through the years. As we move into a new year, here are some highlights from Dedham's 279<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1914.

- Tax Rate- \$18.00 per \$1,000.
- Under the Betterment Act, the following streets were constructed: Oakdale Avenue at River Street, Madison Street, Franklin Street, Harding Terrace, and Stafford Street.
- Owing to several automobile accidents in Memorial Hall Square (now Dedham Square) it was deemed advisable to place an extra officer there Saturday afternoons and Sundays. During the fruit season, it was necessary to provide a special officer to patrol certain sections annoyed by fruit thieves.
- 83 cases of the needy were reported to the Overseers of the Poor. The lowest amount of \$1.80 was provided to a man (out of work), wife and children. The highest amounts of \$432.00 were provided to two cases: a widow and 6 children under the age of 14 and a widow (an invalid) with 2 children under the age of 14.
- The Fire Department responded to 140 calls for assistance. Most of them involved grass or brush fires. However, a dwelling belonging to A. Newman and a barn belonging to J. Roney each experienced \$3,000 worth of damage.
- There were no cases of typhoid fever that year but there were seven deaths due to tuberculosis.
- On average, 1,920 students attended school every day during the school year out of 2,045 who belonged in school. New books added to the school library included "Children's Happy Hours Among Woodland Friends," "Household Sewing with Home Dressmaking," "The Loss of the S.S. Titanic," "Birds That Every Child Should Know," "Electricity for Young People," "Polly Prentiss Goes a-visiting," and "Adventures of Peter Cottontail" among others.
- 284 births were recorded in 1914, 107 marriages, and 140 deaths including historian and former DHS Director Don Gleason Hill at the age of 66.

## 2013 ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTORS

Our sincere thanks to all who helped us meet our financial obligations for the year 2013. 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 November 31, 2013. Please be sure to contact us if there are any errors. (IMO = In Memory Of, IHO = In Honor Of)

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## HOLIDAY STROLL CLOSES OUT THE YEAR WITH KIDS & TRAINS

Over 150 visitors enjoyed the sights and sounds of George Dunn and his toy trains during the Dedham Holiday Stroll. Everyone loved to blow the train whistle and watch as Santa and his special holiday train made the circuit around the festive layout. The Society extends our sincere thanks to the Women's Exchange for financial support of this special evening.



*OPEN SATURDAYS: The DHS Museum, Gift Shop, and Library/Archives are open on the following Saturdays: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

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