



NEWS-LETTER

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

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MOTHER NATURE COOPERATES FOR SPRING SOIRÉE

The warm temperatures and sunshine arrived just in time for the Dedham Historical Society & Museum's Spring Soirée at the historic home of Elizabeth and John Loder. Over 120 guests enjoyed food, wine, and friendship. Special thank you to our hosts for the use of their home and beautiful gardens; Building Conservation Associates for their assistance with the invitations; Stanton Lyman for his architectural notes on the house; *Chiara* for the amazing food; and MaryEllen & Mark Browne for sponsoring the pianist. A special thank you also goes to the Worthington Committee, a group of women who volunteer their time and talents to organize our yearly social fundraising events. They took care of numerous details from addressing the invitations to cleaning up after the event and everything in between.

Benefactors for the Soirée included: Susie & John Durocher, Robyn & Dale Garth, and Andrea & David Gilmore. Patrons included: Ed & Kate Cahill, Allison Durfee, Kate & Tom Gormley, Nini Colmore & Chris Grant, Jennifer Krebs & David Jennings, Carl R. Nold, Laurie & Bruce Rabe, Elizabeth & John Underhill, and Marilyn Wales.



SOCIETY AWARDED GRANT FOR MAP PRESERVATION

Efforts to improve storage conditions for the Society's extensive map collection recently got another boost with a grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board. The grant will fund purchase of archival-quality storage tubes and boxes. In 2012 the DHS received a grant from the Society in Dedham for Apprehending Horse Thieves to make copies of rare maps for research use, thereby preserving the originals.

LOOKING BACK IN TIME



In 1947 race car builder Louis D'Amore revved up his #10 sprint racer in his driveway at 485 East St. Over the previous winter he had rebuilt the 10-year-old car in his garage and at his auto repair shop, Dedham Super Service, at East and High Streets.

A member of the New England Auto Racers Hall of Fame, "Louie" D'Amore was a winning

builder and owner of sprint cars, high-powered racers designed for short oval tracks. An early D'Amore car competed at the nearby Readville Race Track before it closed in 1937. On the Northeast sprint car circuit in the late '30s and '40s, his racers were driven by such top drivers as Dizzy Vance and Lee Wallard, winner of the 1951 Indianapolis 500. In May 1940 with Vance at the wheel, D'Amore's #10 sprint car won the first race held at the new Thompson International Speedway in Connecticut.

D'Amore lived at 485 East St. until his death in February at age 96. Although his sons David and Richard took over Dedham Super Service years ago, Louie remained a fixture at the shop, talking with customers and keeping an eye on one car in particular: a vintage replica of his #10 that resides there.

DHS OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM JUST FOR KIDS

"Cool!" "I didn't know that!" Comments like these show the enthusiasm of young participants in our summer learning programs. The one-hour program on family genealogy will be offered 4 times in August, on Wednesday at 10:00am. Eleanor Palma, a certified K-8 school teacher, counselor, and reading teacher will work with our young visitors ages 8-14 to enhance their knowledge of Dedham's history and how their family is contributing to the story of the community. As part of the program the kids will draw their family tree on a plate as a souvenir. This is a great way to introduce genealogical concepts to the younger generation.

The program is free; the Society requests parents call ahead to reserve a space. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Call or email 781-326-1385 or society@dedhamhistorical.org.



DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM PARTICIPATES IN BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM

The Dedham Historical Society & Museum is joining museums across the country to support America's military families throughout the summer. As part of the Blue Star Museums program, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the Society will offer free museum admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 26 through Labor Day, August 30, 2014. The NEA launched the Blue Star program in response to the massive overseas military deployments of the past decade.

Society President Andrea Gilmore said, "The Dedham Historical Society & Museum is pleased to join in the Blue Star initiative by welcoming military families during the summer of 2014." The museum is open Tuesday – Friday, 12 noon – 4 pm and even dated Saturdays, 1 – 4 pm.

NEW ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

Book: Deborah Samson alias Robert Shurtliff, Revolutionary War Soldier written by Emil F. Guba. Purchase.
Memorabilia from Dedham Public Schools events. Gift of Nancy Clement.
DVD of Fox 25 zip trip to Dedham. Gift of Dedham Television.
DVD of Fairbanks family genealogy. Gift of Lee Anne Hodson, Business Manager of Fairbanks House.
Photographs, graduation plaques. Gift of Brian Keaney.
Transactions of the Norfolk Agricultural Society 1849. Gift of Janice Crowley, Dedham Public Library.
Joseph DeFilippo Collection. Gift of Gloria Cohen.
Postcard of Italian Kitchen on Route 1 at Dedham Circle. Purchase.
Book of Sermons that belonged to Elizabeth Doggett. Gift of Stephen Fisher.
Slides of Dedham Fire Department Fire Trucks from 1980's. Purchase.
Photographs relating to Dedham High School Class of 1942 and its Reunions. Gift of Mrs. Alfred Podolski.
Pamphlet from Fairbanks Garden Club. Gift of Fairbanks Garden Club.
Invoice from J. E. Smith. Purchase.
Photographs of Old Mill Cafe. Gift of Janet O'Keefe.
Deed associated with Whiting family. Gift of Neilson Abeel.
Newsletters from Dedham Alumni Association. Gift of Tom Clinton.
Prints, Cards Relating to Clough and Schoener Families; Rust Craft Items; Photographs of Haven House and Airship over Tiota Wood. Gift of Helen Nehiley.
Dedham Choral Society Christmas Slava in Russia! program book Internal Transfer.
DVD of Deborah Samson. Gift of Steve Connolly.
Dedham High School Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Celebration Nov. 24, 2013. Gift of Maureen Teti.

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Turn-of-the-Century Houses, Cottages, and Villas; Meetinghouses of Early New England; and Fresh and Saltwater Nibbles. Purchase.
From our Native Clay. Gift of Fairbanks House.
A Brief History of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Gift of Stephen and Lisa Brayton.
Rose Weld Baldwin Reminiscences. Gift of Sarah Baldwin.
11 Books on Fabrics, Textiles, and Historic Clothing. Gift of Vicky Kruckeberg.
15 Books on Silver, Glass, and Furniture. Gift of Carl Nold.
Dedham: A Look at the Past and the Present. Transfer.
Veteran's Monuments and Memorials in the Town of Dedham. Gift of Timothy Cunningham.
Town of Dedham Annual Report 2009-2010 and 2010/2011. Gift of Town of Dedham.
Abbreviated version of Mid-Century Memories in Archives, in Clarke collection. Gift of Ohio Historical Society.

NEW MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Fairbanks Family Reunion badge. Gift of Vicky Kruckeberg
Girl Scout uniform and accessories. Gift of Judy & David Dennen
350th T-shirts, commemorative paperweight from NewBridge on the Charles" groundbreaking, 375th tablecloth. Gift of Marie-Louise Kehoe
Bus token. Gift of David Crampton
Charles Mills oil painting. Gift of Henry Batchelder II
WWI helmet, gas mask with accessories. Gift of Graham Sawyer
Ames School and Dedham High School pins. Gift of June Borges
Dedham souvenir ceramic toothpick holder and tray. Gift of Paul Corey

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NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES - WHO WAS ANNIE RICHARDS THAYER?

Annie Richards Thayer (1858-1947), daughter of George Franklin Fisher and Mary Richards Fisher, was an active member of the Dedham community. She married musician and composer Arthur Thayer and they resided at 618 High Street where they raised their son, Arthur. Annie was a member of the Unitarian Benevolent Society, the Dedham Emergency Nursing Association, the Dedham Afternoon Club, and the Dedham Women's Exchange. She had a creative side, writing articles about Dedham and using her artistic talents to sketch, paint and photograph the community.

The Society is fortunate to own six of her photograph albums from 1880-1936. Of special interest are rare photographs of the filming of the 1918 movie "Anne of Green Gables" in Dedham. No copies of this film have survived. Our collection also includes images of the March 1920 flood under the railroad bridge on Williams Street (now Harris Street) and one of her sketches dated July 16, 1869

of the Unitarian Vestry. For more information on Annie Richards Thayer please contact Sandra Waxman at library@dedhamhistorical.org or 781-326-1385.



OPEN SATURDAYS: The DHS Museum, Gift Shop, and Library/Archives are open on the following Saturdays: July 12 & 26, August 16 & 30.

This newsletter is a benefit of DHS membership. For membership information call 781-326-1385 or visit www.society@dedhamhistorical.org

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Michael & Sylvia Caplan
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Jason & Chelsea Hickey
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Christina Pankievich
Jennifer & David Williams-Bulkeley

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