



NEWS-LETTER

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

NOVEMBER 2014

“PATRIOTS OF COLOR” TO BE TOPIC OF NOVEMBER LECTURE

The DHS lecture series continues on Thursday, November 20 with historian and author George Quintal, Jr. presenting *Patriots of Color: African-Americans and Native Americans in the Revolution*. Quintal, a Revolutionary War historian and consultant, has extensively researched the role of African-Americans and Native Americans at Battle Road and Bunker Hill. He brings to light the untold stories of these patriots who were militia men, free blacks, and sometimes slaves who fought side-by-side. Dedham individuals referred to in his research include Alexander Quapish, Isaac Comechi, and Thomas Ferrit. Quintal will bring a unique perspective to these patriots.

A special lecture on December 11 brings Robert Cheney, Director of Clocks, Watches & Scientific Instruments at Skinner, Inc. who will discuss Willard clocks. His research expands the story of clock-making to include international commerce from 1785-1825.

2015 lectures include: January 15, David Kruh presenting *The Building of Route 128*; March 19, Robert Hanson on *Jason Haven, Joshua Bates & the Progress of Transformation in Dedham*; and concluding the series on April 16, Winterthur Museum scholar and author Brock Jobe discussing *400 Years of Massachusetts Furniture*.

All lectures begin at 7:30pm at the Dedham Historical Society & Museum auditorium. Admission: DHS members free; \$5 per person for non-members.

“TINY TREASURES” EXHIBIT OPENS

The DHS has thousands of items in the collection ranging from objects of national importance, such as the 1653 Metcalf chair, to more common local pieces including Dedham bus tokens. Over the past two years our collections inventory project has identified and photographed many small items that are often overlooked for exhibits. We selected some of the most interesting and unusual for the new museum exhibit “Tiny Treasures from the DHS Collection.” The exhibit includes enlarged photographic images next to some of these small objects to highlight inscriptions, construction details, and fine workmanship that is difficult to see through the glass doors of exhibit cases.

The exhibit includes examples of snuff boxes with detailed painted wooden lids, silver boxes

(see picture), and a 19th century eyeglass case with painted images highlighting the controversial election of President William Henry Harrison. Of special interest is a 12-page 18th century valentine booklet with hand drawn caricatures and an original poem. The exhibit opened November 4 and will close September 1, 2015.



Please join us for an opening reception on Sunday, November 22 from 1-4pm.

**SAVE THE DATE: DHS ANNUAL WINE EVENT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015!**

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ENJOY FALL PROGRAMS

The fall season started with three successful events. Jeff Davis, award-winning folk musician, shared his talents as a vocalist, musician, and storyteller as he kicked off the fall lecture program. Audience members joined in some of the verses and kept time by clapping hands during familiar tunes. Peggy Konitzky followed in October with her lecture on the World War II home front. Her lecture included stories of local interest and several guests from the audience added their own personal touch. In early October members and friends enjoyed a trip to the Museum of World War II in Natick (see picture on right). Churchill's wartime siren suit, enigma code machines, George Patton's battle helmet, D-Day dummies with their parachutes, and U-boat

maps of the US East Coast were just a few of the highlights found in the museum. One of the benefits of DHS membership is advance notice of these and other programs throughout the year.



DHS OFFERS PROGRAM TO HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Do you home-school your kids? The DHS offers a free one-hour hands-on program for students in grade levels 3 through 8. Students will compare old and new items such as the telephone, camera, and other everyday objects as well as touring the galleries. The program is offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am through 12pm. We prefer groups with 3 - 10 students; ages and grade levels can be mixed. This program is sponsored in part by the Dedham Women's Guild. For more information or to schedule a session please contact the Society at 781-326-1385 or society@dedhamhistorical.org.



THE TOY TRAINS ARE BACK!

Join us for the annual Dedham Holiday Stroll on Friday, December 6. Our volunteer train engineer, George Dunn, will be back with his popular toy train layout. Make this one of your December traditions! This program is sponsored by the Dedham Women's Exchange.



THE HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE



The fall months are slipping by very quickly. Plan ahead by checking off items on your holiday gift list at the Dedham Historical Society & Museum shop. Gift memberships are always a popular item at just \$35 for individual; \$50 for family; and \$100 for contributing. We will prepare a gift membership packet for you to present to your family and friends. If you prefer, we will mail it for you on December 15, 2014. Memberships purchased between now and December 31, 2014 are valid through December 31, 2015 and will not receive a membership renewal notice until January 2016.

Our office and museum shop hours for November and December are: Tuesday – Friday 9am – 4pm & even dated Saturdays from 1pm – 4pm. We will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28. For the Christmas holidays we will close at noon on Wednesday, December 24 and reopen on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

2014 ANNUAL APPEAL CONTRIBUTORS

Our sincere thanks to all who have thus far helped us meet our financial obligations for the year 2014.

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 **October 10, 2014**. Please be sure to contact us if there are any errors. Your Annual Appeal donation is important to help us meet our budget, please send us your contribution today. (IMO = In Memory Of, IHO = In Honor Of)

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NEWS FROM THE COLLECTION- WHO WERE THE DEDHAM WIDE AWAKES?

While photographing items in the collection as part of our inventory project, we came across an interesting box-shaped tin lantern with the words "Dedham Wide Awakes" punched in the tin. A lantern, placed inside the box, would have illuminated the words "Dedham Wide Awakes" and the red, white, and blue circular glass windows. We just couldn't put this beautifully made piece back in storage without researching it. The lantern is now on exhibit. Want to know more? Visit the Society Tuesday - Friday 12 - 4pm or even dated Saturdays 1pm - 4pm. Admission is free for DHS members.

Hint: the "Wide Awakes" played a significant role in the election of President Abraham Lincoln.



SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENT

The Board of Directors of the DHS has awarded local resident Timothy Cunningham the inaugural Joseph F. Pagliuca Scholarship. Cunningham worked with the Society this year on his Troop 1 Eagle Scout project to develop self-guided walking tours of veteran's monuments and memorials in Dedham. Publication of the walking-tour brochure was supported by a grant from the Dedham Institution for Savings. It is available at the DHS.

A 2014 graduate of Portsmouth Abbey School in Portsmouth, RI and now a student at the University of Chicago, Cunningham is the son of Kathy and Tim Cunningham of Dedham. After completing his project, Cunningham continued his volunteer work with the DHS by helping to upgrade archival information on veterans buried in Village Cemetery.

The scholarship was established by the Society in memory of the late Joseph Pagliuca to encourage students to become involved in local history. A life-long resident of Dedham and a World War II veteran, Joe volunteered many hours at the Society, using his extensive knowledge of the

community to add first person information to the archival records. Pagliuca died in 2012 at age 96. The DHS board voted to create the Joseph F. Pagliuca Scholarship Fund with his legacy to the Society.

According to DHS president Andrea Gilmore, "Joe would have enjoyed meeting Tim and sharing his many stories about Dedham with him. Tim is a great example of the next generation who will continue to keep the history of our community alive and Joe would like that."



OPEN SATURDAYS: The DHS Museum, Gift Shop, and Library/Archives are open on the following Saturdays from 1pm – 4pm: November 8, 22 and December 6, 20.

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

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