



# NEWS-LETTER

DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

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

## MAY 2010

### ROBERT D. HALL TO LECTURE ON DEDHAM'S PRAYING INDIANS MAY 13

Robert D. Hall, historian and author, will present *The Praying Indians of Dedham*, Thursday, May 13, 2010, 7:30 PM at the Society museum/auditorium. The cost is \$5, with no charge for members. Hall will tell the history of John Eliot's first establishment of a home for those American Indians he converted to Christianity, educated, and "civilized" on a tract of land carved out of Dedham and located in what are today portions of Natick, Dover, Wellesley, and Needham.

Hall is a resident of Needham where he now serves as a member of the Needham Historical Commission and as Needham Historical Society Historian and Editor of its newsletter, "The NHS Gazette," for which he has written nearly 100 essays on the history of Needham and environs, including the Indian Lands.

### DHS SPRING HOUSE TOUR MAY 23

The DHS House Tour will take place on Sunday, May 23, 2010 from 12 noon to 3:45 pm. Advance purchase tickets are available at the Dedham Historical Society, \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members. All tickets purchased on the day of the tour are \$23. Tickets are available at the society on the day of the tour starting at 11:30 a.m. The society accepts cash and checks only. The tour will take place rain or shine!

The tour features six private historic houses, representing a variety of architectural styles built during the 18th and 19th centuries. These lovely homes show how historic homes can be sensitively adapted for contemporary living. The tour will also include the historic Fairbanks House, the oldest timber frame home in New England, built in circa 1640. Most of the homes are located within a short walking distance of one another and tea will be served at one of the homes. Join us and explore various house designs including Federal, Greek Revival, Colonial Revival, Italianate, and Shingle Style.

### SOCIETY SOIRÉE MAY 22

The DHS social event of the year, the Annual Soirée, will take place on Saturday, May 22 at 93 Village Avenue. This is a unique opportunity to visit an extraordinary 1895 house while supporting the DHS. The Worthington Committee is hard at work creating an elegant evening you don't want to miss.

Built by local builder, C. J. Wilfson, many elements of the late nineteenth century "Shingle Style" are evident in this classic villa. The grand stairway to the upper levels spills into the central circulation space from a mid-stair landing with fully glazed window wall, flooding the hallway below with natural daylight.

Tickets are available at the DHS or you may send a check to the Society @ PO Box 215, Dedham MA 02027. Tickets are \$100 per person and will be held at the door. Each ticket for the Soirée includes a ticket for the house tour on Sunday, May 23. Call the office for more details: 781-326-1385.

### DHS COLLECTING FOR FALL EXHIBIT

The Society staff is researching information for the new fall exhibit, "Take a Walk through Dedham's Historic Squares." The exhibit focuses on businesses, past & present time periods, located in (*continued on page 2*)

## DHS COLLECTING FOR FALL EXHIBIT *(continued from page 1)*

these three historic districts: Dedham Square, East Dedham Square and Oakdale Square. Our current artifact collection includes businesses during the early and mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, but we are in need of items from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and all of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. We are looking for items with logos or names from these businesses, such as promotional items, store boxes, or store signs. Please contact the Society if you have items you would like to donate for the collection. Examples of businesses include:

- Brody's Department Store
- Holmberg's Home Made Ice Cream/Candy
- Carson & Rorke Co.
- Noble's Quality Market
- Geishecker's Department Store
- Wardle, Hurley's or Coles Drug

### CONTINUING A FAMILY TRADITION

Gavin Nehiley, age eight, was taking a walk with his friends last fall at the new Parks & Recreation Center on Common Street when he kicked up an interesting historic artifact - an arrowhead. After several months of sharing it with family and friends Gavin decided to call the DHS and donate the small 2" arrowhead to the Society.

Gavin is not the first member of his family to donate historic artifacts to the DHS. His grandmother, Helen Nehiley, has donated numerous items including a nursing kit and pins from her Aunt, Nora H. Sullivan, a World War II air raid whistle and night stick, and a shoe shine brush from *Richard Sukowdke & Son-The Family Shoe Store*. Gavin comes from a long line of Dedham residents. His great-grandfather, Dennis Sullivan, was the superintendent of the Rodman estate.



Gavin Nehiley

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY

### General Membership

Jane Becker  
Isa Schaff

Kathleen McHale

Peter Latham & Francesca D'Elia Latham

Pat Iafolla

Cathy & Bill Rich

### Business/Corporate Membership

Conservation Building Associates

## BUSINESS/CORPORATE RENEWALS

Bisnaw Electric Inc.  
MIT Endicott House

Dedham Institute for Savings  
Needham Bank

Bay State Federal Savings Charitable Foundation

F. M. Walley Insurance Group  
Norfolk & Dedham Group  
Roscia's Plumbing & Heating

## OUR SINCERE THANKS!

Our thanks to Girl Scout Troop #74596 for their work this past year to clean up the Powder House. The building was covered with graffiti and the area was littered with weeds and trash. The work earned the girls their Silver Award. Members of the troop who worked on this project include: Caitlin Bradley, Laura DiRaffaele, Kristen Lebovitz, and Kelsey Lebovitz. Co-leaders of the troop are Pat Lebovitz and Linda DiRaffaele.

**THE DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL SOIRÉE**

**Saturday, May 22, 2010**

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
93 Village Avenue  
Dedham, MA 02026

*For members and their guests.  
A wonderful opportunity to see an extraordinary 1895 home  
in an intimate setting, while supporting the mission of the  
Dedham Historical Society.*

*Please RSVP by Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

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**RESERVATION FORM**

*Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for me at:*

*\$100 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_*

*Patron Category \$150 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_*

*Benefactor Category \$200 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please make checks payable to: Dedham Historical Society  
Mail to: Dedham Historical Society, Box 215 Dedham, MA 02027-0215*

## GIFT SHOP

The Society is selling extra copies of the following items. One copy of each has been kept for the library. Please call or email for additional information.

- Mayflower Descendant: Vol. 50, No. 1, Winter 2001
- Mayflower Descendant: Vol. 50, No. 2, Summer 2001
- Mayflower Descendant: Vol. 49, No. 1, January 2000
- Mayflower Descendant: Vol. 48, No. 2, July 1998
- Bunker Hill Memorial booklet, June 17, 1775 – 1875  
Copyright, 1875 by James R. Osgood & Company

The gift shop also has a limited number of the following cross stitch kits of samplers from the DHS collection.

- Hannah Shuttleworth, 1808
- Emeline M. Sumner, c. 1813
- Cynthia M. c. 1795

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### DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Stephen K. Brayton, President; Alexander K. Leith, Vice President; William E. Flanagan, Treasurer; Mark R. Whalen, Recording Secretary. Directors: Andrea M. Gilmore, Dr. John J. Herrmann, Jr., James D. Kaufman, Stanton Lyman, Clara B. Potash, Peter H. Reynolds, Mary Anne Osborne, Laurie Rabe, Mark R. Whalen. Executive Director, Vicky L. Kruckeberg

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The following individuals were elected at the Annual Meeting held on April 15, 2010.

Re-elected: Stephen K. Brayton, President; Alexander K. Leith, Vice President. New Officer: Mark R. Whalen, Recording Secretary. New Directors with terms ending 2013: Stanton A. Lyman, Laurie Rabe.

Stanton Lyman, a former Society president, is returning to the Board. His professional years were with numerous architectural firms, principally Benjamin Thompson & Associates in Cambridge and Sasaki Associates in Watertown. He has worked on a number of restoration and preservation projects and has actively been involved with the Society for many years.

Laurie Nicholas Rabe has been involved with the Worthington Committee, helping to raise funds for the Society for more than ten years. She worked for many years in for the Northeast Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation before becoming involved at the local level. She enjoys gardening, tennis and a variety of creative hobbies, and also has a part-time decorative painting business, Wallflowers. Laurie and her husband, Bruce, have two girls and live in a rehabilitated 1870's home in downtown Dedham.

## MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

**Arrowhead.** Donated by Gavin Nehiley.

**Game of Dedham.** Donated by Karen Arakelian.

**Weathervane from Ames Schoolhouse.** Donated by Robert Alevizos

## ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

**Dedham Assessors Maps.** 1931 Bound Copy. Gift of Edith Forrester.

**Ethel Adams Photos.** Gift of Bill McKibben. Photos show bicycle races in Dedham MA, April 19, 1899 as well as other places around Dedham circa 1900.

**Janis Fronko Lecture** at DHS on 3/26/2010 on Jonathan Holmes Cobb and American Sericulture, "Jonathan Cobb and Silk Manufacturing in Dedham" Internal transfer.

## LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

**The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.** Volume 164, January 2010 Subscription.

**Antietam : The Photographic Legacy of America's Bloodiest Day.** Purchase.