

NEWS-LETTER

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JULY 2012

PERFECT WEATHER FOR THE SPRING SOIRÉE AND HOUSE TOUR

The sun came out just in time for the Dedham Historical Society's Spring Soirée at the former 1809 Martin Bates House. One hundred and fifty guests enjoyed food, wine, and friendship at the home of our hosts Kate and Read Coughlin. Once again, the Worthington Committee planned an outstanding event. A special thank you to our hosts the Coughlins, and the event co-chairs, MaryEllen Browne and Mary Anne Osborne.

The following day guests at the semi-annual house tour, sponsored by Grogan & Company, also enjoyed perfect weather as they toured several private homes, First Church in Dedham, an early tavern renovated as a rectory by St. Paul's church, and the Fairbanks House. A special thanks to co-chairs Andrea Gilmore and Laurie Rabe as well as homeowners Betsy and Rich Edie, Louisa and Rob Miller, Jean and Chris Wilmerding, Natalie and Hugo Williams, Laurie and Michael Hodges, and First Church. The tea table was organized by Mary Anne Osborne and Patty Hornblower. The rest of the Worthington Committee deserves a round of applause for their many hours of preparation, coordination of volunteers, and oversight of the many details required for these two events. The Society is especially grateful to Building Conservation Associates for their assistance with the invitations and programs.



DHS OFFERS SUMMER PROGRAM JUST FOR KIDS!

Every Wednesday at 10am during July and August the Society will offer a free one hour program for kids ages 8-14 focusing on local history and family genealogy. Eleanor Palma, a certified K-8 school teacher, counselor, and reading teacher will work with our young visitors to enhance their knowledge of Dedham's history and how their family is contributing to the story of the community. This program is a great way to introduce historical and genealogical concepts to kids in a non-academic environment. The same program will be repeated each Wednesday.

As part of the program the kids will "make-a-plate" using Dedham Pottery or their family tree as inspiration. The program is free; however, the Society requests parents call ahead to reserve a space. This project is supported in part by grants from the Hermann Dexter Lodge, #133 I.O.O.F and the Dedham Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

"DEDHAM CELEBRATES" EXHIBIT CLOSES AS "GROWING UP IN DEDHAM" PREPARES TO OPEN

The exhibit "Dedham Celebrates" closes August 31st to make room for the new fall exhibit "Growing Up In Dedham" scheduled to open in October. For the past year visitors have enjoyed the historic photographs of Memorial Hall decorated with flags and bunting in 1886, still photographs of filming the 1936 tercentenary film "The Seven Lights of Dedham," costumes and a commemorative quilt made for the 350th celebration.

Included in the new exhibit will be photographs, stories, school books, and toys celebrating childhood in Dedham. In preparation for the exhibit, Executive Director Vicky Kruckeberg shares here a picture of a prized pull-toy from 1825. "Donder"

(alias Dondervelt) is dated 1825-30 and was given to the Society in 1944 by Mrs. Henry P. Bowser.



NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Masterpieces from Our Kitchen. Gift of Dedham Middle School Music Department

St. Mary's Church. Gift of Carol Sestito

The King's Best Highway. DHS Purchase

Gustav Stickley Craftsman Homes. DHS Purchase

Traditional Crafts of Ireland. DHS Purchase

Annals of Ireland translated from the Original Irish by Four Masters by Owen Connellen with Annotations. DHS Purchase

NEW ARCHIVES ACQUISITIONS

Dedham Women's Club 1958-1959 Scrapbook Gift of James Kaufman

Copies of photographs of Washington St. Bridge construction, Commission of Mass. Highway Bridges. Gift of Paul Joyce

St. John's Church Memorabilia, including photographs, articles. Gift of Kristine Anderson

Two photographs of Michael Metcalf's chair and chest. Gift of Cohasset Historical Society

Photo of Sally Galt. Gift of Walter E. Barrett, Jr.

Three ring binders detailing Family Services of Dedham, Inc. Gift of Phyllis Carlson

Henry R. Keene Collection including “2 Sermons of the Winter” by Edward Everett Hale, Photographs and registration certificate of Henry Keene, other items relating to Keene family from the 1940s to 1990s. Gift of Henry R. Keene

O’Leary Family Photograph in front of O’Leary establishment on Church Street. Gift of Andrea Gilmore

Carol Sestito Collection including photograph view of Chauncey St., postcards of Fairbanks House and Mary Hartigan’s. Gift of Carol Sestito

Books on Fred Holland Day. DHS Purchase

Photo of Dedham High Class of 1956. Gift of Eleanor Palma

Plans of Fairfield Green at Dedham. Gift of Hana Heald

Class Photos from Ames and Oakdale Schools, circa 1960. Gift of Stephen Becker

Reeves Family Photographs. Gift of Kathy Brown

Dedham Choral Society Spring Concert Program and Ticket. Anonymous gift

Letters to Joe Pagliuca. Gift of Joseph C. Pagliuca

Tape of Lecture given at DHS on 4/19/2012 by Bob Hanson, entitled, “A High Road through History”.

Needham Bank 120th Celebration Collection. Gift of Needham Bank

Original Drawing of the Avery Oak on masthead of The Dedham Times. Gift of Hana Heald

NEW COLLECTIONS ACQUISITIONS

1914 Dedham High School Pin; Dedham 350th Commemorative button; Dedham Co-Operative Bank commemorative envelope opener; Dedham Institution for Savings 150th anniversary commemorative matchbox. Gift of Helen Nehiley

Stained Glass window with Fairbanks family crest; Ladies apron made of Dedham Pottery linen towel; Table runner made of Dedham Pottery fabric; Ladies apron made of Dedham Pottery glazed fabric; table runner made of Dedham Pottery glazed fabric. Gift of Hana Heald

Spice box; WWII Blue Star Mother’s Sign; double wick whale-oil burner; helix style candle holder. Gift of Henry R. Keene

Eighteen items associated with the estate of Lilian Wescott Hale including chairs used as props in paintings, sketchbooks, unsigned paintings, signed lithograph, and etching of Philip Leslie Hale. DHS purchase

Dedham Pottery pitcher and bowl. Gift of Shirley Helen Hero

Framed charcoal sketch of Fisher Ames. Gift of Dean Plakias, Hill & Plakias P.C.

Dedham Co-Operative Bank men’s sweater, baseball hat, Needham Bank tote bag, piggy bank, and jar opener. Gift of Mark Whalen, Needham Bank

DEDHAM’S CONNECTION TO FENWAY HISTORY

As Fenway Park celebrates its 100th anniversary this year it might surprise our members to find out that Dedham plays a part in this history. Boston Globe owner Gen. Charles Henry Taylor bought the team, known as the Pilgrims, for his son, John I. Taylor, in 1904. John Taylor changed the name of the club to the Boston Red Sox and continued ownership until 1911. In 1910 Taylor brought his family to Dedham and purchased a home on Westfield Street. Taylor lived in Dedham for twenty-seven years before dying on January 26, 1938. He is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery.

A BIG THANK-YOU TO THE WORTHINGTON COMMITTEE

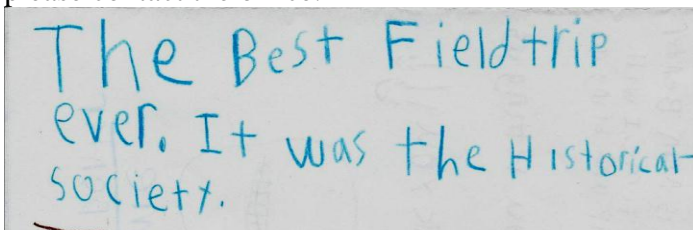
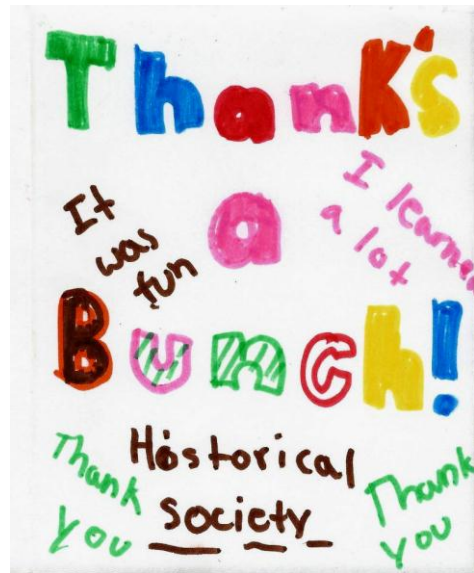
Throughout the year members of the Worthington committee spend weeks organizing the Society’s fundraising events and school field trips. Prime examples of their dedication were the recent successful spring soiree and house tour. Co-chaired by DHS board members Laurie Rabe and Clara Potash, the organization was founded in the mid-1990s and is named in honor of the Worthington family. Erastus Worthington moved to Dedham in 1809. A prominent attorney, he was identified with the anti-slavery movement and wrote the “History of Dedham from 1635-1827.” His son, Erastus, was also an attorney and for many years served as curator and vice-president of the Dedham Historical Society.

Current members of the Worthington committee include: Denise Beaudoin, MaryEllen Browne, Angela Cavallo, Patty Cochran, Karen Durham, Susie Durocher, Diana Nicholson, Sandra Einsel, Robyn Garth, Andrea Gilmore, Karen Heinick, Patty Hornblower, Kathy Nordgren, Mary Anne Osborne, Liz Roberts, and Christine Tuttle. If you are interested in joining the Worthington Committee and helping with future events please contact the Society office 781-326-1385 or society@dedhamhistorical.org.

CHILDRENS VOICES FILL THE AIR DURING SPRING SCHOOL VISITS

Third grade students from Oakdale School and Avery School visited the Society for their spring field trip in early June. Students wore museum standard white gloves to handle historical artifacts, enjoyed a tour of the museum, and participated in activities in the library/archives using copies of historical photographs. Students received a free pass to return to the DHS this summer with a friend or family member.

Here are two samples of the many thank-you notes from the students. If you would like to bring a group to the Society for a tour or program please contact the office.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

David & Amy Beckwith
Ed & Kate Cahill
Paul Elmen
Barbara Flanagan
Lisa Laprade
Mr. & Mrs. James P. Logan III
Dawn & Shannon Morris
Nancy D. Morris

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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.

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

- July 14 & 28
- August 4 & 18

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