



# Dedham Historical Society & Museum

## November 2018 Newsletter

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### Roll out the (red) carpet!

In late summer, Dedham Historical Society & Museum (DHSM) received a call from past board member Michael Grogan of Grogan & Company on Charles Street, Boston. He was working with a collector who was relocating and, at his suggestion, offered their beautiful, circa 1920, 13' x 25' Sarouk carpet to DHSM. Said Michael, "It will fit perfectly in your main gallery." He was absolutely correct! Please visit the DHSM to see this lovely carpet, which provides color, elegance, and softens the din of voices on a busy day. (Though we love hearing adults and children enjoying our collection!)



We wish to thank the donors, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence Schlager, who graciously gifted the carpet and also provided the funds for the pad. Thank you to Joan E. Roover of A Thoughtful Move, Inc., who assisted with the arrangements, and to Michael Grogan for suggesting DHSM as the recipient of the carpet and for donating most of the cleaning expense. We also would like to thank Brookline Oriental Rug Co., for their professionalism and superb job in placing the pad (above) and the rug and providing a nonprofit discount.

### News Bits:

**Thank you to all who have supported our Annual Appeal to date. We hope that many others will also recognize the value that DHSM provides within Dedham and beyond.** As a private institution, we rely on gifts and admission to support operations and programming. Thank you for your generosity.

A heartfelt "thank you!" to DHSM educator Lauren Kaufmann, who recently left to take a position as director of the Highland House Museum in Truro. Best of luck Lauren, and we appreciate your time and contributions while at DHSM!

# 2018 Annual Appeal Gifts To Date

## Thank You!

This listing includes donations to the Annual Appeal **from September through October 31, 2018**. Our sincere appreciation to all who are helping DHSM meet our financial obligations for 2018. During the year, additional generous contributions have been made to specific programs and projects by individuals and organizations, for which we are most grateful. Please note: IMO = In Memory Of; IHO = In Honor Of.

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## Save the Date

Centennial Commemoration: The End of WW I

November Lecture Program

Sunday, November 18, 2:00 pm

It was called the Great War, the war to end all wars. The DHSM will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I with a special program honoring Dedham residents who fought in the war, as well as those who supported the war effort on the home front. Dedham Police Chief Michael d'Entremont will read letters by Dedham soldiers. In addition, posters, enlistment records, photographs, and other archival artifacts from the Society's collections will be discussed and on display. Admission is free for veterans and DHSM members; \$10 for non-members. Location: DHSM, 612 High Street, Dedham.

### Recap: Dedham Pottery Dinner held October 26, 2018

More than 80 guests attended the DHSM's fundraising dinner celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first exhibition of Dedham Pottery. Dinner was superb with tables stunningly set with antique Dedham Pottery from a private collection. DP expert and DHSM board member Jim Kaufman presented a history of the pottery, and items were auctioned off and raffled. In keeping with the theme, guests donned blue-and-white attire. As guests left, the resounding comment was, "Let's do this again!" Stay tuned for next year's theme!

The Potting Shed is no more, so visit our gift shop this holiday season to buy the remaining ornaments and reproduction Dedham Pottery before it's all gone! And, if you purchase gifts through Amazon this season, or any time, please consider selecting DHSM as the charity recipient through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com); .5% of your purchase benefits DHSM.



## Dedham ~ Now & Then



Today we know it as the location for public parking. But, on this site once stood the Dedham railroad station, one of the town's long-lost architectural gems. In old photos, such as the historic postcard on the right, you can't miss it at the east end of Dedham Square, the big stone structure with its distinctive clock tower.

Built of Dedham granite in 1882 for the Boston & Providence Railroad, it was the town's transportation hub, with as many as 60 trains a day passing through in the late 1890s. Sadly, its useful life was cut short after barely 50 years when the Boston-Providence Highway was constructed in the early 1930s. U.S. Route 1, as the highway was then known, ran directly beside the station, cutting it off from the railroad tracks. A small station structure was built on the other side of the new road and the grand, not-so-old depot was abandoned in 1933. It stood empty for another 13 years before the wrecking ball came in 1946 to make way for a new town hall. Within a few years, however, the town hall plan was scrapped and the site was repurposed to help relieve Dedham Square's parking shortage. Known today as the Keystone Municipal Parking Lot (from its plot shape), the station site's second life has already lasted two decades longer than its first.



## DHSM Welcomes Rebecca Carpenter as New Librarian-Archivist

This month, Rebecca Carpenter began her new position as DHSM's part-time librarian and archivist. She succeeds Sandra Waxman, who retired in August after 15 years in the post. Rebecca will oversee the DHSM's 10,000-volume library and important archival materials, respond to research requests from members and the public, and expand outreach and educational opportunities within the community and beyond.

Carpenter comes to DHSM from the Boston-based law firm Sullivan & Worcester LLP, where she worked as archivist and library clerk. Her experience includes the South End Historical Society, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Museum of Fine Arts,

Boston, where she currently works part time to digitize acquisitions. She brings a background in library-archives management as well as a range of accomplishments in history projects and publications. Carpenter earned an MA in 2017 from the University of Massachusetts Boston's History/Archives Track.



"Rebecca's professional experience, communication skills, enthusiasm, and creativity made her the top pick to succeed Sandra Waxman," noted DHSM Executive Director Johanna McBrien. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me to combine my library-archive experience with my passion for history," said Carpenter. "I look forward to working with members and others on research into Dedham's long past." Please join the DHSM in welcoming Rebecca. The library and archives is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 4 pm. Please call to make an appointment or email Rebecca at [library@dedhamhistorical.org](mailto:library@dedhamhistorical.org)

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