



# Dedham Historical Society & Museum

## January-February 2019 Newsletter

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### Hours

Museum

Tuesday – Friday  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Archives/Library

Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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[Library@DedhamHistorical.org](mailto:Library@DedhamHistorical.org)

### New Saturday Hours

Museum & Archives  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

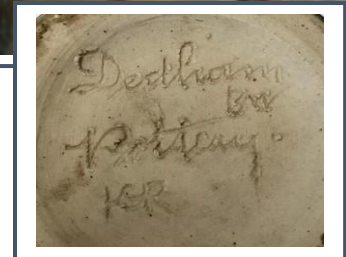
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### Rare Dedham Pottery Vase Donated to the Society

This hand-thrown, stoneware vase decorated with thick, polychrome glazes depicting daffodils and leaves, is an extremely rare and important example of Dedham Pottery.



According to volunteer Dedham Pottery curator, Jim Kaufman, this recently acquired vase is unlike anything currently in the collections of the DHSM. Signed by the pottery's founder, Hugh C. Robertson, the vase was created between 1896 and 1908 and measures 9" high. During this time, Robertson was producing either crackle-glazed vases with only blue floral decoration, or vases covered in multi-colored, dripping glazes that he referred to as "volcanic."

The multi-colored, representational floral decoration on this vase departs significantly from Robertson's more typical abstract glazed imagery, and is one of only a very few known examples of his work in these glazes showing flowers. An example with tulip decor is currently on display at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City as part of the Robert A. Ellison Jr. collection. The DHSM vase may be the only Dedham Pottery example with three-dimensional floral imagery.

The gift was made in memory of Edward W. & Helen A. Vogel. To read about the family history of the vase, visit [www.DedhamHistorical.org](http://www.DedhamHistorical.org).

## 2018 Annual Appeal Gifts to Date Thank You!

This listing includes donations to the Annual Appeal received **November 1 through December 31.**

Our sincere appreciation to all who are helping DHSM meet our financial needs.

*During the past year, additional generous contributions were made by individuals and organizations,  
for which we are most grateful.*

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## Winter Wine Event

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

7:00-9:00 p.m.; \$50 per person

Gather your friends for an evening of flavorful wines and tasty hors d'oeuvres at DHSM's annual Winter Wine Event. What better way to spend a cold January evening than to enjoy the company of friends while sampling a variety of wine and beer.

Please reserve tickets by calling 781.326.1385, sending a check to Dedham Historical Society & Museum, P.O. Box 215, Dedham, MA 02027, or sending an email to [Info@DedhamHistorical.org](mailto:Info@DedhamHistorical.org). If you are unable to attend, please consider a donation to DHSM. Please join DHSM for this important—and fun—fundraiser.



Franklin Square on a cold winter day.  
Circa 1900. Courtesy Historic New England.

## Save the Date

**February Lecture Program: *Accessing Our History***

**Thursday, February 28, 2019, 7:00 pm, Dedham Historical Society & Museum**

Curious about what historic records are at the Registry of Deeds? Join William O'Donnell, Norfolk County Register of Deeds, as he discusses the Registry's transcription of handwritten materials from 1793-1900, and the Registry's next research project after their 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative booklet (2018). Registry staff will be present to print out a copy of your deed, answer questions about the Homestead Act, and more.

## Dedham Now & Then: Memorial Hall



Built in 1867 in memory of Dedham men who fell in the Civil War, Memorial Hall was the town hall and police station for nearly a century; it was razed in 1962 to make way for the present police station. While Memorial Hall had a long list of deficiencies, including a leaky roof and inadequate heating system, the decision to replace instead of renovate seems regretful today.

Designed by the Boston architectural firm of Ware & Van Brunt and built at a cost of \$50,000, Memorial Hall was dedicated on September 29, 1868. In a lengthy ceremony, local historian Erastus Worthington, Esq. gave the “dedicatory” address and Horace H. Currier, Esq. read a poem he wrote for the occasion.

While the building is gone, mementos of Memorial Hall remain with us at the “new” Town Hall on Bryant Street. Adorning the lobby walls are the marble tablets listing the 47 Dedham men who died in the Civil War, as well as Dedham artist Alvan Fisher's painting of George Washington at Dorchester Heights, given in 1868 by his widow Lydia Fisher.

Today, 56 years after Memorial Hall fell to the wrecking ball, time is nearly up for the two buildings that replaced it. Town hall will soon be moving to the renovated former Ames School, while the police station will move to a new public safety complex planned for the present town hall site on Bryant Street.



## Maryann Wattendorf New Educator & Membership Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Maryann Wattendorf as DHSM's new Educator and Membership Coordinator. Maryann joins DHSM from the Foundation for Westwood Education, where she raised funds and built community support for local education programs, and from the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, where she is currently a Museum Guide.

Maryann brings a range of experience in marketing and communications as well as volunteer advocacy. Her professional experience includes management positions in both higher education and healthcare at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates.

"Maryann brings the skill set, energy, and proactive attitude that will help propel DHSM forward and expand our positive impact on the community and beyond," says DHSM Executive Director Johanna McBrien. Adds Maryann, "The DHSM Educator/Membership Coordinator position is a fantastic opportunity for me to combine my interests in arts and culture with my experience in museum education, community outreach and fundraising."



Please join the DHSM in welcoming Maryann. She is in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00-4:00 and Thursdays from 12:00-5:00; Maryann may be reached at [Info@DedhamHistorical.org](mailto:Info@DedhamHistorical.org).

*This newsletter is a benefit of DHSM membership.*

*For membership information, call 781-326-1385 or visit [www.DedhamHistorical.org](http://www.DedhamHistorical.org)*

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