



Dedham Historical Society & Museum

July-August 2019 Newsletter

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Revere Bell

On the Road Through October 2020

On Monday, August 19th, the DHSM's Paul Revere bell will leave for the first leg of a three-venue exhibition, *Beyond Midnight: Paul Revere*, opening September 6th at the New-York Historical Society in Manhattan. This will be the first time the bell has left the DHSM since the County Commissioners presented it to the Society in 1894.

The ground-breaking exhibition will look at Revere (1735–1818) in a new light. While his instrumental role in civic engagement and in the formation of the new nation will be presented, the exhibit will place his life in context with others of his time and as a multifaceted entrepreneurial artisan, innovator, and businessman.



DHSM bell fun facts:

The bell was made in 1798 for the Norfolk County Courthouse in Dedham (designated the county seat in 1793) • It is the only surviving object from the original wooden 1796 courthouse • The bell weighs 224 lbs. and is the smallest of Revere's

surviving bells (the largest he cast weighed 2,943 lbs.) • Revere was paid .45/pound • Revere's accounts list 994 bells, fewer than 140 are known to survive • This bell is only one of twelve surviving from Revere's Boston foundry (1792–1804; then moved Canton). • It is one of twenty-three left from before Revere retired from the partnership with his son Joseph in 1811 (Revere was 76 years of age); Joseph continued casting bells in Canton until 1828.

You may stop by on Monday, August 19th to see the bell being carefully packed and crated by USArt on the DHSM porch. We're told it will take most of the day; please call with questions.

Exhibition schedule: N-YHS, September 6, 2019–January 12, 2020; Worcester Art Museum, February 15–June 7, 2020; Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR, July 4–October 11, 2020.

Thank you for Supporting Our Events



The Annual Soirée, Saturday, May 18th

We couldn't have asked for a more perfect night for this year's Soirée, held at the home of Susie and John Durocher. It was a perfect evening to dine on catering by Chiara and enjoy the beautiful setting of landscaped gardens, terrace, pool house and cabana. The Durochers also invited guests to view their renovated interiors, where they have blended historic details with 21st-century living. We thank the Durochers for their hospitality.

Shoe Party, Thursday, June 20th

In June the DHSM hosted a new event, a Shoe Party! Held in tandem with an exhibit of vintage shoes (ongoing until September), guests enjoyed desserts, wine, and had fun wearing their favorite footwear. There was a tremendous variety of shoes "on the floor," from pumps and boots to flip flops. Dedham TV recorded the shoes of every guest. Thank you to Allison Staton and Trish Dorsey (third from left) for the party's inspiration

What's our plan for next June? *Hats off to Summer!*



Visit our website, www.dedhamhistorical.org to see more images of these and other festivities.

DHSM News

Education: Student visitors love the DHSM!

June was a busy month for DHSM. The DHSM hosted all four third-grade classes from each of the elementary schools (left). Following the history curriculum, which covers Native Peoples of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and the Revolution, students visited three stations where they put on gloves and held stone tools, interacted with Then and Now collections, and went to the archives where they saw historic materials including one of the original stamps from the Stamp Act and a drum and musket, as well as modern items such as their teachers' high school yearbooks. We thank the teachers and chaperones for their efforts to provide their students with enriching experiences and the students for being so engaged with what they were experiencing. Thank you also to the DHSM staff and to volunteers Eleanor Palma and Stuart Christie.



For the first time, a troop of Daisy Scouts (K-1) held a weekly meeting at the museum (right). They learned about women in Dedham who made their mark, including Deborah Ames; Hannah Shuttleworth (her bequest built the Society and the public library in the 1880s); silversmith and artist Katharine Pratt; and Dedham Pottery decorator Maude Davenport. Troop co-leader Janet Holmes brought tablecloths, plaster rabbits, and decorating materials for the girls who created their own Dedham "Pottery" bunnies. The start of an annual tradition!

Events: Save the Dates

Friday, September 20th, 7-9 p.m.

Tavern Night

Enjoy craft brews, folk music, and friendship while viewing DHSM's tavern signs and collections related to Dedham's historic taverns and inns. Details to follow.

Saturday, November 16th

Harvest Dinner

Dine on vintage dinnerware ranging from Victorian to mid-century modern while enjoying a harvest dinner. Details to follow.

New Artist of the Month on View

Next time you visit DHSM, you'll see a specially designated area in our Gift Shop dedicated to showing works by members of the Dedham Art Association. This new joint venture is the result of a meeting several months ago with Association president Naomi Wilsey. Works are not for sale but are intended to increase awareness of and encourage the work of local artists. DHSM is pleased to partner with the Association to support the arts.

The first artist to be featured was DHSM member Nancy Sally, whose pastel landscape, *Orviesto*, is of red-roofed farm buildings set in a pastoral landscape. We have been delighted to feature one of DHSM's members as the inaugural artist. In August, Margot Hurley will exhibit her oil painting, *Sunset Over Buzzards Bay*.

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DHSM 2019–2020 Speakers Program

Thursday, September 26th, 7:00 p.m.: Margaret Meahl: *A Woman's life in 18th-century New England.*

Saturday, October 26th, 1:00 p.m.: Bill Hosley: *Iconography on Gravestones.* To be preceded and followed by walking tours of the Old Village Cemetery led by Mr. Hosley. Space is limited for the tours; \$12 for members; \$15 for nonmembers. Details to follow in the September/October newsletter and on the DHSM website.

Thursday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m.: John Benda, Dedham native and Executive Officer of the U.S.S. Constitution: *Old Ironsides, Then and Now.*

Thursday, February 27th, 7:00 p.m.: Christian Di Spigna, *Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero.*

Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m.: Jane Nylander, *New England (including Dedham) Parades, 1788–1940.*

Tuesday, April 21st, 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting and Ben Fisher Memorial Lecture: Richard Nylander, *John Doggett of Dedham: Cabinetmaker, Carver, and Gilder.*

More details will follow in the September/October 2019 newsletter. Please join us in thanking David Newsom for his sponsorship of the DHSM lecture series, in memory of his late wife, Carol.

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