



Newsletter

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First Place Historical Society Scarecrow Contest Winners _____ pose with their Bert and Ernie Scarecrows at the Lions Club Fair

A Message from the President

Since April of 2018 members of the society and several volunteers have worked through some of the hottest days stripping layers upon layers of wallpaper that once adorned the 1845 Metcalf House.

The rooms have a fresh coat of paint, floors have been cleaned and polished and the display cases have made the trip from Main Street to Hastings Street. It is exciting to see everything come together and realize the possibilities our new location has to offer.

We are working with a new inventory system that will bring us into the 21st century and provide us with a searchable database.

We appreciate all your support throughout the last year. As we get closer to completing the inventory we will schedule our open house. We are looking forward to sharing this new facility with our members and the community.

We are now scheduling our programs and exhibits for 2019. We welcome any suggestions so please contact us if you have anything you would like to see offered. We will publish our 2019 schedule in our next newsletter.



Quilt Raffle

This beautiful quilt created by Historical Society Vice President Jane Lowell has been generously donated to the society for a raffle fundraiser.

Recently exhibited at the Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild Show, Jane said that she was attracted to the pattern's vibrant colors and floral design. It is intricately detailed with a quilting technique called thread painting.

The quilt will be on display at the Taft Public Library. A winner will be drawn on February 14, 2019. Raffle tickets are available at the library or by contacting the Historical Society at (508) 488-9620 or by email at Mendonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

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Historic Architect Phillip Warbasse Visits the New Museum Location

In March of 2018 the Society board members invited Historic Architect Phillip Warbasse from Warbasse Associates to evaluate the house on Hastings Street.

Phillip was project manager for the restoration of the Olney Cook Artisan Shop located on Hartford Ave East in Mendon. He also evaluated the Gaskill - Pond farmhouse at 34 George Street to advise on restoration goals for that building.

Mr. Warbasse joined us for a tour of the Metcalf home where he helped us understand the original footprint of the house and the historic features that have been retained throughout the years.

With his expertise we were able to develop a comprehensive plan for making needed changes to the building while retaining the unique historic features.

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We hope that you will help us say thanks by supporting these local businesses.

Thank you to our 2018 Individual Sponsors:

- The Barnett Family
- Jim and Karen Tobin
- Ted Wheelock
- Dan and Joyce Gilmore
- Sandra Taft

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Savers FUNDrive:

The Mendon Historical Society is partnering with Savers to raise funds for our organization. Beginning on Friday September 28th until Monday November 5th we will be accepting donations of the following items in good, clean and sellable condition: clothing, shoes, bedding / towels, accessories: hats, mittens, backpacks, bags, belts and jewelry, electrical items, toys and games, kitchen items, knick-knacks and sporting goods.

All donations can be dropped off at 15 Hastings Street, the location of our new museum. Donations of up to 4 -30 gallon bags (at a time) can be left to the side of the garage and we will arrange to move them into storage. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets and help the society at the same time.

For further information or if you are dropping off a larger quantity of items contact us at Mendonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by phone (508) 488-9620.

**Betsy Brewer Presents
Rhino Encounters**

In May Betsy Brewer gave a presentation on the Rhino Encounter Program at Southwick's Zoo. Betsy has done extensive work to raise awareness with the public and with the Sun River Preserve in China in hopes of trying to save the species.

Both habitat change and poachers threaten the rhino population today. They are now endangered and some species are extinct. Betsy's efforts to educate the public and teach about these wonderful herbivores increase their chance for survival.

We applaud her work and hope you will consider an encounter with these majestic creatures. southwickzoo.com/rhino-encounters



Historical Society members gather to make pies and dress up for the Country Fair. Thanks to all who helped to make this fundraiser a success!

A very **special thanks** to the following individuals who have donated countless hours and resources to make the move to our new location possible:

- Dan Byer – Technology Equipment and Support
- Elizabeth Miningham – Website Development
- Dave Vandenburg – Handyman Services and Landscaping

Volunteers – Arlene Reed and Family, Sue and Bill Ober, The Cassinelli Family, Jay Byer, Ruth O'Grady, Patrice Doucette, Jane and David Lowell, Lisa Lepore, Marc and Amy DeWitt and Rich Schofield.



Jane and Amy scrape down layers of wallpaper and plaster to reveal the original horsehair plaster walls and a firebox in the 1845 house.

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