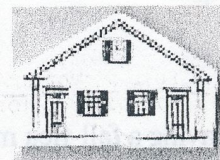


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SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
7:30 p.m.


Hours:

Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Meeting Notice

The Public is invited to attend all meetings of the Norton Historical Society.

FROM THE SCHOOLMARM'S DESK



Here we are once again welcoming everyone to another year of activities at our historical society's Old Schoolhouse. The hot, muggy, humid summer days have passed and the cool days of September have arrived. Our Officers for the coming year are as follows: Ruth Goold, President; Janice Burkhart, Vice-President; Bruce Seaver, Secretary; and Robert Lanpher, Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are: Peter Hunt, Marshall Martin, Joseph Oliveri and Rick Schissler.

During the Summer, our cool basement in the Old Schoolhouse was very comfortable for our merry group of volunteers to continue and complete more projects. We are so grateful for the dedication of Jackie Boudreau, Lucille Charette, Joan Gwozdz, Audrey Lazarz, Barbara Medas and Bruce Seaver. Marshall Martin continues to battle the bittersweet and crabgrass which seems to grow several inches every day. Must be the fertile Norton soil! He has been trimming the overgrowth of bushes around the building. Also, we appreciate our student volunteers, Bryan Carmichael and Christopher LaPalme for coming evenings during their summer vacation.

MEETING

September 18, 2012, 7:30 P. M.- As is our Fall tradition, George Yelle will present his enjoyable slide program: **Happenings in Norton 100 Years Ago.** Following are items found in the Taunton Gazette, August 1912. 1. "The low water in the reservoir brings all manner of reptile life to light on the marshes. Yesterday a water snake of unusual size lay on the mud the entire day beside the willows road." **Do you know where the willows road was?** 2. "James B. Snow, Jr. is drawing stone for electric road use." 3. "Joseph Draper of East Norton is drawing stone for the cellar of the house to be built by George Talbot." **Do you know what "drawing stone" means?** 4. The eleven coal pits of Wheaton College drew a large number of people yesterday to many of whom it was their first sight of one. It is expected that they will yield between seven and eight thousand bushels of charcoal and it is thought they will be ready to open by the middle of the week." **Where were these coal pits located?** Do come to hear George's presentation. Maybe these questions will be answered during the program.

REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

The Board of Directors has voted to serve only coffee, tea and cold drinks at the monthly meetings. If anyone wishes to bring pastries, it will be appreciated. We find we don't have the bakers we use to have contributing each time.

FLEA MARKET

We had a successful June flea market with a profit of \$1003.02. We thank everyone who participated in various ways; item donations, pricing, selling, unpacking, packing, and of course buying.

UP-COMING FLEA MARKET

We are having a fall flea market Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Old Schoolhouse from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M. This sale will be mainly for venders. Space is available for \$15.00. Call 508-285-7070 to reserve space. The Society is not planning to have tables or a bake sale. We are not asking for donations of items until the spring sale. So set aside salable items as you clean attics, basements and closets this winter.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following people as members to our Society: Thomas and Kathleen Bryant who reside in Center Conway, NH; Audray Moorhouse-Johnson who lives in Riverside, California; and Samuel and Jane Arena, Jr. of Norton.

A REMINDER ABOUT DUES

If your address label has the date 2012, this means your dues for the 2012-2013 year are due now. Please remit by the end of October so you can continue to receive our newsletter. For your convenience, a membership form has been printed on the back of this newsletter. Single - \$5.00; Family - \$8.00; Supporting - \$25.00; Single Life - \$100.00.

The Board of Directors is seriously considering a raise in dues for the new year. The cost of heating and lighting the Old Schoolhouse as well as providing materials for our many projects has increased every year. Our dues have not. We can no longer survive on interest in our accounts. On the other hand, times are difficult and we would not want to prevent someone from belonging to the Society because they could not afford the dues. Therefore, the dues will remain the same at the present time. The Board will discuss this further at its next Board meeting. We would like you to think about our situation however, and if you can afford to make an additional contribution, over and above your dues, we would be profoundly thankful.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

The Board has discussed the possibility of changing the beginning time of our meetings from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Many of our members are of the older generation (including us!) and would appreciate arriving home at an earlier hour. Please let us know what you think.

APPRECIATION

We would like to thank Denise Briody for helping the Society obtain a grant from the cultural council to defray the cost for the publishing of Norton's 300th booklet compiled by Frances Shirley and Cynthia Gouveia. Also, we appreciate the many hours Denise spent in downloading information to our new computer from the old one.

DONATIONS

Over the summer the Society received many gifts of items and monetary donations from supporters of our Society. Donations of local memorabilia and supplies aid us in expanding our collection of artifacts related to our town's history. The following people have been most generous. Heather Graf - books: "The Holden Cookbook, 1904; The Easy Expert in American Antiques; and Colonial and Early American Lighting. Janice Burkhart - 2 real estate appraisal booklets of the Lincoln property on King Philip Road; box of patriotic bunting and banners.