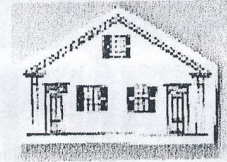


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Hours:

Wednesday 9 A.M.-4 P.M.
7 P.M.-9 P.M.

Thursday 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

January 17, 2012
7:30 P.M.

Meeting Notice

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

FROM THE SCHOOLMARM'S DESK

... Norton - what a wonderful town! It is a community of very dedicated people who have great love for their town. When the Tricentennial Committee was first formed, it reached out to the townspeople for support and help. The turnout at First Night was amazing. Even though it was a cold winter's night, crowds of young and old were having a grand time enjoying the various activities, the colorful fireworks and each others company. The number of volunteers increased with the approach of each event during the year. Throughout the year, people became reacquainted with folks and made new friends. As Brian Coughlin so elegantly said in his closing remarks at the concluding ceremony at the Unitarian Church, December 31, 2011, the 300th Birthday Celebration brought Norton residents together who "knew of each other but didn't really know each other." Now we do know each other. Thank you everyone for your part in helping our town have a fun filled 300th year. Here's to 2062 and the town's 350th celebration!



MEETING

January 17, 2012 at 7:30 P. M. - **Village of Chartley**, presented by Shirley Yelle McPhee. Shirley lived on North Worcester Street during her childhood. She will recall the activities at Chartley Corner, Everett Leonard's ice cream stand, Sturdy School and the Chartley Country Store. Did you ever pick vegetables at the Ulmer or Sousa farms? Come enjoy an evening of reminiscing about places, people and events at Chartley Village.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new member Dorothy Nason Lorange who lives in South Carolina. She grew up in Norton, the daughter of the late Wadsworth and Edith Nason. Marilyn Benaski, Ann Bellavance Howe and Mark Lincoln have become life members.

GOOD NEWS

Frances Shirley and Cynthia Gouveia have compiled a 300th anniversary booklet about Norton. It is a brief history with photos. You will find it interesting, easy reading. We thank Frances and Cynthia for donating their time and expertise in completing this booklet dedicated to the town's Tricentennial. It is available at Haskin's and our Society. The cost is \$5.00. Also, we have photos of different people who attended the Tricentennial picnic. If you remember having your pictures taken, come by our Society to collect them.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Tricentennial Committee has presented a certificate of appreciation to our Society in recognition of its generous contributions to the various 300th birthday events in 2011. It was a busy year but a most enjoyable time for all of us.

NORTON WATER TOWER

Have you noticed that the old water tower behind the Senior Center has disappeared from the skyline? It was built in 1912 behind the Yelle family house. Leo Yelle recalled that when it rained very hard, a lot of water would come off the tower roof into their backyard.