

Newsletter

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Founded in 1954

John Heckscher, Editor

The Grout-Heard House Museum, 12 Cochituate Road, Wayland, Massachusetts
Open to the Public Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 – Noon

Lighting Up Your Life — Sunday, Nov 6th, 3 pm

Yankee Craftsman's Sweeney Brothers will host us in their showroom-in-the-barn to discuss their antique lighting and restoration work. This family-owned business began when their dad, William Sweeney, tired of the traffic on his commute to Raytheon in Lexington, quit and began a repair shop in his garage on Hawthorne Road. Voilà, a business was born, grew, and relocated to the red barn we all know in Cochituate. They restore fixtures seen in our State House, Milton Academy, and the Dallas Historical Society, on TV in Masterpiece Theater Productions, and in movies — *The Kennedys*, *Mermaids*, *Blown Away*, and others. They also did lighting for the Traveling Holocaust exhibit. Bring an antique lighting fixture, lamp, or shade and the Sweeneys may be lighting up your life with Q&A at the end of the program.

Refreshments: Tonya Largy

Program Coordinator: Lois Toombs

Holiday Open House — Sunday, Dec 4th, 2-5 pm

Welcome in the holiday season with the Historical Society's Holiday Open House. Wayland Garden Club's own Gretchen Schuler, Susan Coppock, and Lois Toombs will lead a talented group of WGC members in festively attiring our rooms with holiday greenery. Wayland Girl Scouts, led by Elisa Scola, will be providing decorations for the tree and alcove in the Stone Room. WHS members will also be on hand welcoming all; many participate in preparing the Museum before we open our doors and welcome the community! The entire Museum will be open for viewing, with docents in each room. You may also enjoy sampling cookies, punch, and tea in the Stone Room while you converse with friends and neighbors.

Open House Co-chairs: Aida Gennis and Kathy Heckscher

Assisted by: Sally Lamprey

Photos from Atop the Hill at Mainstone Farm



Marge Baston

Gretchen Schuler responds to questions from the assembled onlookers.



Marge Baston

Gretchen Schuler & Devins Hamlin speak about the building development and family history.



Marge Baston

Four Girl Scouts (L) and a Wayland High School Junior had fun organizing a scavenger hunt and accompanying children on a supervised hike along future trails.



Wayland High School students from Kevin Delaney's history class who attended the Archaeology group lecture are pictured with Tonya Largy, program coordinator. Students included (from left) Melinda Kalanzis, Natalie Hsu, Matt Clayton, Tyler Brient, (Tonya), Lilly Lin, Lindsey Barnard, Kara Chang, and Brian Cohen.

Household Clues from Wayland's Historical Past

Tonya Largy

Common household items from the past tell about everyday life in those times. Salvatore DeMaio analyzed glass, ceramics, and even a child's toy that gardening activities unearthed at 61 Old Sudbury Road, the parcel owned at the time by Richard and Jo Goeselt directly south of the Old North Burial Ground. Jo, both a gardener and Curator Emerita of the Historical Society, lovingly collected each item and kept a record of where the items were found on the property. Years later, the collection was offered to the Historical Commission's Archaeology Group, with the request that the artifacts be analyzed. Jo also provided a complete land history of her property. Professor Jerry Howard, in the University of Massachusetts Boston Anthropology Department, arranged for his student, Salvatore DeMaio, to undertake this work for his Senior thesis. Sal presented his findings on October 15th, at a joint meeting of the Historical Commission and the Historical Society. Using Jo's history of the parcel, Sal was able to relate many of the artifacts to the families who lived on the land at various periods. Now we await his written thesis!

Thanks to Royce Kahler and Sandy Coy for staffing the artifact exhibit, to WayCam's Brian Cohen for recording the talk, to Mark Forman for equipment operational guidance and setup with Shawn the custodian, and last but not least, to Mary Antes for a varied and delicious table of refreshments, arranged in fall colors with decorations lovingly stored in Tonya Largy's basement.

Wayland Historical Society

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2016 – 2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Date-Time/Place

Event/Presenter

**Sunday, November 6, 1 - 3:00 pm
Yankee Craftsman, Route 30**

**Lighting Up Your Life
Sweeney Brothers**

**Sunday, December 4, 2 - 5:00 pm
Grout-Heard House Museum**

Holiday Open House

**Sunday, January 8, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Wayland Public Library**

**Aqueducts Run Through It
Tom Sciacca**

**Sunday, February 12, 2 - 4 pm
Wayland Town Building**

**Favorite Spaces-Memorable Places
Jane Sciacca, Julie Secord & Shawna Levine**

Thank you for supporting the Grout-Heard House Museum!