

Newsletter

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John Heckscher, Editor

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

*Note to Readers: The photos in this Newsletter are printed in gray scale (black & white) to save financial resources. Those who wish to view them in the original color can find them on line at the Society's web site.

Aqueducts Run Through It—Sunday Jan 8th 2:30-4:30 pm

The Historical Society will present *Aqueducts Run Through It* featuring our own Tom Sciacca in the Wayland Public Library. Do you know how many aqueducts run through Wayland? Since 1848 most of Boston's drinking water has come either from or through Wayland. Lake Cochituate, Dudley Pond, and the Sudbury River have all been part of Boston's water supply. Indeed, the very name, Lake Cochituate, is an artifact of its history as a Boston water source. But the aqueducts carrying water from the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs run through Wayland, too. Their nature has radically changed over the years, reflecting "state-of-the-art" engineering of their time. Now, some provide fabulous recreational opportunities. We will learn about the past and present of these most critical and often elegant pieces of infrastructure.

Refreshments: Harvey Segal

Program Coordinator: Kate Jenney

Favorite Spaces-Memorable Places - Sunday Feb 12th, 2-4 pm

Share a photo of a spot in Wayland you treasure. Tell us what makes it special to you, be it a riverbank, tree house, beaver dam, or people. Jane Sciacca from the WHS will facilitate a discussion and presentation of these special spaces, including some favorites from the Grout-Heard House collection. Co-sponsored by the Council on Aging, the event will be held in the Wayland Town Building. Please post the enclosed SHARE YOUR PHOTOS flyer on your bulletin board or frig as a reminder!

Refreshments: Minnette Harrington

Program Coordinators: Jane Sciacca, WHS; Julie Secord and Shawna Levine, COA

Sweeney Brothers Host Historical Society



Photos taken Nov 6, 2016 in loft of barn at Yankee Craftsman, Rte. 30, Wayland. Sweeney Bros. seated at table, left to right: Gary (youngest); Scott (middle); Bruce (oldest). Each brother entertained the 25-30 guests with amusing tales of growing up and interacting with his siblings. They described an amazing variety of lighting (above), including fixtures that used whale and coal oil, kerosene, natural gas and electricity. Worries the barn might be uncomfortably chilly were unfounded, as the brothers' warm reception and the hot beverages provided by Tonya Largy and Mary Antes warded off the cold.

Open House draws over 200!



Wayland High School Quartet: (L - R) Alex Briasco-Stewart, violin; Erica Lee, violin; Sundae Lee, viola; and Muntasir Shashabuttin, cello.



Stone Room alcove tree decorated by Girl Scouts in "Around the World" theme.



Draper Room windows



"UP" Staircase



Toy Room Display Cabinet

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2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Date-Time/Place

Event/Presenter

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

**Aqueducts Run Through It
Tom Sciacca**

**Sunday, February 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Wayland Town Building**

**Favorite Spaces - Memorable Places
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**Friday, March 3, 7:30- 9:30 pm
First Parish Church**

**Destination London
Musicians of the Old Post Road**

**Sunday, April 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Carriage House at Lee's Farm**

**"If You Ate Today...Thank A Farmer"
Bob Dorey**

Thank you for supporting the Grout-Heard House Museum!