



Newsletter



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

Annual Meeting Results

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Society was gaveled into session at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 by President Jan Dunn, with approximately 33 members in attendance. Annual Meeting booklets containing minutes of the 59th Annual Meeting, reports of the Treasurer, Trustees of Funds, Committees, and the President were made available by Secretary Margery Baston. The minutes were read and approved. George Ives presented the Treasurer's report and the proposed FY2015 budget. Chairman John Beard gave the Trustees of Funds report. This was followed by reports from the Curator Lois Davis, Education Commission Co-Chair Kathy Heckscher, Membership and Newsletter Chair John Heckscher, House Manager Joanne Davis, 375th Anniversary Liaison Jane Sciacca, and President Dunn. The final action of the Annual Meeting was to hold the election of the slate of Officers. The slate was introduced by President Dunn, Nominating Committee Chair. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate printed in the Annual Report was approved unanimously. The results are as follows:

OFFICERS (One-year Terms)

President Vice President

Treasurer Secretary

Curator

Museum Manager Past President To Be Determined

John L. Heckscher

George Ives Margery Baston

Lois Davis Joanne Davis

Jan H. Dunn

ACTIVE DIRECTORS (Three-year Terms)

Roger Backman - Aida Gennis Robert Mainer - Jane Sciacca

Kate Jenney

Molly Faulkner (new)

Through 2015

Through 2016

Through 2017

Through 2017

TRUSTEES OF FUNDS (One-year Terms)

John Beard, Chair

Jim Ashkar

Debby Jones

George Ives, Treasurer

President Dunn remarked that the Nominating Committee was continuing the search for a candidate to serve as the Society's president. You may note that two, one-year Officer positions established for FY2014 were discontinued in FY2015: Liaison to the 375 Committee was only for one year, and Outreach Manager Carol Repose, (continued)

who coordinated making the Society visible in the local community, resigned for personal reasons. At the conclusion of the business portion Jan Dunn was presented with several gifts to honor her three years as president of the Society. Dick Hoyt then was invited to present his talk, "Routes and Branches: What's in a Wayland Street Name?", an updated version of his 2007 talk of the same name. At the end of his talk, Dick was honored for his decades of service to the Society with the gift of David Hackett Fischer's "Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America" and a special cake marking his retirement from active involvement in the Society.

High School Community Service Volunteers at GHHM

On Wednesday, April 9, Wayland High School teachers Erin Lehmann, Social Studies, and Kelsey Pitcairn, English, accompanied a crew of thirteen senior volunteers to the GHHM where they were eagerly awaited to help with spring cleanup. On hand to greet them were Joanne Davis, Lois Davis, Marge and Woody Baston, Kathy Heckscher, and your Newsletter editor. After assembling in the Campbell room, they were greeted by Joanne, who gave them a brief review of the Society's purpose, and both Marge and Joanne outlined the various projects available to be worked on. Regina Yu, Audrey Zizza and Mia Narciso went with Joanne to renovate the herb garden; Charlie Tillett, Lucas Bastarache and Charlie Cope went with Woody to saw up a fallen tree, then to the driveway entrance to join Aaron Bourget, Brendan Lau and Charles Paige who were working to clean up the gravel and dirt that had moved down the slope onto the sidewalk. Marge was delighted to have Michelle Sheffres, Sophie Mishara and Madelene Sacra resume attacking the bittersweet vines entangling the southern property line and climbing toward the electrical wires of the property next door. After completing some jobs the crew joined other jobs in progress. Flagstones on the front walk that had shifted over the winter were realigned and leveled, and the bicentennial marker at the back edge of the parking lot was located under debris and uncovered. During all of this activity Martin Narciso took many photos, then joined the bittersweet gang. Leaves were raked from the front garden near the house. All debris was piled at the rear of the parking area at the rear of the house.













After School "Long Ago Days" Program

On 4 Tuesdays in March, 1st and 2nd grade girls learned about living in Wayland in Colonial days. The program is created and run by Joanne Davis, Kathy Heckscher and Marney Ives, with able assistance from Kate Jenney, Kathy Finch, Jane Sciacca and Claudia Heller. The pictures below show the girls playing school, wearing mobcaps, and learning about weaving.









Revolution Program

In May all 3rd graders in Wayland visited the GHHM to learn about Wayland's role in events leading up to the start of the Revolutionary War. They went to North cemetery to find graves of Revolutionary War heroes. They saw Roger Backman's Minuteman costume, and they held the heavy colonial musket owned by the GHHM.

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2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

Date-Time/Place

Event/Presenter

Saturday, June 14, 9:30 AM Cochituate Ball Field PARADE to end 375th Celebration Coordinator: Brad Keyes brad@waylandparade.org

Have a great, safe summer. See you in September!

Thank you for supporting the Grout-Heard House Museum!