

# 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

## Welcome Back...

...to our 61st year of providing interesting and stimulating programs to illuminate people and happenings in our historic town of Wayland. Although we did not elect a new president at the Annual Meeting last May, Past Presidents Jan Dunn and Jane Sciacca -- the "J-Team" -- stepped up as Co-Leaders and have created a menu of nine events intending to entice your attendance. These are briefly described in your Wayland Historical Society 2014-2015 Program Booklet, which you will have received by now. A big thank you to members Mary and John Antes for editing the information, formatting the booklet, having it printed, and preparing it for mailing.

Please note the request at the bottom of the inside front cover, which says: **"If you are not a life member, your dues are due upon receipt of this booklet. Please use the enclosed envelope."** Your prompt response would be appreciated!

## Heard Farm - Beauty and History along the River

Sunday, September 21, 2014  
Town Building Parking Lot

1:50 (to carpool)  
2:00 pm walk

Step back in time with Gretchen Schuler as we imagine what the 18th and 19th century Heard Farm was like. Situated along the Sudbury River and near Heard Pond, the fields are now owned by the Town and managed by the Conservation Commission. **A sign warning of deer ticks is prominently displayed; it advises wearing insect repellent with DEET.** Parking is extremely limited, so park at the rear of the Town Building and we will carpool down Pelham Island Road. In case of uncertain weather, please call 358-2980 (Jane Sciacca) if in doubt.

Refreshments: Karen and Ira Montague, 9 Erwin Road

## New England Gravestones and their Stories

Thanks to Judy Canty Graves' program suggestion, we are delighted to welcome to the GHM Laurel K. Gabel, a distinguished author, lecturer and well recognized New Englander in the Gravestone field, at 2 pm on Sunday, October 26th. Refreshments: Minnette Harrington.

NB: WHS desires suggestions from its membership for possible future programs. Please let us know what you have in mind. We will do our best to accommodate you.

## Carrying the Banner in the 375 Parade



The Wayland Historical Society was well represented in the June 14th Parade that signaled the end of a year's celebration of Wayland's 375th anniversary of incorporation in 1638. The photo shows Jane Sciacca leading the way for the Society's banner held by John and Kathy Heckscher and a waving Margery Baston. The Society's float is following, just out of the picture. The location is near the start of the parade at the junction of East and West Plain Street, and Main Street (Rte. 27).



### WHS Marchers awaiting start of Wayland's 375 Parade on June 14, 2014

L-R: Jan Dunn, Jane Sciacca, Lois Davis, Margery Baston, Kathy and John Heckscher. In the background is WHS's float, themed "Over the River and Through the Woods", with Jane Sciacca's granddaughter, Joselyn Brown, riding the sleigh.

## Driveway Maintenance & Improvement

A four-inch layer of crushed stone has been added to the entire driveway and rear parking area of the GHM, greatly enhancing the appeal of the property and virtually eliminating mud carried in by visitors and staff; hopefully, no more deep puddles in the parking area!



**Entrance from 27/126 intersection**



**Rear Parking Lot**

## Our Dying Beech Trees



The two large beeches along Cochituate Road are diseased, and are dying from the top down. This September 10th photo shows NStar detaching a cable tying the leftmost beech to the power pole with the flag. The Board of Managers will decide on the next steps, including whether to remove the tree(s) and renovate the lawn, or continue to prune as has been done previously.

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## 2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Date-Time/Place</u>	<u>Event/Presenter</u>
Sunday, September 21, 1:50 pm Town Building Parking Lot - Carpool to Heard Farm	Heard Farm - 2:00 pm walk Gretchen Schuler
Sunday, October 26, 2:00 pm Grout-Heard House Museum	New England Gravestone Stories Laurel K. Gabel
Friday, November 21, 8:00 pm Wayland High School Auditorium	Film - 3 Eras of Wayland History Jacob Sussman & Zander Cowen, Pelham Island Productions
Sunday, December 7, 2:00 - 5:00 pm Grout-Heard House Museum	Holiday Open House Molly Adams & Sally Lamprey, Co-chairs

**Thank you for supporting the Grout-Heard House Museum!**