

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

Note to website users

The Society's web address, www.waylandhistoricalsociety.org, no longer takes you to our information. Please use the new address, www.waylandmuseum.org, as reflected in the Newsletter heading above, pending further notice.

Easy Being Green - Friday, March 11

On Friday, March 11 at 7:30 PM, Musicians of the Old Post Road presents "Easy Being Green: Young Talent, Early Promise," the third program from the group's 2015-16 "Green Season." The program, which showcases precocious early works by esteemed classical composers, includes W. A. Mozart's Piano Trio in B-flat Major, K. 254, a piece of considerable charm and wit that he composed at the age of 20. Also on the program is "Variations on a Romance from 'Une folie'" for flute and piano composed by Mozart's student Johann Nepomuk Hummel around the age of 25, Beethoven's early Piano Trio in G Major, WoO 37, and the remarkably forward-looking Violin Sonata in B-flat Major by George Frederick Pinto, a talented young composer who lived only to the age of 20. \$30 general admission / \$25 seniors / \$10 college students (with ID) / children ages 7-17 admitted FREE when accompanied by an adult. This concert is supported, in part, by the Wayland Cultural Council, and is co-presented by the Wayland Historical Society, who's members will receive \$5 off the price of admission. For additional information and tickets, call 781-466-6694 or visit www.oldpostroad.org.

Refreshments will be offered by Dick Hoyt and Kathy & John Heckscher

Toys in the Attic - Thursday, April 21

Come bring your prize antique toys (e.g., trains, roller skates, blocks, Tonka trucks, jump ropes, miniature cars, farms, tea sets, doll houses, erector sets, old bikes & trikes, etc., etc.) to the Large Hearing Room in the Town Building at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 21. As you arrive, you may place your item(s) on tables, enjoy refreshments and see what others have brought. At 7:30 Gary Sohmers will entertain us with his adventures with antique toys and collectibles, and follow up with verbal appraisals of items he selects from the tables. Mr Sohmers operates Wex Rex Collectibles and Saxonville Auction Services, attends and sells at numerous antiques and collectibles events each year, and has appeared as an appraiser of toys, collectibles, and memorabilia on the popular PBS television program Antiques Roadshow. This fun and entertaining evening is co-hosted by the Council on Aging.

Docents Sparkle at Brides of Yesteryear Event

Kudos to docents Amanda Keyes, Lois Toombs and Edyth Dwyer (pictured L to R on the facing page) for inspired and authentic presentations of the history, design and workmanship of the bridal gowns on display at the Grout-Heard House Museum on Sunday, February 7. Amanda and Edyth, both Juniors at Wayland High School, and Lois, recently retired after many year's service as Wayland's Town Clerk, displayed intimate familiarity with the gowns under their charge, conveying their knowledge to curious visitors with accuracy and humor. These dresses, part of our extensive costume collection, are preserved and lovingly cared for by Gloria Backman, our textile specialist. Valentine's Day may have been pre-viewed by these precious gowns along with our vintage collection of valentines beautifully arranged in the Stone Room's display case by Joanne Davis, our House Manager. Refreshments were available as promised in the Program Booklet write-up: Kathy Heckscher prepared wedding punch (orange juice, lemonade and ginger ale) along with a fruit-embellished ice ring, and thanks to the efforts of Kate Jenney, a large double-layer oblong yellow cake with white icing was donated by Stop & Shop Wayland. Enhancing the refreshment table was a small replica of a two-tiered cake borrowed from Julie Secord of the Wayland COA.

Leftover cake and punch (there was some!) was donated to the Police and Fire Station, in anticipation of Monday's predicted snow storm.

Wayland Tidbits*

***Tidbit—a small piece of news or interesting information.**

The following are excerpted from an extensive list compiled by Jane Sciacca:

The first English settlers came to present-day Wayland in 1638

Wayland is the original settlement of the Sudbury Plantation

The first meetinghouse was built in 1643 on the site of the North Cemetery; a stone and plaque mark the spot (but see Newsletter 39-2, Nov-Dec 2015 for location update)

In 1780 the east and west side of Sudbury divided—the west side took the name Sudbury and the east side became East Sudbury

In 1835 East Sudbury changed its name to Wayland

At least three buildings still standing in Wayland were colonial taverns in the 18th and 19th centuries. They are: Hopedstill Bent's on Old Connecticut Path, Reeves Tavern on Old Connecticut Path East, and the Luther Moore Tavern on Oxbow Road. Today they are all private residences.

In 1881 the railroad came to Wayland and the Wayland Depot was built



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2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

Date-Time/Place

Note Earlier Time

Event/Presenter

Friday, Mar 11, 7:30 pm
First Parish Church

Easy Being Green
Musicians of the Old Post Road

Thursday, April 21, 7:00 pm
Large Hearing Room, Town Bldg

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Toys in the Attic
WHS and COA, with Gary Sohmers

Sunday, May 1, 2:00 pm
Wayland High School Lecture Hall

Over Here & Over There: WW1 in Wayland
Kevin Delaney & High School students

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 pm
Grout-Heard House Museum

ANNUAL MEETING
Board of Managers

!!! Date-Time/Place not in Program Booklet

Thank you for supporting the Grout-Heard House Museum!