**Wayland Historical Society Programs 2022-2023**

**NOTE:** Most programs are scheduled to take place via Zoom and at the Wayland Free Public Library or the First Parish Church. Final arrangements will be announced in the WM&HS Newsletter.

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Shirley Place Tour**

Wayland Historical Society has arranged for a private tour of the National Historic Landmark and Boston Landmark: Shirley Place, which includes the Shirley-Eustis House, the Ingersoll-Gardner Carriage House, gardens with folly, and a small orchard.

Please sign up for this tour. We will arrange for carpooling and there will be refreshments. A donation of $10 ($5 for Seniors) to the Shirley Eustis House Association is suggested.

Originally built between 1746 and 1749 as the summer residence of Royal Governor William Shirley, the house has served as a Royal Governor’s home; a Revolutionary War barracks and hospital; a privateer Captain's home; the home of Massachusetts Governor William Eustis and his family; a boarding house; a tenement house; and, finally, a museum and event venue after it was rescued from demolition.

**Sunday, October 23, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. – Wayland’s Mary Sears and the Marine Scientists Who Helped Win World War II – Catherine Musemeshe**  
*Presented by the Wayland Museum & Historical Society and the Wayland Free Public Library via ZOOM.*

Weaving together science, biography, and military history, Catherine “Kate” Musemeshe will tell the gripping story of “the first oceanographer of the Navy” – Wayland’s very own, Mary Sears, who was born in Wayland, lived on Pelham Island Road, and worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute after college. Sears’ work helped lead the U.S. to victory in the Pacific theater during World War II, creating an intelligence-gathering juggernaut based on the new science of oceanography and her groundbreaking research.

Dr. Musemeshe, author of *Lethal Tides - Mary Sears and the Marine Scientists Who Helped Win World War II*, is a graduate of the University of Texas McGovern Medical School in Houston, Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. She has been a pediatric surgeon for more than three decades.

**Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. – New Member Reception**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 2:00-5:00 p.m. – Holiday Open House**

As part of the annual Wayland Community Celebration, the Grout-Heard House Museum is open to visitors. The Wayland Garden Club decorates the house with live plant materials appropriate to the period and Girl Scout troops decorate a tree with their themed handmade crafts. On Sunday, visitors can enjoy music provided by Wayland High School musicians, refreshments, and special activities for children and families. We hope that after three years we will once again be able to invite
friends and family into the Grout-Heard House Museum for the Holiday Open House that was held online in 2020 and outside in 2021.

**Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Lydia Maria Child: A Radical American Life – Lydia Moland**

*Presented by the Wayland Museum and Historical Society, the First Parish Wayland and the Wayland Free Public Library via Zoom and in-person at the First Parish Wayland*

Lydia Moland will talk about Lydia Maria Child, one of Wayland’s most renowned citizens and a courageous abolitionist who lived on Old Sudbury Road in the mid-19th century. Child shocked her readers by publishing the first book-length argument against slavery – so radical that friends abandoned Child and her book sales plummeted.

Ms. Moland, author of the soon to be released *Lydia Maria Child: A Radical American Life*, conducted some of her research at the Wayland Museum & Historical Society where she reviewed letters written by Child as well as other documents owned by the Historical Society. Moland is a professor of philosophy at Colby College in Waterville, Maine.

**Saturday March 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. – “Baroque Diva” Concert by Musicians of the Old Post Road – Via Zoom and in person at First Parish Church, Wayland**

For the 34th year the Wayland Museum & Historical Society will partner with the First Parish Church to host the Musicians of the Old Post Road playing early music on period instruments. In a program titled “Baroque Diva: A tribute to Faustina Bordoni,” the Musicians invite us to “delight in dazzling arias and cantatas written for superstar Faustina Bordoni. Faustina’s vocal celebrity inspired a long list of works written to highlight her unique talent. Discover the lasting impact she had on 18th-century opera through virtuoso selections by her husband J.A. Hasse, Leonardo Vinci, and Handel. Instrumental pieces by Hasse, Gasparini, and others complete the scene. Featuring soprano Teresa Wakim.”

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting followed by a 7:30 p.m. program**

*Getting There from Here – Steven Glovsky.*

*Location TBD*

Once again Mr. Glovsky will be our speaker following the Annual Meeting. He will regale us with stories about the various modes of transportation known to Wayland from the 17th to the 21st centuries.