



SHS Mission Statement (adopted in 1998)

The Sudbury Historical Society accepts the commitment to collect and preserve artifacts, to foster an appreciation and understanding of history and traditions, focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on Sudbury.

REMINDER: SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2 PM. Sudbury Town Hall. Meet *Antique Homes Journal* editor Nick Langhart and learn about the differences and similarities in various old houses. Slides of Sudbury homes shown also. \$5 charge for nonmembers.

What's Happening at Town Hall Second Floor

The Curatorial Committee (see photo) chaired by SHS co-president Lee Swanson, assisted by intern Takayuki Morita, John and Virginia Maenpaa, Jane Armbruster, Nancy Vanderslice, Stewart & Mary Ellen Hoover, and Cynthia Stocking, is starting to inventory the current SHS documents and artifacts. More donations are being received (see page 2) and will be recorded and preserved. If you haven't checked your attic for treasures that will contribute to Sudbury's history, now is the time to do so. Contact Lee or Taka at 2nd Floor town Hall (978) 443-3747.



Photo - Clay Allen

Virginia & John Maenpaa, Lee Swanson, Takayuki Morita,
Jane Armbruster, Cynthia Stocking

Harry Rice Museum Fund Update

The Curatorial Committee will also work on the display of Harry Rice's Indian Artifacts Collection in cooperation with Concord Museum archeologist Shirley Biance and Wayland archeological volunteer Paul Gardescu. This collection is owned by the Sudbury Historical Society, but the money to build a museum to house the collection was given to the Sudbury Selectmen's care. This Harry Rice Museum Fund totals more than \$72,000 (unfortunately, not the \$400,000 that was predicted in 1974). Now the SHS has a repository (for the collection) and will have a museum, once Town Hall 2nd Floor becomes handicapped accessible. Sudbury Town Counsel Paul Kenney has agreed to pursue the legal steps necessary to free up the funds for SHS. He also will be working to release the Wood-Davison House Funds, which are over \$40,000, as there is widespread agreement in town that the monies from both funds should now be available to SHS. We will keep you posted!

New Trustee

SHS is again fortunate to have another husband-wife team on the Board of Trustees. Elizabeth (Betsy) Gottberg has joined her husband Bob as a Trustee. Betsy has been active as a community volunteer for many years. She founded the Sudbury Villagers, has been president of the Thursday Garden Club, and more recently a Red Cross volunteer. She and Bob are also working on the E. Helene Sherman Exhibit coming in September. We welcome Betsy and know she will be a valuable addition to the SHS trustees. See back page for complete listing of SHS Officers and Trustees.

SHS Program Schedule –Spring 2000

****Sunday, April 9: 2:00 P.M. First Parish Church, Sudbury Center — WHEN EAST SUDBURY BECAME WAYLAND: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED? Guest Speakers: Historians John Powers, formerly of Sudbury, and George Lewis of Wayland. ** Joint Meeting with Wayland Historical Society**

Sunday, May 7: 7:30 P.M. Martha Mary Chapel — PRESENTING MR. & MRS. HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW. Brought to life by Walter Murphy, founder of the Longfellow Poetry Society, and by Lynn Spencer, historical consultant.

Sunday, June 4: 1:00 P.M. (Note Time Change) Sudbury Town Hall, 2nd Floor — ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES. Open House / Exhibit of SHS's Collection, including model of Town Center History Trail and orientation maps, followed by Strawberry Social at Heritage park.

Recent Acquisitions

Former Sudbury resident, Royal Haynes, whose family is one of the oldest in Sudbury (Haynes School, Haynes Road, Haynes Meadow, and several Haynes houses), generously donated **several old deeds belonging to the Haynes and Wheeler families**. In addition, he has added to our **collection of Indian artifacts with several tools and arrowheads**. Royal also plans to donate a framed picture of the old Elisha Wheeler House on Old Sudbury Road near Concord Road and pictures of other Sudbury landmarks. The SHS is most appreciative.

SHS member Winifred Fitzgerald, also a member of the Sudbury Historic Commission, was alerted by a friend to an Internet e-Bay Auction item that could add to our knowledge of Sudbury's history: **an original draft of a Constitution of the proposed Wadsworth Historical Society, dated 1880** (the current Sudbury Historical Society began in 1956), believed to be written by the same Alfred S. Hudson who wrote *History of Sudbury: 1639-1889*. We knew that Hudson addressed a gathering at the old Wadsworth Academy, site of the present Congregational Church, but until now we didn't have the contents of his proposal for an historical society and have no record of any meetings of the Wadsworth Society.

In 1880, Hudson wrote that the object of the Wadsworth Society "shall be to collect and preserve such historical matter as shall pertain to the annals of this ancient Town." Two hundred years later, the SHS is attempting to follow those guidelines as we begin to gather up relics and historic fragments that have been scattered and/or lost and to validate their authenticity. The SHS is very fortunate that Winifred acted quickly and was able to acquire it for the Society. Sudbury E-Bay watchers: be alerted!

Sudbury Residents Praised for Their Presentations

As proof that we don't have to go far to find talented people and successful programs, the first two SHS programs of the New Millennium featured Sudbury women, both aided by their husbands! In JANUARY, the team of Dorothy and Jerome McGonagle displayed some of Dorothy's vast collection of dolls. Dorothy brought them to life as she explained the historic background accompanying each doll. Several dolls belonging to the audience were also displayed and discussed. Great job, Dorothy and Jerome!

In FEBRUARY, a standing-room-only audience heard Maxine Yarbrough, assisted by her husband

Dean, explain Sudbury's connection to the Underground Railroad in the mid-1800s as a feature of Black History Month. Former music educator and METCO Coordinator for the Sudbury schools, Maxine also shared her own family experiences and her musical background as she explained the history leading up to the secret routes which carried slaves north toward freedom. Maxine has graciously agreed to provide the SHS with her report and plans to continue her search for hitherto hidden information. Thank you so much for all your work, Maxine.

The Sudbury Historical Society is indeed fortunate to have such valuable resources so close at hand!

Curt Garfield to Speak at Stone Farm on Earth Day, April 29

The author of the forthcoming *History of Sudbury: 1890-1989*, Curt Garfield, has agreed to wear his storyteller's cap and talk about the farming days in Sudbury to those who attend Sudbury's Earth Day on Saturday, April 29, at the Stone Farm on Boston Post Road (times to be announced). Pre-publication sales of his history book are going very well, and orders are coming in from all over the country, thanks to Sudbury's online address: www.townonline.com/sudbury. The first 400 hardcover copies sold will be signed by Curt and accompanied by a complimentary print of the Wayside Inn.

The total cost is \$26.25 (add \$3.00 if you are unable to pick up the book locally). Make checks payable to **Sudbury Historical Society** and send to: SHS History Book Order, P.O. Box 233, Sudbury, MA 01776. Order forms are available at Goodnow Library, Town Hall, and from bulletins at Sudbury Farms, Star Market, and Fleet Bank.

Sherman Exhibit Taking Shape

Plans for an exhibit featuring several newly framed works of the late E. Helene Sherman are moving along. Entitled "WORKS IN LIGHT: A RETROSPECTIVE," the exhibit will run from Sunday, September 10, through Saturday, September 30, and will also include items on loan from local residents and churches. The Committee, which has been meeting monthly, includes SHS members Martha Curran, Mary Ainsworth, Fran Caspe, Bob & Betsy Gottberg, Mary Ellen Hoover, Doris Niederauer, Sylvia Throckmorton, Victor & Gladys Guethle, and Marion Tratnyek, and is chaired by Ursula Lyons.

Taka Presents Gifts to Trustees

When he returned from a visit to his family in Aichi, Japan, intern Takayuki Morita brought lovely keepsake gifts for all the Trustees: individually packaged scarves or handkerchiefs made of Shibori fabric from the Arimatsu factory near Nagoya, Japan. Shibori is a special dyed cotton that is made from a centuries-old process. Each pattern is individually crafted, three-dimensional, and may include one or more of nine techniques such as rolled, dotted, striped, or embroidered (see photo).

Genealogical Notes

The SHS regularly receives letters and calls inquiring about ancestors' records. SHS member Winifred Grinnell has been most helpful with her ongoing genealogical research. SHS would like to compile more chronological records of old Sudbury families. If anyone has information from their family records, we would appreciate your sharing your lineage. Contact Lee at 443-3747.

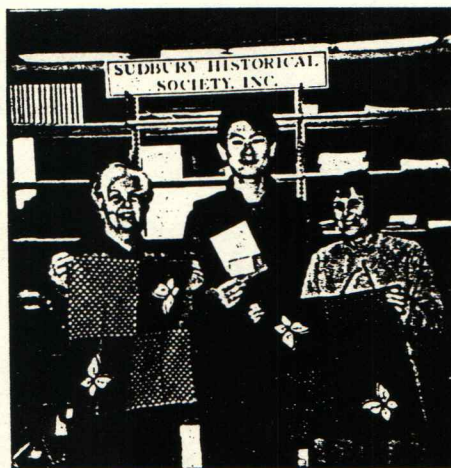


Photo - Clay Allen

Ursula Lyons, Takayuki Morita, June Allen

Sudbury Grange celebrates 115th Birthday on March 14, 7:45 PM, at the Grange Hall, Town Center.

One of the secret treasures in Sudbury has been the Sudbury Grange, which holds monthly meetings at their antique meeting hall in Town Center (between the presbyterian Church and Town Hall). For many years, the Grange was the center of Sudbury social life and a place where young people could learn about agriculture, practice civic skills, and socialize in a family centered setting. Now the Grange is working to restore both the building and the membership to what it once was. Members Bonnie and Peter Glass have spearheaded the effort to emphasize the Grange's traditional involvement in environmental issues, while Carole Wolfe heads a newly formed committee with a mandate to restore and preserve the circa 1840s Greek Revival hall which once housed the Center School.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Grange will celebrate its 115th year and honor one of Sudbury's oldest citizens, Margaret (Beth) Hawes, who has been a member of the Grange for 75 years and served as Master in 1941. The meeting is also dedicated to Mildred Tallant and Hope Baldwin, two long-time members who have recently moved away.



Sudbury Town Hall
New Home of Sudbury Historical Society

Sudbury Historical Society Officers & Trustees - 1999—2000

Co-Presidents: Ursula Lyons and Lee Swanson

Treasurer: June Allen

Secretary/Clerk: Sheila Mackinnon

Trustees as of January 2000: Clay Allen, June Allen, Elizabeth Bishop, Edwin Blackey, Margaret Fredrickson, Curt Garfield, Victor Guethlin, Elizabeth Gottberg, Robert Gottberg, Ursula Lyons, Sheila Mackinnon, Jonathan Swain, Lee Swanson, Patricia Walsh, Victor Walsh

Coming Events Sponsored by Area Historical Societies

- ☐ **Monday, March 27** – “Let’s Go to the Movies” with Maynard Historical Society’s Paul Boothroyd, 7 PM, Town Building, 195 Main St., Rear, Maynard (*Maynard Historical Society*)
- ☐ **Tuesday, March 28** – History of the plumbing business of the Raymond J. Curley Plumbing Co., founded in 1920, at First Federated Church Hall, 200 Central St., Hudson, 7:30 PM. (*Hudson Historical Society*)
- ☐ **Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 26, May 3** – At the Lyman Estate, Waltham, MA, 7-8:30 PM, a course on The Colonial Home: 1725-1780, sponsored by SPNEA (Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities). Call 617-227-3957 Ext. 270.
- ☐ **Sunday, April 16** – Shirley Historical Society will host the Annual Meeting of the Minuteman Regional Historical Societies at The United Church of Shirley, Shirley Village, from 1-3 PM. Call 978-425-9328 for more details.
- ☐ **Friday, April 29, thru Sunday, April 30** – Framingham Historical Society will commemorate Framingham’s connections with the Civil War during its Tercentennial year. The weekend will feature a Union and Confederate encampment on the Centre Commons and several daytime and nighttime events. For more information, contact Mary Murphy (508) 875-8966.

SHS Membership Increases

Months after our regular membership drive, SHS continues to add to its list of membership renewals and new members, 13 since January! It’s not too late to take advantage of the benefits of an SHS Individual Membership for \$10, or Family Membership for \$15. Otherwise, there is a charge of \$5 per meeting for nonmembers. To join, call June Allen at 978-443-9390, or Ursula Lyons at 978-443-9638, or come to the next meeting.
