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From the President

CHANGES, CHALLENGES and CONSTANTS have marked the recent months at the Sudbury Historical Society, Inc.

CHANGES

This October the Society had its 1st public Museum exhibit at the Town Hall. An Archaeology Exhibit was created with the Wayland Archaeology Group as part of the statewide Celebration of 'MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK'. The exhibit included the best of Wayland's artifacts, with photos of 2 of their digs. SHS displayed the entire **Harry C. Rice Collection of American Indian Artifacts**, for the first time in decades, plus the **Smith, Hill, & Haynes** Collections. Peter Noyes teachers viewed the exhibit, thanks to Jennifer Seng, and by this January over 400 students,

Teachers, aides, and chaperones will have participated in it, bringing back to their homes a new awareness of the existence of the Sudbury Historical Society, our Museum, and our programs.

Another first was the pleasure of Loaning a 1912 dress form to the Harvard Historical Society for their textile exhibit. Interns Noriko Konosu and Greg Fedynyshyn totally rebuilt and refurbished the form to display our antique dresses. It was gratifying to see hours of painstaking work rewarded by this kind of recognition.

The SHS ART LOAN PROGRAM is finally ready for local businesses, banks, libraries, etc. to borrow for 3 to 6 months an original work of art for display. All our artwork is now in our data base w/descriptions & photos. **Call if you want to help spread beauty about the area.**

CHALLENGES

Just as the word Curator, basically means to care for, we have a lot on our plate. The range of

responsibilities goes from the Indian Grinding Stone Site on Green Hill Road to newly acquired papers and photographs. Each object to be preserved and documented requires special materials. In order to finance the archival display and education needs, the Society needs funds. It is challenging to develop the Society's capability to request and manage funding for its activities. Meanwhile, the creation and presentation of monthly programs requires research and consultation.

Constants

Constant Challenge is part of what makes the Society interesting. Another constant for the Society is the energy and dedication of its members. Commitment to preserving and communicating the heritage of Sudbury builds bonds of community and satisfaction of accomplishment. The Society is a place where people of diverse interests and skills co-operate to create a good community.

Warmest New Year's wishes to the Sudbury Historical Society community.

Peggy

Donations since April, 2002:

Joan Meenan	Sudbury Town Report; additional business records of Sudbury Art Association.
Jerome McGonagle	One lead pipe from the Goodnow watering trough feed with letter of explanation
Chuck Margosian	1838 Bible with Goodnow Family Data; circa 1861 Bible
Harry Baldwin	1950 Sudbury Cookbook; 5"x7" B&W Photo of South Sudbury R.R. Station (by Don Fellows)
Theresa Rosen	13 notebooks and printed material relating to Sudbury Business & Professional Women's Club
Charlene ('Charlie') Ensore	Photo Post Card of Coach House at Wayside Inn
Don Bishop	9 copies of Annual Reports from Sudbury Water District; 7 Annual Town Reports; 2 post card notices of Water District Meetings; antique flat mouth blacksmith tongs and antique carpenter's scribe possibly from Raymond Farm
Russell Stearns	Bound scripts and props used by Sudbury Players for "Mr. Robert's", including Navy Trunk and canvas sea bag with Ensign Pulver stenciled on it
Mary Ellen Hoover	over 200 B&W negatives of Robert Walker and Walker Farm from the 1980's with proof sheets of above; 8"x10" B&W south view of Ice House, all taken by donor; For Loan Program: Two wool vests; cotton shirt; modified pants to look like britches -- 1775 Colonial style (made in 1975)
Sheila Mackinnon	1975 Sudbury Bicentennial memorabilia including framed crewelwork of Wayside Inn and other 18 th century images (by Jane Gillespie); photographs of well-known Sudbury personalities and buildings; several slides of events and a commemorative bicentennial plaque given to Sheila and Norm Mackinnon; 1939 original work of "Old Sudbury" (part of a Federal Writers Project)
LSRS Library	8 Sudbury High School Senior Play Books (1946 - 1953)
Donald Hawes	Campfire Girls material; Raytheon artifacts; Sudbury Swim and Tennis Club memorabilia
Virginia Frazer	Maps from the Forrest Bradshaw Family
Curt Garfield	25 B&W photos of the opening of the Sudbury Raytheon Corporation Plant in 1960
Joe Brown	Two Miniature Books by Helene Sherman (Wayside Inn, Boston Lexington & Concord); photo reprinted from negative glass slide of Wayside Inn (taken in the 19 th century)
Anonymous	Antique-style blouse, shawl and hat belonging to her mother, Harriet Ritchie
Becky Cutting	

Summer Interns

During the month of June, the Society was very fortunate to host talented and personable Noriko Konosu from Narashino Chiba, Japan, thanks to the International Internship Program which also sent the Society Takayaki Morita. Noriko quickly became immersed in American culture with her Concord Road host family, Susannah Flynn and Percy Chinoy. A very young, energetic 57 with an infectious sense of humor, she walked to Town Hall every day, and rode her bicycle for longer distances. Noriko is married with two grown children and has an art background with a special interest in textiles. Her willingness to do anything needed combined with her patience and detail-oriented skills resulted in her sewing a window blind; hand vacuuming two antique quilts; and dismantling, cleaning, polishing and re-building two antique dress forms. Because she came from a 'confectionary town', Noriko presented the Trustees and Selectmen with wonderful samples of confectionary art. Before she left Noriko sent a note of thanks to the Society members and included a very generous donation of \$1500 dollars in appreciation for what her visit meant to her. As Curator Lee Swanson said recently, "Every time we use archival materials we will remember Noriko. Why is it that people from the other side of the planet, like Noriko and Taka, come here, see the Society's needs and objectives and give so much, yet most local residents are blind to it?" We thank you for giving us the opportunity to know you, Noriko. Your visit and generosity meant a great deal to us.

Just days after Noriko left 17 year old Greg Fedynyshyn, now an LSRHS senior, called to find out if we needed an intern! Greg's many talents were apparent as he designed a web site for the Society; programmed our new computer scanner and laser printer; painted 4'x 8' panels; designed a trolley system for sliding doors; and finished Noriko's work on the 1912 antique dress form, rare because of its 18 inch waist and ankle length expandable dress. The form is now on loan to the Harvard, MA Historical Society through December. "And he cleaned up after himself!!—a really fine young man who will succeed in whatever he chooses to do," noted Swanson.



Curator Lee Swanson pokes his head between Japanese Intern Noriko Konosu and Trustee Ursula Lyons at van Dijk's Hawaiian Luau Party in June.

Good-bye, Sheila

Last summer SHS Trustee, Secretary/Clerk, and publicity coordinator for the past four years, Sheila Mackinnon moved to Shrewsbury with husband Norm. Long-time Sudbury residents of the lovingly restored antique Dutton House on French Pond, the MacKinnons were also Board members of the Hop Brook Protection Association. Sheila is a former realtor, a writer by avocation, and contributor to many SHS Programs. Her detailed minutes of the Trustees meetings have been left with the Society. Best Wishes —We thank you, Sheila and hope you will come back and visit!



Members and guests are enjoying the May Bus Tour of Abandoned Sudbury, Part III.

SHS' Wish List is Becoming Shorter Because of the Following Donations:

Sheila Mackinnon	over 50 plastic magazine holders
Don Somers	aluminum wall hung flip chart, easel and charts
Kirsten van Dijk	6 foot high new mahogany easel
Mary and John Trubiano	hundreds of name tag holders, tags and miscellaneous office supplies
Curt Garfield	an H-P ink-jet color printer
Paul Gardescu	new Werner 6 ft. aluminum step ladder (Paul noticed that the SHS' wooden ladder was very unsafe).

Thank You All!

Still Needed Are:

- ♦ Modern flat file cabinet to hold historic maps
- ♦ Lap Top Computer
- ♦ and, to add to the "Sudbury Remembered Collection, Memorabilia from former Sudbury businesses

Contact Lee Swanson if you know anyone who has any of these items.

SHS Sale Items - What's Hot??

The SHS has two of the best 'gift items' for anyone who has ever lived in Sudbury:

- ♦ Curt Garfield's highly readable book: ***Sudbury: 1890-1989 100 years in the Life of a Town*** (the book that started the search for Babe Ruth's piano) is nearly sold out in hardcover (\$26.25) but there are still plenty of signed paperbacks left (\$12.60). To order, call Bob Gottberg (978-443-3081) or stop by 2nd Floor Town Hall most week day afternoons.
- ♦ Framed (\$52.50) or unframed (\$31.50) **1875 de Beers Atlas (four color laser copy) map of Sudbury and Maynard**, with a key on the back explaining unusual features of the map.
- ♦ The SHS has purchased Grinding Stone commemorative cup plates from the Historical Commission. They are available at Town Hall 2nd Floor for \$10 plus tax.

Spotlight On Volunteers

For the last year SHS has benefited from the services of a former Information Specialist and assistant librarian Mary Trubiano who has organized the SHS membership list and worked hard to increase it. (She personally called over 70 people who had not renewed their SHS membership. That number is now down to 45.) A Sudbury resident for 36 years, Mary has also been using the Society's complex Past Perfect Museum software to organize the Volunteer list and prepare members' badges for use at meetings and events. A former assistant children's librarian in Sudbury from 1970-1980, Mary 'retired' after 17 years at Digital Equipment Corporation in 1997 to spend more time working for her husband's consulting business, ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems. Her background in data base, marketing, software application work and quality systems is providing the SHS with invaluable assistance. Thank you Mary.

Thank you to ALL Sudbury Historical Society Volunteers, including Don Bishop, Charlie Enscoe, Laura Hayden and all the Trustees who fill in as needed.



SHS Volunteer Mary Trubiano.

In Case You Missed It.....

Raytheon Remembered

The SHS program in November was a continuation of the 'Sudbury Remembered' programs of the past two years. Thanks to the efforts of Peg Fredrickson and Ursula Lyons, the Goodnow Meeting Room on November 3rd resembled a Raytheon mini-reunion. Guests compared the meeting to an 'awesome gathering' of people who have made outstanding contributions to our country's technology and defense.

Fortunately the meeting was taped by Trustee Bob Gottberg and the video is available at SHS and the Goodnow Library. Great Meeting!

Members' Holiday Party

Many thanks again to the Sudbury Historical Commission who graciously allowed the Historical Society to have its Holiday Party at the Hosmer House on December 8th. For the past few years the SHS has enjoyed a private viewing of the festively decorated rooms which were outstanding again this year, decorated with the themes of children's story books. This year the SHS was also treated to a share of the Historical Commission's 'leftover' champagne and to some impromptu music by Ursula Lyons and the van Dijk family! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful treasure, the Hosmer House, within our town. The Historical Commission deserves all our appreciation for their amazing accomplishments.



Former Raytheon employees, (L-R) Susan Bistany, Malven Arnum, Joe Brown and Frank Ricciardi of Sudbury. Tom Mahoney of Acton is in foreground.



(L-R) Ellen Cron, Betsy Gottberg, Becky Fairbank and Kirsten van Dijk at SHS Members' Holiday Party.

Memberships Keep Growing!

THE SHS MEMBERSHIP LIST has grown to 139 memberships with over 600 people on the general mailing list. If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, please call 978-443-3747 and leave a message for Mary Trubiano.

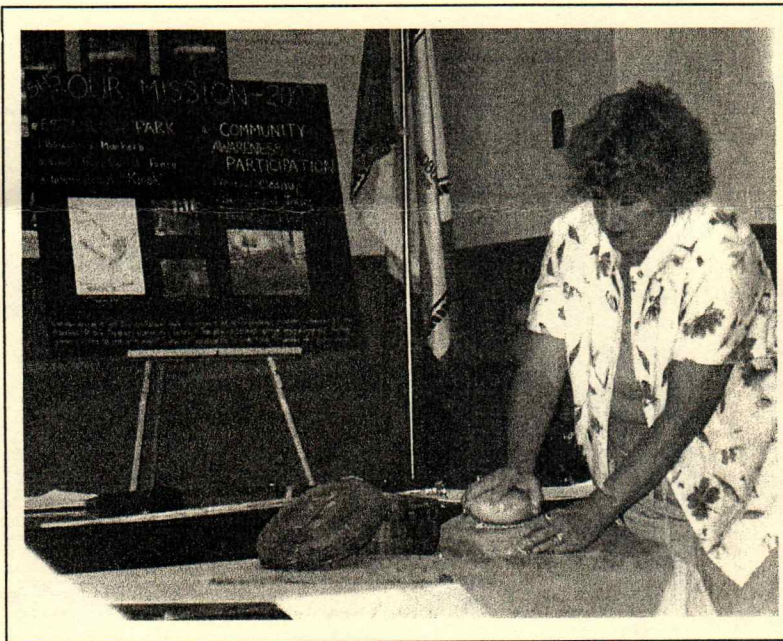
Donations above & beyond membership dues or outright donations are appreciated from Josephine and John Baggot, Winnie Grinnell, Fay Hamilton, Sudbury Women's Club, Betty & Fritz Steudel, Judy & Marshall Deutsch, Esther Mann, Victor Guethlen, Janet Smith, Gertrude & Rich Hirsch, Don Bishop, June & Clay Allen, the Vanderslice Family, William Andreas, and our 1st Business member: Cavicchio Greenhouses.

No Stone Unturned

Although the Grinding Stone may lay quietly watching the changing of the seasons, the Keepers of the Stone have been busy since September, trying to achieve the goals set forth at the June 2002 Annual Meeting. "Celebrate Sudbury Day" brought many visitors to the SHS booth which educated the townspeople about our mission and introduced the October Archeology Week and Program. The local cable channel filmed while children and adults tried to identify Native American artifacts. Many thanks to trustees Lee Swanson and Betsy and Bob Gottberg for making the event so informative.

At October's end, the Stone proved to be the center of attention on a number of occasions. Trustee Kirsten Van Dijk was the guest speaker and presented the Grinding Stone Park design and plans to a welcoming assembly at the Wayside Inn Chapter of the D.A.R. monthly meeting. An initial push to apply for funding from the Community Preservation Committee, although highly supported by various town boards and committees, highlighted our immediate need to register the Stone on a state (and eventually) national level. These preservation tools will provide the necessary protection the Stone needs and enable a smoother path toward the ultimate creation of a Grinding Stone "Pocket Park".

We look forward to the spring thaw to install black locust fencing to replace the existing decayed cedar post and rail fencing. A new season will bring renewed efforts and progress toward our ultimate preservation goals. *Kirsten Van Dijk, Chairperson, Keepers of the Stone*



SHS Trustee Priscilla Linden-Demers demonstrates how a grinding stone is used at the SHS Annual Meeting in June.

"SHS Treasurer Wanted"
(Consulting help available for novices) — if you are interested, call the SHS at 978-443-3747.

Special Thanks To:

Archeology Week (October 5–14, 2002) Volunteers Paul Gardescu and Royce Kahler, members of the Wayland Archaeology Group, known as "WARG" which has been 'digging' for more than 25 years mostly on the east side of the Sudbury River. Royce painted the wafer boards and built the hanging sliding door system for our curatorial storage space. Both Royce and Paul helped set up the various exhibits and are on call as tour guides. Thank you both for your invaluable help.

Mary Trubiano, Judy Keseberg and Kerry Sullivan also helped with the exhibits and tours attended by over 100 people.

N.B. The SHS Archaeological Exhibit has been extended until April 1st. Many school age children have already attended including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. To arrange a tour call 978-443-3747.

Upcoming Programs - Mark Your Calendars Now

Celebration Day for Ralph Adams Cram

The SHS /Friends of the Goodnow Library's **January Program, Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 pm at the Goodnow Library Meeting Room** has been taking on a life of its own. Originally begun as a simple presentation by architect, author and Concord resident Ethan Anthony on the life and works of Sudbury's most famous architect, Ralph Adams Cram, it has evolved into part of a Celebration Day for Ralph Adams Cram. The afternoon events will begin with an Open House (12:00 – 2:30 pm) hosted by Touchstone Realty, Inc. at Cram's former residence, "Whitehall" on Concord Road next to St. Elizabeth's Church. (See picture on back of Newsletter). Currently for sale by Touchstone Properties which has meticulously restored it, 'Whitehall' is where Cram and his family spent their summers from 1911 until his death in 1942. It was extensively re-designed by Cram.

Local artists will be set up in various rooms displaying some of their works during the Open House. Guests may also view the beautiful St. Elizabeth's Chapel next to "Whitehall" which Cram designed in addition to over 600 ecclesiastical buildings world-wide, most notably St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City. Cram is buried in the adjacent garden area coincidentally designed by Ethan Anthony for St. Elizabeth's Church.

'The Sudbury Savant' as Anthony refers to Cram, was truly a renaissance man, i.e., an architect of international fame; artist, author, musician, horticulturist, theologian, philosopher, historian, theorist, husband, father. Following the program at the library, Ethan Anthony will be taking orders for signed copies of his latest biography of Cram, "*Jacob's Ladder: the Work of Ralph Adams Cram*" as it is not yet available from the publisher.

Before or after the library program guests are invited to view the Cram Exhibit upstairs in the Ramp Gallery of the Library. Voluntary donations will benefit the Friends of the Goodnow Library and the Sudbury Historical Society. This is a 'one-of-a-kind' afternoon you won't want to miss!

Sunday, February 9, at Town Hall 3:00 pm

As a special feature related to Black History Month, Wayland resident and former National Park Service Ranger, Jane Sciacca will present a new perspective on "Slavery in Sudbury" from the standpoint of those who lived here. Jane is well-known in the area for her personifications of Louisa May Alcott and Lydia Maria Child. Sounds too good to miss!!

Sunday, March 9, at Town Hall 3:00 pm

Another local 'treasure' whom the Society has recruited is Cheryl Salatino, a graduate of the Radcliffe Landscaping Design Program, who will show us an original perspective entitled "A Vision for the Future of Route 20: How it was and how it can be!" Anyone who remembers Route 20 from years past will appreciate what Cheryl has done to improve its appearance and make it more user-friendly. Old photographs of Route 20 are most welcome. Share your vision with Cheryl's and maybe it will become a reality some day!

Sunday, February 2, from 12:00 – 5:00 pm

The Framingham Historical Society's Victory Preservation Project (to restore the Victory Statue) is sponsoring an afternoon entitled "Preserving Memory: America's Monumental Legacy." It will include a National Traveling Exhibit, Lecture, Concert and Children's Art Workshop. All are invited to Nevins Hall, 150 Concord Road, Framingham.

Museum and Meeting Volunteers Needed

People are needed at the meetings and at the "museum" in town hall. Ideas, energy and interest are needed. There are old friends who haven't been to a meeting in a while. They are missed. At the "museum" there are countless projects waiting for someone to adopt them. We need a treasurer to work with the past treasurer. There are opportunities for people to work on the exhibits, record-keeping and housekeeping. A couple of hours a month from a number of people would make a big difference. Please come to the meetings and call or drop in at Town Hall 2nd floor during the week to help out. The phone is 978-443-3747. You belong. You are needed.



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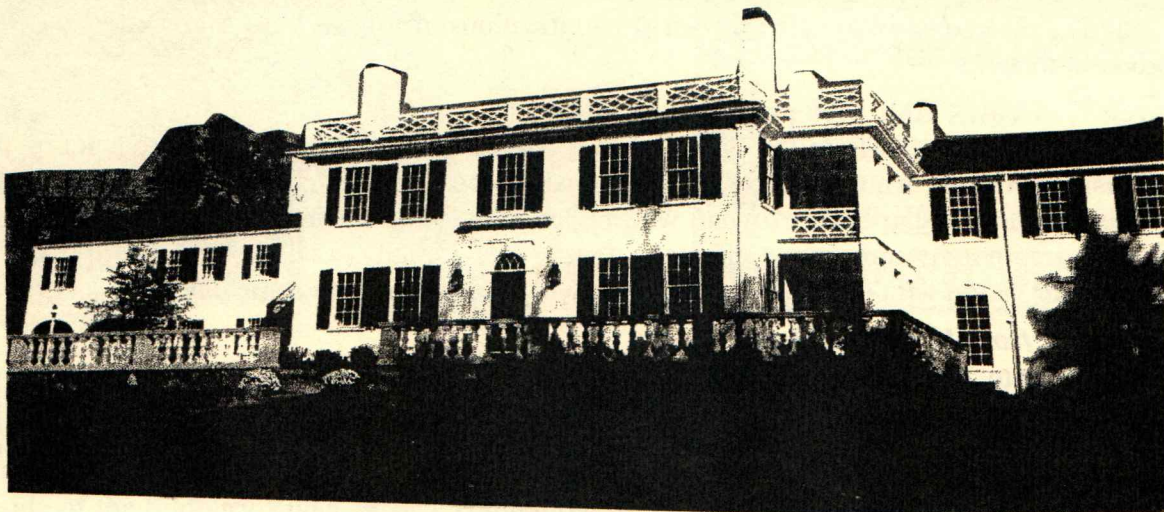
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“Whitehall” - Summer home of Ralph Adams Cram - East Wing (r) designed by Cram.
JOIN US as we celebrate ‘Ralph Adams Cram Day’ on Sunday, January 19, 12:00 - 2:30 pm. OPEN HOUSE at “Whitehall” sponsored by Touchstone Realty, Inc. St. Elizabeth’s Chapel, designed and built by Cram will also be open. 3:00 pm at Goodnow Library “Sudbury Savant: Ralph Adams Cram” by architect and author Ethan Anthony. Ralph Adams Cram Exhibit in Upstairs Ramp Gallery of Goodnow Library (open during library hours).