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President's Letter

Dear Members,

One cannot help but be humbled by global events surrounding us these last few months. In a world where tides and leaders come and go with such force as to change history forever, Sudbury seems, by contrast, to be a calm oasis.

Please mark your programs to reflect a topic change for April. The Town meeting "Confessions of a Moderator" has been changed to "Restoration Project: Anatomy of a Chair". Furniture restoration expert Eloise Newell of the famed Restoration Project will open our eyes to the value of restoring an antique upholstered recliner from be the Annual

Sudbury's Hosmer House.

The Quilt Committee deserves our gratitude for their dedicated work thus far raising funds and awareness of our 1850 Friendship Quilt and the New Fundraiser Signature Quilt, both to displayed side-by-side at



Anatomy of a Chair, April 3, 2005

Meeting in June and (eventually) in the Sudbury Museum. May 1st marks the deadline for signing the fundraiser quilt—DON'T DELAY!

Finally, I want to thank you for making my two years as President such a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I am confident that our new President will be as welcomed as I was and that our goals as an organization will be met.

Sincerely,

Kirsten van Dijk,
President

Sudbury Historical Society Upcoming Program Highlights

Meetings held Sundays, 2 p.m., at Sudbury Town Hall

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
April 3	Anatomy of a Chair	Ben Cohen
May 1	Bus Tour: Historic Barns of Sudbury	Lee Swanson
June 5	Annual Meeting, Election of Officers	

First Public Exhibit SHS Textile Collection

SHS Holiday Party at the Hosmer House



Enjoying good cheer at the SHS Holiday Party, Betsy & Bob Gottberg and Arden & Suzanne Steinbach share a festive moment. Betsy coordinated the refreshments and arranged an attractive and delicious array of comestibles prepared by members. The cheese spread with pesto and sun-dried tomatoes was especially good! Would the creator be willing to share the recipe?



After enjoying a convivial gathering and admiring the holiday decorations adorning each room of the Hosmer House, SHS members ventured into the cold, gathered on the steps of Town Hall, and warmed the night air with the merry melodies of holiday carols. Kirsten van Dijk, SHS President, directs the musical moment.



Carolers of all ages braved the cold to gather, spreading good cheer into the winter night.



All photographs courtesy of Terry Keeney.

Editor's Scribbles

As a relative newcomer to the Sudbury Historical Society, it is with some trepidation that I assume the role of newsletter editor. To follow in the footsteps of Ursula Lyons and Sharon Kindick, who as Editor and Layout Editor invested much skill and dedication to their tasks, inspires more anxiety. Their extensive past contributions do make my role much easier. To this new task, I bring good typing skills, an eagerness to become better acquainted with the SHS and to support the organization's aims, and the ability to view Microsoft Publisher as a quirky challenge. While the Society's focus is in the past, we must admit that current technological advances enable easy and stylish sharing of organization updates! Please forgive the mistakes that I

will surely make as I learn more about SHS and you, the valued members.

The newsletter traditionally has appeared quarterly, with an issue for each season. This "winter" edition appears late, and I apologize. I will work to bring subsequent issues to publication more promptly, in tune with the seasons. To that aim, let me announce the schedule for submissions to upcoming editions. Due dates are as follows:

- ◆ Spring edition: May 6
- ◆ Summer edition: July 22
- ◆ Fall edition, September 23

Another concerning issue is that this publication lacks a proper name other than the generic 'Newsletter'. In order for its pages

Suzanne Steinbach

to hold their head high in the company of publications from historical societies in Westford ("Musings"), Maynard ("Memories"), Bedford ("The Preservationist"), and Framingham ("Vintage Framingham"), we should adopt a distinctive title. The newsletter hereby announces that it solicits nominations for its name. We look forward to receiving many creative suggestions for consideration by the Trustees. A christening ceremony in Fall, 2005.

Suggested newsletter names, other comments, and submissions may be relayed to the editor at:

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The Curator's Meanderings ————— Lee Swanson

Hello, from the Sudbury Museum, high on the Common. My father, Milton R. Swanson died on March 10th in York, Maine where he & my late mother lived for 30 + years after selling the Wayside Country Store near the Marlborough/Sudbury line on Rte 20. They had purchased the empty building, roadside stand, small house & land from the Estate of Henry & Clara Ford in 1947. They turned it into the world

famous WAYSIDE COUNTRY STORE—best by a DAM-SITE (500 ft from a dam). It was a great time in the history of this country, as famous people were not afraid to wander about, thus you never knew who you were waiting on. As our first customer was James Cagney, it set us on a path.

When Mrs. Clara Ford came in, and was introduced to my parents, we waited nervously for her opinion. She said it was wonderful and left!

Then sent her chauffeur in to tell us she didn't like the row of Commodores & Thunder Jugs over the Exit!

The Commodores & Thunder Jugs were marked with qp for the PARK PLAZA in Boston

An Invitation to all Sudbury Historical Society Members

The Wayside Inn Chapter of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution)

Have an OPEN HOUSE at the Peace Lutheran Church



Training Field

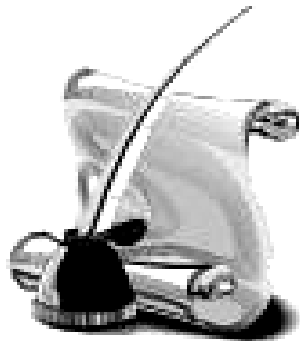
(Rte. 126) in Wayland on SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 2005, 1-3 pm. Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Wayside Inn D.A.R.

Many of our members do belong. The D.A.R. has

placed lasting monuments on almost all historic sites in Sudbury. They give annual educational awards & scholarships. Come and see their display of what they have done for Sudbury!

Surprise Mail

As a rule, opening the membership mail is pretty routine; the envelopes contain a completed membership form and the appropriate check. Once in a while, however, there is a surprise! A few weeks ago, the mail brought an envelope containing a well-written letter and a return enve-



lope. The letter-writer's name is Danny Howard, and he is an inmate in Maine's House of Correction! In his "spare time", he is working on his genealogy and requests the assistance of the Sudbury Historical Society. The ancestor he refers to is Micah Howard who on June 4, 1782, married Rebeckah Rice. My initial reaction was "Oh, heavens—another Rice!" Unfortunately, I could not be of much assistance to Micah Howard's descendant, but we have solicited the expertise of Ruth Brown (another Rice!), who will attempt to lead one Danny Howard in the right direction (excuse the pun).

Ginney Maenpaa

Another surprise came from the daughter of Mildred Tallant. She enclosed a check for \$25.00 and requested a square in the new quilt. The Tallant's were longtime Sudbury residents and very involved in the community. Mildred was a volunteer librarian in the children's division from 1961—1974 and also a 50 year member of the Sudbury Woman's Club. She is now at a nursing home in Millersburg, Ohio, very close to where her daughter resides. November 2004 was Mildred Tallant's 100th birthday!

Betsy Gottberg writes:

Members have been most generous responding to requests to bring "fingerfoods" for our monthly meetings.

to all your



Thanks for help!



Editor's

note:

Many thanks to Betsy Gottberg for coordinating meeting refreshments! The delicious snacks are artfully arranged, and lively conversation always surrounds the refreshment table. Thank you so much, Betsy!

The "New" Signature Quilt— — — — — Ginney

By now, you have surely read the articles about the new Signature Quilt in *Action Unlimited* or seen the display about the Quilt at the Goodnow Library. Dedicated artisans are bringing to life the 2005 Signature Quilt to help defray costs of preserving the 1850 Friendship Quilt, acquired by the SHS in April, 2003. It has been more than two years since that

purchase. The Quilt Committee, very proud of the new work of art and history, would very much like to have the new Quilt finished and ready to be displayed for all to see by June 5, 2005, the SHS Annual Meeting.

Remember this is for businesses also, not just people, to sign.

If you are still "thinking about" mak-

ing a contribution, now is the time for action. If you aren't sure just what to write when you sign the quilt, call us! We can offer many suggestions. The final, absolute deadline for making your contribution and signing the quilt is **May 1, 2005**. Call 978 443-9023 or 978 443-3747 to reserve a piece of history in your name. Thank you!

“Game or Shine” — Barn Presentation Draws Large Crowd

On Super Bowl Sunday, a poster outside Town Hall announced, “Barn Program Today—Game or Shine”. A standing-room-only crowd greeted the presentation by Bud Haworth of R.B. Haworth & Sons, Berlin, MA. Mr. Haworth shared with the audience a tour of restored and newly constructed barns in and around Sudbury, some familiar sights to those who travel

town roads. Listeners learned that chestnut was “yesterday’s pressure-treated wood”. Discussion also revealed diverse uses for barns in 21st century Sudbury. Hands-on exhibits of timber joints and building models enriched the event. Many listeners left with new interest in adding to their home a piece of history in the shape of a barn.



Question and Answer

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Where is the Sudbury Historical Society Museum located?

(Clue at right. Answer at far right)



Nancy Somers

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: It is located upstairs on the 2nd floor of the Sudbury Town Hall. It is open to the public Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Please call ahead if you would like to visit: 978 443-3747.

Sudbury Memories ————— Alice Byington

It was almost fifty years ago when my husband and I first looked at Sudbury as a place to build our home and raise a family. Roy was an electrical engineer with Raytheon, and his group was about to move to a new laboratory in Wayland Center. Sudbury, a conveniently located, historic yet growing town, offered lots of open land and a good school system.

We found a builder with land for a new development and chose a lot after walking in from Hudson Road. Roy drew up house plans; the land was cleared so roads could be cut in, lots laid out, and construction started. Our dreams became a reality.

When we moved in, my only neighbors were out on Hudson Road or two houses behind us on Goodnow Road. The Morse's lived on the Goodnow Farm with 47 acres, and the Stratton's in the antique farm house alongside with 25 acres.

Today our undeveloped land is now the Country Village section of town. The Goodnow Farm has been subdivided and developed by Northland as has the former Stratton properties, now the Camper down area.

Our generation built schools and saw them torn down and replaced (the high school and junior high school, Fairbanks School, now the town pool and Senior Center). Horse Pond School has become the State Police Academy.

Gone are the carnation growers and the independent drugstores. The Raytheon Laboratory in Wayland closed. A Sudbury plant arrived. Collins Market in Wayland used to take telephone orders and deliver. The old market is now office space. The milkman delivered dairy products every other day. I understand that you can still get this service, but only once weekly. All sorts of shopping opportunities have come to town, but some have

come and gone. Our children have all grown up and have families of their own. My husband is no longer with me but still in town, up on the hill overlooking the Town Center.

My neighborhood “Country Village” remains active. There have been many changes, but neighborliness endures. To quote a neighbor who recently returned home from a family ski trip to Vermont, “We were pleasantly surprised to see our neighbors plowing our driveway”. I had the same experience when I looked out to see my neighbor, John Doherty, doing the same for me. We have a neighborhood newsletter with birth announcements, Mom & Kids play dates, Ladies’ Night Out, Men’s Night out, and a babysitting list. To quote my neighbor again, “I just love our neighborhood and neighbors!”

We made a good choice fifty years ago by settling in Sudbury, and someday I’ll join my husband on that hill in Sudbury Town Center.

Our Volunteers are special, you can be too!

Here at SHS we are all volunteers, but some are Extraordinary. Like Elly Berry who shows up almost everyday, to work on essential things that are detail oriented, and time consuming.

Or Mary Trubiano who does a weeks worth of work in a day, of inputting membership & donation data into our Past Perfect software.

Or our Lincoln Sudbury Community Service Intern Madeline

Lee who will be coming back as soon as fair weather comes back, and she can walk here from school. (Warm weather is coming isn't it?)

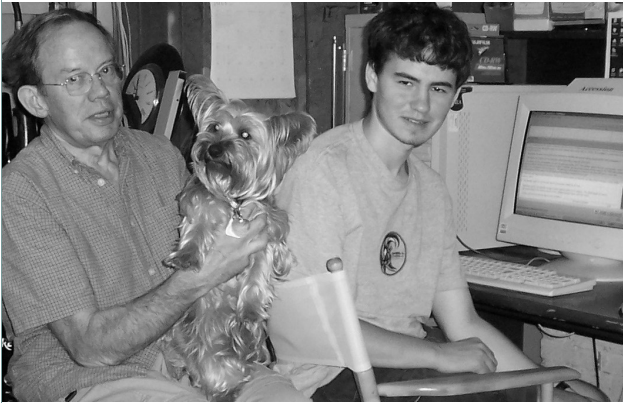
Ginney Maenpaa will have full spinal surgery on April 28th at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Let's all send cards, and go in by the car load to visit her, a day or two after the surgery, I know it made a difference with me! LS



VOLUNTEERS-Elly Berry, Madeline Lee & Mary Trubiano

ACQUISITIONS—May 18th, 2004 to March 18th, 2005

- Virginia Maenpaa——a 45 star flag, 1976 Bicentennial material, miscellaneous Sudbury news clippings & material
- George Lewis———4-early grave rubbings of Sudbury stones [that may be the only evidence of what they said]
- Naomi Fruitt of Fl.—— Binder of preliminary 1968 Sudbury Historical House Survey; Copy of Janet Smith's History of Sudbury's Buildings, etc. 1939 copy of Sudbury Beacon for Tercentary; "the Country Doctor" story of local Doctors, 9pg; History of Clothing 1639-1700, draft, hand written, 10pg.
- Betty Steudel———1962 Sudbury By Laws, & Planning Board; This is Sudbury LWV; 3 Centuries of Sudbury Homes, Sudbury Park & Rec. Booklet
- Ruth & Joe Brown——-1 Huge Bavarian Alliolli Bible, to sell, or frame plates & sell, no genealogical info.
- L.S.R.H.S Library——Collection of Sudbury Town reports, etc. including Betsey Powers typed transcripts of all early Town Meetings + old American Heritage magazines for clip art.
- Bill Andreas———-1 Sudbury Laboratory Soil Test Kit, in original green painted wood case, complete
1 color postcard of Ecke's X Motel, Sudbury both purchased via EBay
- Shirley Barnes———1 color copy of S. Sudbury property map #83
- Art Richard———-1 brass Sudbury inspected MEAT stamp used by Harry Rice
- Bill Schecter, LSRHS—12 DVD's & VHS's of the old High School as occupied & used by students before demolition
- Margaret Cushing Kolm-1 printed 1772 Sermon on Jacob Bigelow's ordination at 1st Parish, accepted for 1st Parish
- Bill Schecter, LSRHS—1 DVD of "A Great Gathering of a Great School" captures the reunion of all graduates.
- Rebecca Cutting——-1 sepia photo, original, 10x13 of Grand Ma Hunts birthplace (one of only two existing photos of Rice's Tavern [when the Hunts owned it after it closed]). + 1 Color plate of Sudbury Centre, So. Lincoln & Lincoln Map from an Atlas.



Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated eve-

ry issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

“To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Inside Story Headline



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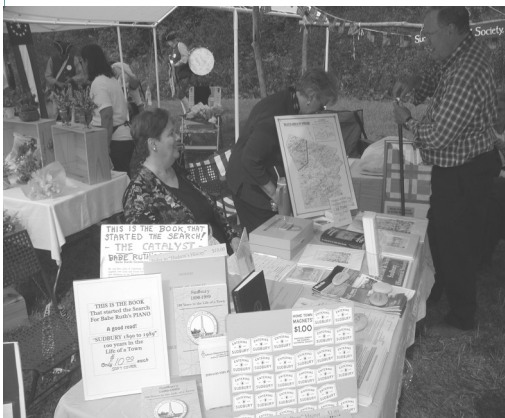


*The Sudbury
 Historical Society,
 Inc. raises awareness
 & appreciation for our
 heritage by the Collection,
 Preservation, and sharing of
 records & artifacts which
 document all aspects of daily
 life in the Town of Sudbury*



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Retailing / Marketing Genius Needed



Trustee Ellie Berry helps out customers at the 2004 Sudbury Muster

What treasure would you like to acquire at a Sudbury Historical Society meeting? Sudbury-related items currently offered for sale by the Society include:

- ◆ 1875 Sudbury map (framed and unframed)
- ◆ “Entering Sudbury 01776” magnets
- ◆ Sudbury grinding stone cup plates
- ◆ Sudbury first day covers
- ◆ *Barns*, a DVD about local structures
- ◆ *Hudson’s History Index*
- ◆ Curtis Garfield’s *100 Years of Sudbury History* (hard or soft cover)

Here’s your chance to add items to this list. Please send your suggestions to Nancy J. Somers, 3 Drum Lane, Sudbury 01776.

Thank you!



President, Kirsten van Dijk, with the SHS booth built the old-fashioned way—NO NAILS!, Sudbury Muster, Fall 2004