A Full-time Executive Director Becomes a Reality for the SHS in 2015

Thanks to a grant from the Sudbury Foundation, the Sudbury Historical Society will hire its first full-time Executive Director in 2015. Over the last few years, the Society has accomplished much: a membership increase of 30%, a dramatic increase in program attendance, a new look for the Society’s expanded newsletter, the publication of two significant books on Sudbury history, and much more. Of particular significance, however, has been the initiative to create a Sudbury History Center and Museum, which has elicited widespread Town support. For many years, the Society has operated with unpaid, dedicated volunteers. But to reach the short-term and long-term goals it set for itself, the SHS needed to raise its operations to the next level. A key enabling step will be the hiring of an Executive Director.

The grant of $150,000—to be paid over a three-year period—will solidify the Society’s gains and assure that Sudbury will benefit from the creation of a History Center with its expanded programming. This position has been posted with the American Assn. of State and Local History (AASLH) and the New England Museum Assn. (NEMA), as well as with local colleges and universities with graduate programs in museum management. A Search Committee will receive applications and conduct interviews over the next few months. We expect to have a director in place sometime in April.

The Executive Director will act with broad authority to develop and market mission-appropriate educational programs and activities, foster the historic preservation of a future History Center, and play a key role in fundraising and budget management. We are deeply grateful to the Sudbury Foundation for its support of the Sudbury Historical Society in its goals of building and maintaining a History Center and stabilizing its financial base. —Ruth Griesel, Secretary

Wheeling and Dealing, A Dump, and Sudbury’s Future

Presented by Ernie Beer, SHS Member and Volunteer, Sunday, February 1

Gunpowder in churches, British spies, two Sudburys. Twin Ash Farm, gravel, a dump. Influence peddling, border strife, Wheeler warriors, and Longfellow’s thoughts. How to connect the dots? In this layman’s look at 18th- and 19th-century Sudbury, Ernie Beer presents a fascinating story he discovered while volunteering at the SHS, looking at old pictures, and traveling off to work through town. Is this his-(s)story or my-story? Find out how one person sees antiquity, learns about amazing things close to home, and recognizes connections between the past, present, and future.
Dear Members and Friends,

Well, 2014 was a great year to be living in Sudbury. We celebrated our 375th birthday. We had a parade, an old-fashioned fair in Town Center, celebrated in September in the playing fields behind the High School, had a dance, wore T-shirts with 375 across them, drank from our commemorative coffee cups, had a few presentations at the Library and Town Hall and toasted one another for our good luck to be living in Sudbury.

In 25 years we will be celebrating the really big birthday: 400 years and I hope to be at the parade. But waiting another 25 years to celebrate is too long a wait for me. Our history is not something that comes and goes every 25 years. Our history is in the making today and we should take every effort to properly gather that history.

In the near future, Raytheon will be leaving Sudbury. A new police station is being built and the old police station will probably be torn down. On the corner of Union Avenue and Rt. 20, two empty red buildings are standing on prime commercial property. The town must somehow address the 40B issue. A large tract of land is becoming conservation property and will be opened to the town for nature walks, and rails trails are in the works.

The town will have changed by 2039 and I believe it is important to document these changes. I hope in 2039 our citizens will be able to look back to 2014, back to 1939, and way back to 1639 and come to understand how the town has become what it is. The Sudbury Historical Society wants the events, objects, documents and persons that will lead to the Sudbury of 2039 to be there for study and reflection. That is why the Sudbury Historical Society is working towards a Sudbury History Center and Museum. I hope everyone will join us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Stewart Hoover, President
SHS Decorates the Hosmer House

In December, for the first time in many years, Sudbury Historical Society volunteers helped decorate the Hosmer House for its holiday open house. The theme was “Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child,” and the SHS’s assignment was to “Deck the Halls”—literally; the SHS was responsible for the lower and upper halls and the staircase.

Jacqui Bausk and Mary Ellen Hoover adorned the large tree in the upstairs hallway. They created ornaments from vintage pictures of Sudbury schoolchildren and music from old hymnals. Downstairs, near the entryway, a silver tray displayed reproductions of calling cards found in the SHS’s Richardson Collection. A diminutive tree held ornament replicas of the “History is in the Heart of Sudbury” campaign (below right).

Volunteers also bedecked the stair railing with hand-made snowflakes, created a Hanukkah table, and situated several elves throughout the halls. Many thanks to Mary Ellen and Stewart Hoover, Jacqui Bausk, Sally Hild, Elin Neiterman, Daphna Cox, Beth Gray-Nix, and Ellen Morgan for their hard work.

How Much Do You Heart Sudbury History?

The SHS’s photo campaign, “History is at the Heart of Sudbury,” continues. How do you see that “History is at the Heart of Sudbury?” Show us by taking a photo of yourself, your family, or a group to which you belong, somewhere in Sudbury along with our special heart sign. Possible backdrops are: historic properties, nature trails, town buildings, schools, club meetings, or a favorite store or restaurant.

The response to our project has been, well, heartening. You can see the growing collection of hearts at Flickr on our web site or on Facebook. To download our heart sign visit www.sudbury01776.org. E-mail photos or questions to Iheartsudburyhistory@gmail.com.

SHS Event Recap Fall 2014

September:
375th Field Day

October: SHS Tag Sale, Archaeology Program, Musicians of the Old Post Road

November: Writing Down Your Stories Program

December: Caroling at Town Hall and Santa Claus at the Grange
Poetry of Ira Amesbury

TRANSITION
I'm in the waiting time.
Waiting for winter to end
and spring to begin.
I'm watching the ending
and the beginning--
And listening.

Ira Amesbury
March 1970

The poems above and below were written in 1970 by poet and artist Ira Amesbury and come from a collection at the SHS. Ira lived from 1919-2002. For many years his home was in Sudbury where he worked at Sperry Rand. He was an early member of the Sudbury Minute and Militia. Poems like these capture an appreciation of nature.

Bob and Dottie Noyes have searched through their family treasures and have given many to the Sudbury Historical Society. There is a variety of textiles (clothing, linens, and rugs) that have been a treat to sort through. There are pillow cases with crocheted embellishments. These items might have been found in a woman's hope chest. There is a quilt stitched with butterflies on every panel (below), a woven rag rug, and pretty children's dresses.

In among wonderful finds were a collection of dolls. There was a soft doll, known as an "Adams" doll. The pattern was preprinted on cloth, and then the family would sew the doll together and stuff it at home. It has a pretty little face and a child could dress it. The patterns were made around 1870 to 1920.

Each of the items will be photographed, digitized, and catalogued so it can be researched as well as preserved in appropriate archival storage. There will be more stories to come about this collection.

The present Town Hall building was designed to replicate the original, but it was located on its new (current) site, across the street from where the original had been. It is remarkable how accurately a reproduction building can resemble the original.

Noyes Family Collection

Pictures of the Original Town Hall

The above photo looks like the current Town Hall. But if you look at the background arrangements of horse sheds and cemetery you can see that it couldn’t be the current Town Hall. It is the former Sudbury Town Hall that was located next to the First Parish Meeting House. That original structure burned down on February 5, 1930. Below is a photo of the ruins after the fire. These photos were found in the Forrest Bradshaw collection of the Society.
Donation Thank You

Experience Richardson was a Sudbury widow whose only living son marched to fight the British in April 1775. For 40 years she made daily entries in her journal.

A valuable transcript of her diary was purchased by Bill Andreas and donated to the Society. We have other “transcripts” of her diary, but researchers have found that sometimes transcribers interpreted words differently, so the Society is pleased to accept this gift.

And Who Built Your Home in Sudbury?

By Lee Swanson, Curator/Archivist

The SHS was recently given material from George Halper (with the help of Bill Keeney), the son of Alfred Halper, creator of Halper Homes. One of many developments, Wayside Acres, was off Dutton Road. In the 1950s, Alfred Halper offered affordable homes to many families moving out of the city because they wanted to live near their place of employment, i.e., Digital, Raytheon, Sperry Rand, HP, etc.

The gift was a “merchandising” book meant for a salesperson. It is made up of a hard cover, (decorated plywood), photographs, suggested sales pitches, and even a 78 speed record with the jingle “Home Sweet Home is a happy home, a happy home is a Halper Home, be happy, buy Halper. For a home sweet home of your own!”

The pitch told the customer: “Never so much for so little. Seven rooms, one and half baths, porch and garage. All for $17,900 !!” Then it gave a laundry list of all the other features, which were considerable. Many Halper houses in the greater Sudbury area were split-level ranch style, but not all. The Variplan design guide, which was a separate booklet with layover floor plans showing the footprint and space usage, allowed the prospective buyer to pick up to 4 different, mostly split level, styles.

What I remember from that period was that all these new homeowners came to my family’s store (the Wayside Country Store) and furnished their new homes by ordering from our floor samples. Some customers paid in cash; as they told my father, they had just been evicted or had sold their building in the West End of Boston. If there is enough interest we might do a SHS Program on the 1950’s-1970’s build-out of Sudbury, and all the developers who accomplished that.
In an endeavor to strengthen the organization as we forge ahead with plans to build our town’s future History Center and Museum, November marked the first time that the Sudbury Historical Society embarked upon an Annual Appeal. We are pleased to report that our goal of raising over $10,000 has been met and it is due to the support of so many of our townspeople and associates that we can call the effort a success. The SHS Board of Trustees expresses its deepest appreciation to the following donors:

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Spotlight on SHS Volunteers: Katina and Antonio Fontes

Katina Fontes, Accessioning

1. How long have you been volunteering at the Sudbury Historical Society?
I have been volunteering at the SHS since October 2014.

2. What is your background?
My background for many years was in anthropology and education (I have a B.A. and M.A. in each respectively), but I have always loved history. A few years ago I went back to graduate school to study history more intensively. Since receiving my post-master's certificate (C.A.G.S.), I have taught several history courses at the college level, including U.S. history, world civilizations, and public history. Volunteering at the SHS was a natural transition and a welcome opportunity that has allowed me to become more involved with history at the local level.

Antonio Fontes, Photography

1. How long have you been volunteering at the Sudbury Historical Society?
I've been volunteering since the end of October of 2014.

2. What is your background?
I originally started volunteering so I could finish up my community service hours for school, and since I work a lot with video and photography, I figured it would be an enjoyable experience as well.
The SHS Seeks Concord Road Residents for Spring House Tour

With a new year comes a new slate of projects for the Sudbury Historical Society. Right now our Spring Fundraiser Committee is hard at work planning our 2015 Spring Fundraiser, which will be a House Tour featuring lower Concord Road. Sudbury has not held a house tour for many years and the SHS has decided that now is the time to revive that tradition and showcase some of Sudbury’s architectural treasures.

The House Tour will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. A program book will include a map locating all of the participating properties along with a photo and brief write-up about the history of the homes. Tickets will be sold for the tour so that we can anticipate public participation. The SHS will provide volunteers to assist visitors at each site.

If you live on lower Concord Road (Town Center to Boston Post Road) and would be willing to have your home featured on the tour please contact Sally Hild at spurrhild@hotmail.com or 978/443-4146. We thank you for your consideration.

Book Review: Until I Have No Country

The new novel *Until I Have No Country* tells the story of the King Philip War from the personal viewpoint of an Indian woman. It also personalizes the viewpoints of colonial settlers. Michael Tougias’s extensive knowledge of the timeline and places of the war gives authority and meaning to his characters. He illuminates the pain and pride on both sides of the struggle.

Tougias also coauthored a nonfiction book *King Philip’s War: the History and Legacy of America’s Forgotten Conflict* published in 2000. It is a useful history and a tour guide for someone wanting to visit the notable sites of action in the King Philip War.

Researchers from all over the U.S. Come to the Sudbury Historical Society

The SHS receives many out-of-town visitors each year, many of whom are following their family roots or have other historical interests. In 2014, the following states were represented:

- **Clovis, CA** - re: Howe family (two visits)
- **San Francisco, CA** - re: Vera Presby / Florence Fisher
- **Littleton, CO** - re: the Baldwins
- **Littleton, CO** - re: Rices
- **Sarasota, FL** - looking for Hugh Griffin, 1st town Clerk of Sudbury, and other descendants
- **Chicago, IL** - re: William Ward
- **Bristol, RI** - re: King Philip Battle
- **Andover, MA** - re: Conant Land and Neck
- **Lowell, MA** - “It Happened Here” project
- **Tewksbury, MA** - looking for grave of Samuel Parris, Sr.
- **Dover, NH** - re: Laberee family
- **Jackson and Toms River, NJ** - for Frank & Lauretta Hadley
- **Columbia Station, OH** - re: Haynes family (two visits)
- **Gervais, OR** - re: How family
- **Lititz, PA** - re: Demond Rice
- **Richmond, VA** - re: Loring family
- **Seattle, WA** - re: Woodward family
- **Unknown location** - re: Benjamin Goodenow and William Ward of Sudbury 1639
Goodenow Family Association Plans 2015 “Return to our Roots” Trip to England

The Goodenow Family Association (GFA), an association of the descendants of Edmund, Thomas and John Goodenow, who were among the original settlers of Sudbury Plantation in 1638, is planning a week-long “Return to Our Roots” trip to England in July 2015. The GFA wishes to invite any Sudbury or Wayland residents whose interest in the origins of the settlers of Sudbury Plantation has been aroused by this year’s Sudbury Celebrates 375 festivities to join them.

Hal and Betsey Cutler from Sudbury are the organizers of the trip. They also led a group of 75 GFA members on a similar trip in 1996 and another 22 members in 2007.

The week-long visit will include day trips to Ebbesbourne Wake (home of the grandfather of the Immigrants, John Goodenow), Dorchester Museum, the King's Arms Pub (where the immigrants might have gathered to plan their trip to the New World), Wardour Castle, Donhead St. Mary Church, and Donhead St. Andrew Church (attended by Edmund Goodenow, the immigrant, and Thomas and Ursula, the father and mother of the immigrants).

The group will also visit Stonehenge, Old Sarum, Salisbury Cathedral, Weald and Downland Museum (a living history museum), Portsmouth Dockyards including visits to the Ships Victory and Warrior, The Isle of Wight including Osborne House (summer home of Queen Victoria) and Southampton (the port from which the Immigrants sailed to the New World).

Arrangements for accommodations in England and day trip travel will be underway in the next few weeks. In order to allow the organizers to gauge interest in participation in the trip, they request that persons who would like to receive further information as the plans develop, please contact Hal Cutler by phone at 978-443-2525 or by email at heutlerfpc@verizon.net.
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Spotlight on Community Partner:
Hounds Barbershop & Co.
Nolan Alberghini and James Freedlender

In November of 2013, we started looking for retail space to open our barbershop. At first we looked in Sudbury’s industrial area on Union Avenue, but we could not capture that old-fashioned but upscale feel we sought. Then we heard of the new Sudbury Town Square opening. We both had to go see what all of the buzz was about. Upon entering the plaza we noticed that the storefronts were close together and connected by a small sidewalk. Convenient stores, restaurants, and other businesses were tenants, giving this place an historic feel. We both knew right away that this is where we needed to open.

Growing up in Sudbury, we know you have to drive at least 20 minutes for good shopping. With the opening of the new Town Square shopping area in the historic Town Center, residents have a destination right at the heart of Sudbury. Barbershops have been around for thousands of years, so opening a shop where there are hundreds of years of history just seemed appropriate.

We are all lucky to live in a town where everyone values its history. It takes a lot of hard work and determination to preserve the past, but the Sudbury Historical Society goes above and beyond. When Hounds Barbershop & Co. was approached to become a part of the SHS team as a Community Partner, we knew we had to do it. By allowing us to help preserve the past, we have embedded our history in the town of Sudbury.

James Freedlender & Nolan Alberghini
Hounds Barbershop & Co.
29 Hudson Road, Suite 120
www.houndsbarbershop.com

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Go to Facebook.com. At the box at the top, search for Sudbury Historical Society.

When you find us, look for the thumbs up icon. Click on the thumb to “Like” us.

You will be kept updated on all of the news of the SHS including the dates and topics of our monthly presentations, upcoming events, and new and old news.
## Calendar of Events 2015

**Programs FREE to members!**

$5.00 - suggested donation from non-members

Refreshments will be served after each program.

Unless noted, all programs are Sundays at 2 PM at the Sudbury Town Hall.

### January

**Tuesday, January 13** — Benefit Night at Lotus Blossom Restaurant, Sudbury (5-9 PM). Dine In or Carry Out your dinner. Lotus Blossom will donate 20% of the receipts to the SHS.

### February

**Sunday, February 1** — PROGRAM **“Wheeling, Dealing, A Dump and Sudbury’s Future”** The story of the Wheeler Family’s War with Wayland and Sudbury and how the town boundaries were made. Presenter is Ernie Beer, a Society member and regular presenter of interesting programs about local people, places and things.

### March

**Sunday, March 1** — PROGRAM **“The Untold Story of Henry Ford’s Underground Cooling Plant”** (next to the Grist Mill) including related significant stories. The Miller of the Grist Mill, Richard Gnatowski and Dr. Tony Howes presenters.

### April

**Founders Circle Event.** Our second annual Founders Circle Members Event is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 8.

**Sunday, April 12** — PROGRAM **“Sudbury’s Road to the Revolutionary War (1765-1775)”** A dramatic reading of Sudbury Town Meetings & The Diary of Experience Richardson in the context of the historian’s overview. Produced and directed by Peg Fredrickson. Funding for this program was granted by the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati and by the Sudbury Cultural Council.

**Sunday, April 19 (2-7 PM). — Red Cross Blood Drive** at Sudbury Town Hall. Be a part of an old Sudbury Tradition with the Sudbury Cos. of Militia, Minute and Alarm.

### May

**SPRING FUNDRAISER — Saturday, May 16.** House Tour of Lower Concord Road. More details to come.

### June

**Sunday, June 7** — PROGRAM **“Where They Were and How They Grew”** a look at Sudbury schools from early days to the present - preceded by the SHS annual meeting.

**Friday, June 26** — Whole Foods in Wayland (317 Boston Post Road) has awarded the Sudbury Historical Society a 5% Shopping Day where 5% of that day’s net sales are donated to a local nonprofit or educational organization. Our community is fortunate to have such a generous business in our midst and the SHS is lucky to have been selected for the benefit.

**Thank you for attending our events!**
The children at Aruna’s Place showing how they “heart” Sudbury.

Imagine what these little ones will know about Sudbury in the future!