

Easton Historical Society

Train Tracks



CALENDAR

March 22nd—"Chowder and Chatter", Southeastern Regional High School. 6:30 P.M. Presented by Avery Lee and Kevin Williams of Advest.

April 25th—Curtis Chase slide presentation on English architecture and gardens, Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 106. 7:30 P.M.

April 28th—Historical Walk of North Easton. 1:00 P.M. Meet at the Railroad Station. Call the Station for details.

May 5th—Can and Bottle Drive at the Station. Led by Ken Martin. 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

May 23rd—Annual Meeting. Time and Location to be announced. Business meeting followed by Duncan Oliver presentation "Drive By History: Learning Local History From Your Car Window".

The Society can be reached at 508-238-7774.

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Chowder and Chatter !

The second annual "Chowder and Chatter" (Reminiscing about the Past) will be held on Thursday, March 22nd, at the Southeastern Regional High School at 6:30 P.M. The school is located at 250 Foundry Street, Route 106, in South Easton. All expenses for this evening will be paid by Avery Lee and Kevin Williams of Advest, Inc. Once again, David Degan, Sheila Fox and the students will provide clam and corn chowder, cornbread, beverages and delicious

deserts. Following the meal, a panel will reminisce about their early days in Easton. Anna C. Craig and Gathry Hall will represent the northern part of Easton, and Alfred Morse (a former student of Miss Craig's) and Wayne Southworth will focus on the southern part of the town. Audience participation is welcomed and definitely appreciated! Seating is limited to seventy people. TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL AND BECAUSE MAIL DELIVERY

VARIES, ONLY RESERVATIONS POST-MARKED FROM MARCH 1ST ON WILL BE ACCEPTED. A waiting list will be kept for those who are not the first seventy, and you will be immediately notified of that fact. Due to the high cost of heating the Station this winter, a donation to the Society is requested with your reservation. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAIL. The Society deeply appreciates the William's family's sponsorship!

Chowder and Chatter Reservation Form

■ EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Box 3, N. Easton, MA 01356
 ■ DO NOT MAIL BEFORE MARCH 1st.
 ■ Names of attendees (preliminary maximum of four)
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 ■ Address of Contact Person
 ■ Telephone
 ■ I (we) are enclosing a donation of _____ for the heating of the
 ■ Station. Thank you very much! This donation is tax-deductible.

The Station Master

Dot Berry

Dear Members,

In this, the first newsletter of 2001, we have much to be thankful for. First, your immediate response to our appeal for donations or loans to underwrite our new book “Memories of Twentieth Century Easton” was great! Second was your response to the book when it was finally finished! Your response enabled us to repay all the loans in one month. Thank you all for supporting this wonderful project.

Generous gifts of funds and historical memorabilia have added greatly to our ability to showcase Easton’s history, and to dare to make inquiries about the restoration of the entrance foyer and the south waiting room. These are important projects for the Society as we strive to continue to restore this National Landmark building. The north waiting room was restored a few years ago, and a look at this room will whet your appetite to see the south waiting room completed.

Thank you also for the continued loyalty of our present members. They put in many hours in preparing our book. Others members have helped in sorting and identifying the Society’s archives. No Society can survive without volunteers, and our members always come through!

Finally, I wish to extend a cordial welcome to our new members who are listed on the opposite page. It is nice to see new people take an interest in Easton’s history.

Finally, I wish everyone a healthy and a happy New Year!

Curator’s Corner

Paul Berry

In answer to our plea for supplies, we have received two very generous amounts of badly needed copy paper. Thank you Robert F. Gallagher Jr. and Ernest Camara for your generosity!

The family of the late Robert D. King have added to their generosity to the Society. They presented us with a beautiful antique desk

Time to renew! Use the form in this newsletter to renew your membership for the 2001 year. Be sure to check “Renew”!

that once belonged to Hobart Ames. Along with this desk, the

King family also donated a large glass bookcase. This will enable us to continue to improve our displays of historic Easton items.

A note on dues—If you sent in dues using the form in the new newsletter, you are paid for 2001. A red dot on the address label indicates you are paid up.

Book Updates

Here are a few updates for you concerning the “Memories of Twentieth Century Easton” book.

We apologize for the omissions.

Page 36—Beverly Burrill (Melin) is also in the picture.

Page 72—The aerial picture of Stonehill was taken by Craig Higgins.

Page 80—Jim Craig’s wife is Sharlene, and the wedding was on September 14th, 1986.

Page 81—The designer of Easton’s flag is James Zarella.

Page 91—Wheaton Farm is owned by the Easton Conservation Commission.

The “Quiz-Story” feature usually in this column is being discontinued due to a lack of responses. There were a few responses this past quarter, and a winner will be announced in the next newsletter. In this place next we will present Internet sites that are worthy for any historian. An incredible amount of information exists on the web. Check it out!

Station To Station

Member News and Milestones

The Easton Historical Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

John and Janet Simolari, North Easton

Kim Paparo, Easton

Lynn Stevens, South Easton

Mr. And Mrs. Robert J. Wooster, North Easton

Daniel B. Amorim, North Easton

Rev. Thomas C. Lopes, North Easton

John M. Smythe, Holbrook, MA

Abel W. Camara, Rockville, MD

As you can see our members are part of an extended family that all share a common bond—Easton and her great history! We look forward to seeing you in the future!

 * Be sure to attend our annual *
 * meeting to be held on May *
 * 23rd. The time is 7:30 P.M., *
 * and the location will be an- *
 * nounced in the local papers. *
 * Duncan Oliver will present *
 * “Drive By History: Learning *
 * Local History From Your Car *
 * Window”. Duncan does a *
 * wonderful job each time he *
 * speaks. Don’t miss this im- *
 * portant once a year meeting! *
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Spotlight on History - “Fire!”

North Easton, Sept. 17 (c 1900)
Fung Chow, the only Chinese laundryman in North Easton, is wringing his hands today and calling down the vengeance of his ancestors because he forgot his ever so carefully learned English. He is minus his laundry, and the town’s biggest block in ruins because of his forgetfulness. The

three story structure on Main Street housed his laundry, another store and provided lodging. While sprinkling some shirts, Fung Chow smelled smoke. When he looked around he discovered the back shop was on fire. He ran into the street yelling “fire”! Or at least he thought he was. He was actually yelling “Kung kow, won ho, bung wong wow!” “Go on” an-

swered the policeman on duty. A few minutes later smoke poured from the building and flames broke into sight. The police do not know Chinese, but they do know a fire when they see one. The resulting loss will cost over \$100,000, and the residents of North Easton are running around looking for clean shirts and collars for Sunday!

Waiting Room

Things We Need

Our members have responded to our requests for paper and displays, and for that we are grateful! Here then, are a few other items that we could use.

A digital camera. Donations towards a digital camera would be appreciated. Perhaps you have upgraded yours. A camera like this would allow us to put more

photos into an expanded newsletter, and let the Society begin to collect digital files of its many holdings.

HTML lessons. The Society is updating a web site it can call it’s own. One drawback—we do not have software to do it, or enough HTML knowledge. If you can help, please call the Station.

 * Curtis Chase will present a *
 * slide show on English Archi- *
 * tecture and Gardens at the K *
 * of C hall, Route 106. The date *
 * is April 25th, and the time is *
 * 7:30 P.M. Curtis is an enter- *
 * taining and engaging speaker. *
 * Don’t miss this opportunity ! *
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The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form to file a new membership. Include your check or money order payable to the **Easton Historical Society** and send it along to : Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356.

New Member(s):

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

If this is a gift, please include your name: _____

Membership Individual \$10.00

Family \$15.00

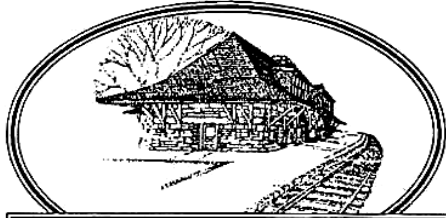
Corporate \$100

Senior (65 and up) \$7.00

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