

EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# TRAIN TRACKS



## CALENDAR

*Sunday, March 9th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*Monday, March 24th, Filene's Preview Day*

*Thursday, April 3rd, "Chowder and Chatter" Dinner, 6:30 P.M.*

*Sunday, April 13th, Open House, "Meet the Judge", at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*Saturday, May 3rd, Bottle and Can Drive*

*Saturday, May 10th, Walking Tour of North Easton, 1:00 P.M.*

*Sunday, May 11th, Happy Mother's Day!*

*Sunday, May 18th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.*

*Wednesday, June 4th, 7:30 P.M., Annual Meeting at Borderland with Ken Gloss*

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## Chowder and Chatter!

The fourth annual Chowder and Chatter evening, underwritten by Advest, Inc., will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at the Southeastern Regional High School, Route 106, South Easton, MA. The event will begin at 6:30 P.M. The meal, prepared by the staff and the students has been a popular attraction: Clam and corn chowder, cornbread, beverages and delicious deserts. Everyone is encouraged to enjoy seconds and thirds!

Last years focus was athletics; this year the focus will be on music. Easton has had an outstanding musical reputation dating back to the days of the Anna C. Ames Band. This year's panelists will include people well known to the Easton music family: Pat Baker, whose family has been involved with music for many generations; Charlene Dalrymple, music department chair for the Town of Easton and an excellent vocal director; Douglas Anderson, retired chair and an extraordinary orchestra director, and John Schuller, one of the original OAHS band directors. We hope you will enjoy this special evening!

Reservations should be mailed as soon as possible to Hazel Varella, 121 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. If you would like to include a donation towards this year's heating bill (which is higher than normal as you can imagine) it would definitely be appreciated.

The Society deeply appreciates the continuing commitment and support of Lee and Kevin Williams of Advest, Inc. Thank you for making this important fundraiser possible!

## Chowder and Chatter Reservation Form

- Mail to: Hazel L. Varella, 121 Center Street, N. Easton, MA 02356
- Questions? Call Hazel at 508-238-3614.
- Names of attendees
- Address of Contact Person
- Telephone
- I (we) are enclosing a tax deductible extra donation of \_\_\_\_\_ to help with the heating bills at the Station. Please make your check payable to EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Thank you!

## The Station Master

President Hazel Varella

The Board of Directors wishes to express it's appreciation to Dorothy V. Berry, who has been president of the Society for the past three and a half years. During this time she has assumed extensive responsibilities in enabling the Society to meet it's goals. Her extensive devotion to the mission of the organization is gratefully acknowledged. Dot will continue to be the hostess at the Station during the monthly Open Houses, handle the Membership files, and assist in the mailing of the news-

letter. Thank you Dot, for all you have done, and continue to do, for the Society. Hopefully now you are able to see the top of your dining room table!

We also wish to thank all those who have renewed their membership with the Society. The response to the dues letter was great. Special thanks to those of you who sent an extra donation along with your dues. These have gone towards paying our heating bill at the Station. As you can

imagine, it takes a lot of oil to heat a building such as ours. In such extreme cold it costs a lot just to keep the building heated to a safe temperature. Please remember to continue to send in your dues.

Finally, take a good look at the activities planned for the next three months. Take in some hot chowder and warm conversation at the "Chowder and Chatter" dinner, and be sure to "Meet the Judge." Hope to see you soon!

## Meet the Judge!

The Honorable Leon Lombardi

A new feature of the Society will kick off on Sunday, April 13th during the Open House. It will provide an opportunity to meet one of Easton's own. The first person selected to be honored is Judge Leon Lombardi. His honor grew up in Easton and still resides on Purchase Street. Judge Lombardi, who has been an Asso-

ciate Judge of the Massachusetts Trial Court of the Land Court Department since 1995, will be at the Station between 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. to greet everyone. At 3 P.M., he will reminisce about growing up in Easton and share some of his more interesting experiences with us. Please plan to meet the Judge!

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Easton Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, at Borderland State Park. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Ken Gloss, proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop, America's oldest antiquarian book shop, will explain how to determine the values of books. You may bring one book for an appraisal. More details later!

## Something for Everyone!

On Monday, March 24th, the new Filene's at Westgate Mall in Brockton will be having a special preview and charity day. Tickets are \$5.00 each, and the Society gets to keep all the money from tickets it sells. Special savings, entertainment, refreshments and raffles will highlight the day. Preview hours are 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. See Pat Baker, Joan Hayward or

Hazel Varella (508-238-3614) for tickets.

The semi-annual bottle and can drive, conducted by Ken Martin and assisted by Ed Hands, will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Station. If you need them picked up, please call Ken at 508-238-2185. Thanks again, Ken, for helping with this important fundraiser!

On Saturday, May 10th, the Society will hold a walking tour of North Easton featuring the artistic work of H.H. Richardson, F. L. Olmsted, Augustus St. Gaudens, Stanford White and John LaFarge. Cost for members is \$5.00, other adults \$6.00 and seniors \$4.00. The walk begins at 1:00 P.M. Wear comfortable shoes and enjoy an interesting day! Call Hazel for further infor-

# Station To Station

## Member News and Milestones

If you have a red mark next to the address label of this newsletter, it is a friendly reminder that we have not yet received your dues.

Refreshments are needed for each open house. Coffee and sweets are enjoyed by those who visit with us . It would be of great assistance to Dot Berry if two people could donate pastries for each open house. Please call Dot at 508-238-3143 and let her know which month you could donate cookies, etc.

The Society would like to express it's sympathy to the families of members who passed away during 2002: Anna M. Buck, Edward A. Cederholm, Sr., Anna C. Craig, Filimona (Phyllis) Malcosky, Gordon F. Mills, Helen Minnich, Helen O'Neil, Christine Reynolds, Sydney R. Smith and Mildred F. Vendt. They will definitely be missed.

If you have any milestones to share with your fellow Society members, please send notice to the editor at the Society.

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- ☆ The V.F.W. recently hon- ☆
- ☆ ored four young Easton men ☆
- ☆ who died in action. Here are ☆
- ☆ their names, the year they ☆
- ☆ died and the location of the ☆
- ☆ memorial: ☆
- ☆ Seaman Apprentice Robert ☆
- ☆ F. Thompson, 1953, Bridge ☆
- ☆ on Washington Street just ☆
- ☆ north of McDonald's; Lt. ☆
- ☆ Kenneth W. Scully, 1967, ☆
- ☆ Intersection of Lyman ☆
- ☆ Wheelock Road and Short ☆
- ☆ Street; Pvt. Edward F. ☆
- ☆ Smith, 1967, Intersection of ☆
- ☆ Western and Columbus Ave- ☆
- ☆ nues and Pvt. Robert J. ☆
- ☆ Todd, 1967, Intersection of ☆
- ☆ Deer Run and Bay Road. ☆
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# Spotlight on History

## Chaffin and Briggs Preservation Awards, The Boston Post Cane

The third annual Easton Historical Commission Awards Day was held on December 8th at historic Unity Church. Some very familiar names to the Society were the recipients of the distinguished awards. The Clement Briggs award was presented to Edwin and Lyn White while Hazel L. Varella received the William Chaffin Award. Ed, Lyn and Hazel have been involved with Easton history in many different ways over the years. They have been active in many town affairs, and their love of history has been characterized by their willingness to preserve it through property preservation, education and leadership in the Society. On behalf of the members of the Easton Historical Society, congratulations!

Along with the awards, a photo contest was held. Many photos

were submitted, and the choice of picking the winner was a tough decision. First Prize was awarded to Steven R. Salisbury. Jackie Norton and Carly van Zandt tied for Second Prize, and Maura Butler and Meghan Drury tied for Third Prize. Congratulations!

Thanks to the generosity and goodwill of the North Easton Savings Bank, a replica of the famous Boston Post Cane was awarded to the oldest resident of Easton. The cane was presented to Mrs. Laura Holmberg during the Awards Day. She was unable to attend, but the Historical Commission brought the cane to her home where she was thrilled to receive it. She celebrated her 104th birthday on January 1st. She passed away on January 26th. She was a very special lady!

### "Easton Superlatives"

- First steel mill
- Ames shovels help build the Erie Canal and the Transcontinental Railroad
- Has a bull cemetery for prize-winning Guernsey cattle
- Oldest iron foundry operating in it's original location
- Oldest bottling company operating in it's original location
- First thread mill
- Only complete millstone quarry in New England
- Last operating ice-cutting business
- Oldest silver and lead mines in the United States
- First Civil War soldier behind enemy lines
- First public gym and recognized physical education program
- There are more. Can you add to the list? If so, please mail it to us!

The Easton Historical Society invites you to become a member of our organization. Please use this form for 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

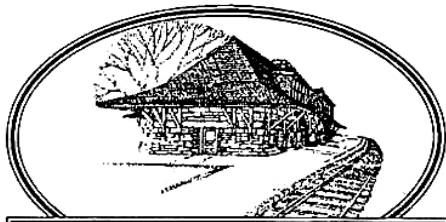
Corporate \$100

Senior (65 and up) \$7.00

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