

EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRAIN TRACKS



CALENDAR

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The annual meeting of the Easton Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, June 4th, at the library at Borderland State Park. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. with a business meeting. Borderland State Park, which is the former estate of Oakes and Blanch Ames, is located on Massapoag Avenue, North Easton.

The library in the mansion is an appropriate setting for this year's meeting, since our guest is one of America's premier book dealers. Ken Gloss, the proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop, America's oldest antiquarian book shop, will present a program on how to determine the value of an old book. Mr. Gloss, who also has appeared on "Antique Roadshow", will do a verbal appraisal of an old book for each person in attendance. There is a limit of one appraisal per person. Thank you, Mr. Gloss, for sharing your time and knowledge with us!

The May semi-annual bottle drive will have been completed by this meeting, and Ken Martin will present us with a check for the proceeds. Ken, assisted by Ed Hands, has greatly assisted us in paying our heat and utility costs through his efforts, and the Society is very appreciative of that.

We also wish to thank the kind staff at Borderland for making the mansion available for our annual meeting. If you haven't been there before, please be sure to attend and take advantage of a chance to see a truly magnificent library!

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

Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day

Saturday, May 31st, Governor Lippitt House Tour, 9:15 A.M.

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

Saturday, June 14th, Flag Day

Sunday, June 8th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.

Friday, July 4th, Happy Birthday America!

Sunday, July 13th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.

Sunday, August 10th, Open House at the Station, 1-5 P.M.

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President Hazel Varella

Members of the Society enjoyed a variety of recent events. The past month was a pretty busy one! More than sixty people enjoyed the annual Chowder and Chatter program presented at Southeastern Regional and underwritten by Lee and Kevin Williams of Advest, Inc. The extraordinary music tradition of Easton was discussed by Patricia Baker, Charlene Dalrymple, Virginia Elson and John Schuller. Douglas Anderson had planned on being there, but suffered a heart attack

in New Jersey the night before. We are happy to report he is doing well. Several audience members were also recognized for their contributions to our musical tradition. They were Richard Hill, Harris Ullian and Louise Vose. Also mentioned were Anna C. Ames, the Gurney family, Robert D. King and Ruth Ashley. A total of \$280 was received from guests to help defray the cost of heating the Station during this long winter.

The Charity day offered by File-ne's as part of their grand opening in Brockton, Ma. raised another \$155 dollars. Marilyn Ford, Joan Hayward and Suzanne Rivard were the Society volunteers for that occasion. Pat Baker, our treasurer, loves to keep busy with these donations, which are always appreciated. Thanks to all our members and friends for supporting us. With your gifts of time and money we are able to continue to preserve Easton's traditions!

The Curator's Corner

Curator Paul Berry

The Easton Historical Society has been the recipient of several gifts for our collections.

We have received a donation of materials from the home of long-time member Christine Reynolds, given by her son Robert.

Charles and Alice McCarthy recently visited the Hobart Ames

Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee, and donated to us a recent fifty year history of that place.

We also received a memorial donation in memory of James Webster from Lois DiPasqua and family.

We gratefully acknowledge these

wonderful gifts.

One of the needs that has arisen is to be able to copy a videotape. Does anyone have any equipment that can be made available to us (by loan or gift) that will allow us to do this? Please call the station and leave a message if this is something you can help us with. Don't forget to drop by this summer's open houses!

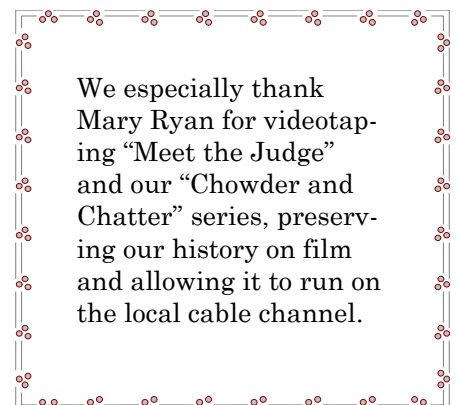
Society Honors Judge Lombardi

Judge Leon Lombardi was honored at the April open house. His vast knowledge about the family property on Purchase Street was fascinating. He also shared with us several of his extraordinary career experiences.

Judge Lombardi also presented the Society with a Pekin Duck booklet and a Rankin Patent. The former duck farm was well

known in the area, and the Rankin Incubator was a tremendous improvement to a still young science. It became known throughout the farming industry.

Fellowship with the Judge was enjoyed by all, and the Society wishes to express its appreciation to Judge Lombardi for his donations of items and his donation of time.



ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL SOCIETY TRIP!

The Easton Historical Society has arranged for members and friends the unique opportunity to tour an extraordinary Victorian house, the Governor Henry Lippitt House, in Providence, Rhode Island. An article by John Loring in Architectural Digest states that there is “probably no other house in New England that better represents the expansive 1860’s than the Governor Henry Lippitt House, atop College Hill...No house has survived that can match it for the importance and quality of architecture and interior design”. This historic house—museum is now the property of Preserve Rhode Island.

The trip is planned for Saturday, May 31st. Due to parking complications in the area, the tour will be by van leaving the Easton Historical Society, the former Old Colony Railroad Station, at 9:15 A.M. and returning by 1:00 P.M.

The cost of the trip is \$16.00 per person (transportation and admission). In addition, each person is asked to add to that a donation to the Easton Historical Society. All donations will be acknowledged. Send the coupon below, and a check made out to the “Easton Historical Society” to Hazel Varella, 121 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. Seating is limited; please register as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call Hazel at 508-238-3614.

Governor Henry Lippitt House Tour Registration
Make check payable to “Easton Historical Society”. Mail directly to:
Hazel Varella, 121 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cost:

\$16.00 per person, plus a donation of \$ _____, Total \$ _____

Thank you for your kind donation to this fundraiser!



The Mansion at Sheep Pasture, Circa 1910. The house was torn down after World War Two. It's foundation is now filled, but the great wall remains facing south.

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 _____

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

Membership Individual \$10.00

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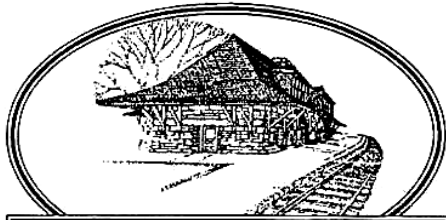
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