

EASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TRAIN TRACKS



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CALENDAR

All events are held at the Easton Historical Society unless otherwise noted.

*Sunday, September 11th,
Open House, 1-5 P.M. Borderland
display. Reminiscences Volume
Two available!*

*Saturday, September 17th,
Borderland State Park 100th
Anniversary 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
at the Park.*

*Saturday, September 24th,
Historic Play. Details inside!*

*Sunday, October 2nd, NRT
Harvest Fair, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.*

*Saturday, October 8th, Fall Bottle
and Can Drive, 9 A.M.-2P.M.*

*Sunday, October 9th, Open House,
1-5 P.M. featuring O. A. Football!*

*Saturday, October 15th, Annual
Yard Sale, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.
Reservation Form inside!*

*Saturday, October 22nd, Spooky
Hayride, 6 P.M. Reservation Form
and details inside!*

*Thursday, November 3rd, Professor
James Kenneally speaks about the
1889 Ames strike. At North Easton
Savings Bank main office, 20 East-
man Street. Tour of bank at 6:30
P.M., program at 7:00 P.M.*

*Sunday, November 13th,
Open House, 1-5 P.M. Display of
new veterans items.*

*December 3rd and 4th, Lions Club
Annual Holiday Festival.
New 2011 ornament available!*

*December 11th, Open House, 1-5
P.M. A good time to do your holi-
day shopping!*

*The mission of the Easton Historical Society is to preserve,
promote and interpret the unique industrial, social, cultural,
architectural and environmental history of the Town.*

Welcome back! There are no more appropriate words than those to express our sentiments to our very patient members. At long last, the major restoration work on the interior of the Station has been completed. What began as a (seemingly) simple idea of bringing the ceiling back to its former glory soon grew into an opportunity to refinish floors, repair walls, paint, and update the ladies bathroom. That led us to rethinking the best use of the space that has been given us. It was decided to use the Ladies Waiting Room as a multi-functional area with the flexibility to set up for groups, classes or displays. We feel that we can now make better use of this wonderful space.

The bulk of the work was done by master carpenter Tim Hurley of North Easton who has had lots of experience in renovating historic structures. North Easton architect Jay Thomas willingly lent his expertise when needed. Electrical work was performed by David Anderson Electric of South Easton. Plumbing was provided by Bart Carlson of North Easton. The floors were refinished by Tam's Hardwood Floors of North Easton. Framing and hanging of maps and artwork were performed by Jim Inman of the J. Inman Gallery of Easton. James Carlino added valuable assistance with color and placement of items. Muscle to move items was provided by Dominic and Anthony Meninno. The Society is very grateful for all the assistance provided to us!

Of course, we are very grateful for the donors who made this long-awaited transformation possible. We extend our gratitude to Deborah and James MacPhee and the Give With Liberty program, Dr. Robert and Carol Misiewicz, Mr. and Mrs. Charlton Ames in honor of Hazel Varella, Avery Lee Williams, James Carlino, Peter Simpson, Kenneth Martin, Alice McCarthy, North Easton Savings Bank in honor of Edwin C. White and the Liberty Mutual Foundation.

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Curator's Corner - Curator / Caretaker Frank T. Meninno

So much good has happened since I last wrote that I am not quite sure where to begin! Let me start by cheerfully stating that the Society has re-opened with our newly restored Ladies Waiting Room ready for visitors! After several months of careful planning, we officially opened up in mid-June. Since that time we have had two open houses, several groups of visitors, and numerous walk-in visitors. By hanging our artwork and historical maps, we have created a gallery feel to the room. This should provide a welcoming atmosphere for visitors, and lend itself to being a great area for classes and research. We have also created a reference room in the Williams room, with our most commonly asked for research items readily available. The feedback has been very positive! I hope you will be able to stop by and see for yourself what good works are being done. I, for one, am happy to have everything back in place!

The Enterprise newspaper (Brockton, MA.) recently gave us a full page spread about the renovations taking place at the Society. We are grateful for the excellent coverage the paper has given us. A week after that paper was printed, WXBR Radio (1460 AM) in Brockton invited me to be a guest on a show called Real Estate Today hosted by local realtor Bernie Hassan. The half-hour interview went well and once again provided us with good local exposure. Dealing with the media attention has been a good experience!

This year I have had the opportunity to work with two of our outstanding youths. Candice Sheehan has continued to volunteer on a weekly basis, and is now beginning her third year here. Candy worked as a lifeguard at the Town Pool this summer, and is entering her senior year at O.A.H.S. Also this summer, Andrew Foote, a member of the recent O.A.H.S. graduating class of 2011, spent the summer volunteering on a number of projects. Andrew will be attending Northeastern University this fall and will major in chemical engineering.

The photos on the next page will give you some idea of our new look. However, seeing it in person is even better, so in the words of the late famous car dealer Ernie Boch, we invite you to "come on down!"

Announcing our New 2011 Holiday Ornament "Unity Close"—Home of Oliver Ames, Jr.



The Easton Historical Society is pleased to announce our ninth annual glass holiday ornament: Unity Close at Christmas as photographed by John Ventresco. John is an award winning photographer who operates Starlight Studio in South Easton. Unity Close was built in 1863 for Oliver Ames, Jr. It was later the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parker. The house, which has been lovingly restored by the current owners, is a true Easton landmark, and an integral part of the history of the Ames family and the North Easton Village National Historic District. The ornament depicts the house with candle lit windows, a heartwarming, familiar sight each winter in Easton.

You can reserve your ornament(s) by calling Hazel Varella at 508-238-3614. As in the past, the ornaments are \$10 each or 4 for \$36. Your order can be picked up during our annual December open houses. Ornaments will also be available at the Society.

A Sampling from our Restoration project!

Photos at right show the condition of the walls and ceiling prior to restoration. The white paint was removed revealing a fine oak ceiling. Peeling and chipped plaster was repaired.



Oliver Ames (actually his bust!) watches over the carefully stacked items stored in the Men's Waiting Room.



The walls revealed portions of the original stain and later painting done by the railroad. We decided to preserve some of this!



Light reflects off of the newly restored ceiling. The oak was treated with several coats of tung oil to preserve the beautiful wood.



A view of the new room. This will become a flexible space, with seating for talks, classes, exhibits, and of course, refreshments!

In Memorium

Katherine Chesire (Parker) Knott passed away on June 26th. She had attended the November 7, 2009 re-dedication of the Station with her daughter Frances de Lacviver. The Society expresses its sympathy to her daughter and her two sons Oliver Ames Parker and William Amory Parker, III.

Ruth (Nichols) Ball passed away on January 7th. She was a member of the O.A.H.S. Class of 1938. After studying music with Marianna Lillie, she became an accomplished church organist and choir director. She also taught classical and sacred piano for nearly fifty years. Ruth was a ham radio operator, and through that she met her late husband Wayne "Doc" Ball. Sympathy is extended to her children Alice Norris and Alan Clark, her brothers Paul, Earl and Russell Nichols, her sister Priscilla Wheeler, grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Ruth was the daughter of the late Clarence and Hattie (Harlow) Nichols. She was sister to the late Roger Nichols and Mabel Magnuson.

Kathleen Malley passed away on July 26th. She was a longtime member of the Society and donated many items to us. She was a former poll worker at town elections, and a member of the Easton Democratic Town Committee. We send our sympathy to her children Michael, John, Edmund, Jr. and Ann Malley-Laneau.

Frances (Farnsworth) Reid passed away on July 19th. She was a member of the O.A.H.S. Class of 1951, and was inducted into the OA Hall of Fame in 2007 as a member of her field hockey team that went undefeated and un-scored upon. The Society extends its sympathy to her husband George, and to children David and Deborah Henry.

Robert Gilmore passed away on June 26th. He was a member of the well known Gilmore family of North Easton. Bob was an award winning video editor who worked for the family business "Fleet Graphics" in Boston. He had an interest in the history of Easton and Boston. Sympathy is extended to his mother Janet, children Robert, Jr. and Joey; brother of Peter, Keith, Amanda Barabe, Holly Haas, Pamela Hill and Julie. He was also the twin brother of the late Jon Gilmore.

Edmond C. Johnson, O.A.H.S. Class of 1944, died on June 30th. He became a highly acclaimed accountant for General Motors after graduating from Bentley. Art was his passion though, and he was very successful earning multiple awards from the Mystic Seaport Art Festivals, the Cape Cod Art Association and the Yankee Magazine Sagendorph Award from the Copley Society. We extend our sympathy to his son Ted Johnson and his sister Jean (Johnson) McCarthy.

Strike!

The late 1800's was a time of unrest for many workers. Professor James Kenneally has been researching a strike at the Ames Shovel Company during that time period. He will share his research with us through his presentation titled Even in the Best of Families: The 1889 Handlers Strike in the Ames Shovel Company. You might be surprised to find out the answers to questions such as "which Ames was appointed special constable during the strike", "were strikers evicted from company housing?", and "were the strike leaders ever again employed at the shovel works?"

Join us for this interesting evening on Thursday, November 3rd at the new main office of the North Easton Savings Bank at 20 Eastman Street. Anyone who wishes to take a tour of this magnificent building should arrive by 6:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 P.M., followed by a brief business meeting and then Professor Kenneally's program. Reservations are required! Please call Hazel Varella at 508-238-3614 to reserve your seat. The Society extends its thanks to the North Easton Savings Bank for its hospitality!

Civil War Anniversary Event

The Ames Free Library—Easton's Public Library will host a living history encampment on Saturday, October 15th featuring the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The event will include demonstrations of weapons, medicine, dress, drills, cooking, etc. For more information, call the library at 508-238-2000, or check out the library's website at www.amesfreelibrary.org.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Landscape photo of Mass. State Guards at Camp Gardiner, 1918, found in house on Elm Street lived in by the Amorim family, from John Amorim; Town Reports, 1913-1918, 1920-21, 1924, papers about the 250th, 275th and 300th Anniversary events, Gene Autry article, obituary for Olivia Ames Cabot, 1978, from Bob and Lucy Gallagher; Framed 1855 map of Easton, anonymous donor through Melanie Deware; History of Unity Church booklet, from Bart Carlson; A collection of articles including photos about a 1912 Morse Car, including original owner's manual, photos of car with family chauffer, correspondence between the Fuller family and the Morse family, as well as the Moody family, copy of Bulb Horn magazine, 1978 with story on the Morse Car, from the estate of the late Robert G. Fuller, donated by Robert G. Fuller, Jr.; Two medicine bottles, 1 Harlow Pharmacy, 1 Fred L. Reed, from Bob Carpenter and Christine; Information on the Easton 250th and 275th anniversary parades, notes from 275th anniversary committee, Class of '49 play book "Cuckoos On the Hearth", collection of class reunion books from the 15th to the 50th, Immaculate Conception Church 100th anniversary book, Easton Furnace School dedication book, WWII class commencement program book from 2001, Easton Charter Day folder, Martyn Lincoln retirement program from 2000, photo of K of C Communion Breakfast from 1961, photo of OA basketball banquet in 1949, class play photo with names, Gene Autry article, from Ernie Camara; Copy of Easton Today dated 1975 that has a photo of the S. Easton Grammar class of 1917 with names, from Ralph Owens; Items from the Class of 1948: class banner, various reunion books from the 15th to the 60th reunion, class reunion photos with names, 1948 and 1946 Eastoner graduation issues, photo of 1st Communion with Charles F. McCarthy, Jr. about 1944, card game "The Boston Game", news articles about various class reunions, from Alice McCarthy; 3 boxes of home movies from the Brenner and Brooks families, from Arnold Judson; 250th anniversary program books, Charter Day folders, Easton's Pictorial Past, Globe Magazine 100 Years of New England News Photos from 1972, Jim Craig Day program book, newspaper stories on Hurricane Gloria, Tall Ships visit, 100th anniversary of Statue of Liberty, Easton Today papers from 1975 with old photos on the cover, photo of Mannings Band, photo of O.E.S. 1936, photo of class of 1929 play "Sunshine", photo of class of 1930 play "Take My Advice", from Harold Bailey; Pewter spoon, pewter water pitcher made by Kent in N. Easton and cup plate, from Frank and Jeanette Meninno; 6 Polaroid photos of Shaws expansion, OAHS Class of '75 mortarboard from Mark Dickinson, 14 Valentines boxes from Hilliards, 1 antique paper cutter, 15 misc. loom and thread bobbins, 1963 Globe magazine with story on LBJ addressing Congress after JFK assassination, Boston Irish Reporter with story on Robert Dollard, articles on Michelson's Farm, Unity Close, Old Bay Road, 4-H cleaning cemeteries, Easton Bulletin JFK Memorial issue, Enterprise EXTRA edition on JFK assassination, 75th anniversary edition of Easton Bulletin from 1964, 1884 Harpers Weekly with story about North Easton and Richardson, Brockton Tool Company blotter, 2 pieces of sheet music by Julia Belcher from the 1930's, 1st edition of the OA Victory Song, copyright 1943 by Margaret Gertrude Connelly, sheet music for Old Folks at Home pub. 1853 and owned at that time by William Clark of Easton, Penn Central envelopes, from Frank and Anne-Marie Meninno; an oil painting of a train station by Audrey Bolster, welded railroad spike bookends, from the Bolster family; extensive information on the O.A.H.S. football teams of 1964 and 1965, from Arthur DeCouto; Professor James Kenneally's papers about Blanche Ames and Women's Suffrage, particularly in Easton, from Prof. Kenneally; Outlook Club programs and membership from 1985-86, from Norma-Jean Hanscom; two cast iron quatrefoils from the gates at the pine Grove Cemetery, from Pine Grove Cemetery; Records of the Easton Jaycees from Avery Lee Williams.

We have also received financial donations from Alice McCarthy in memory of Ed Johnson, Mary Ames, Ernest R. Camara, Emma's Hair Salon and Spa, John Moran, Earl Nichols in memory of his sister Ruth Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Oliver in honor of Mr. and Mrs. M. David Varella's 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Porter, John and Lin Schuller, and Avery Lee Williams.

The Easton Historical Society is grateful for the continued generosity of the donors of these and other historical items to our collections.

Sixty Years Ago

On

September 27th, 1951...

The Easton Historical Society presented a play at the Frothingham Memorial Hall titled "Life in Easton Years Ago" written by Amory Parker and Mrs. Graham (Ruth) Smith. The Historical Society, the Ames Free Library / Easton's Public Library and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall are going to re-enact this unique script. If weather permits, the performance will be on the stage at Queset Gardens, located directly behind the Library. If the weather is not appropriate, Frederick Ames has offered to host the production in the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall. The program will be held from 3 to 5 P.M. on Saturday, September 24th—almost sixty years to the date! Due to the seating capacity of the hall, in case of inclement weather, only one hundred reservations will be available for a donation of \$20 for each reservation. These will go on sale at the main desk of the Ames Free Library on Tuesday, September 6th at 10 A.M. Payment is accepted by cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made out to "The Ames Free Library". Credit payment is available online via the All Events tab at www.amesfreelibrary.org.

Several changes or additions will occur from the original script. There will be an additional scene at the end with representatives of the original donors of the H. H. Richardson Old Colony Station to the Society commenting on their experiences at the re-dedication of the Station November 7th, 2009. These will be Mrs. David Ames, Mrs. Oliver F. Ames, Charlton H. Ames, and Frances DeLacvievier, grand-daughter of Mr. William Parker. They will be sharing these reminiscences with Mrs. Graham Smith's son MacKenzie. Also, instead of a quartet singing at the end, the music will be sing-a-longs of popular songs by the audience led by Patricia Ann Baker, daughter of Lawrence and Olive Gurney, who were in the original production. Wine and cheese will be served under the direction of Mrs. Joan Lundgren either at Queset House (if we hold the event at the Queset Gardens) or at the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall following the re-enactment. You may wish to bring your own folding chairs if the event is held at Queset Gardens.

This program is a very unique opportunity to relive the past and enjoy the present. Representatives of Amory Parker's family will be present to share the afternoon. Also, two of the people who took part in the September 1951 presentation will be honored: Mrs. David Ames and Mr. Alfred Morse. The casts of both the original 1951 performance and the 2011 performance are listed on the following page.

Reminder: Tickets will be available at the Library the morning after Labor Day. There will be no donations accepted prior to that time. Envelopes addressed to the Ames Free Library, c/o Uma Hiremath, 53 Main Street, North Easton, MA 02356 will be opened at 10 A.M. on September 6th. Checks should be made out to "The Ames Free Library" and you should include a self-addressed stamped envelope for your ticket(s). For more information please call 508-238-3164 or email at info@amesfreelibrary.org. The Easton Historical Society, the Ames Free Library and the Oakes Ames Memorial Hall appreciate your support!

Intimate Scenes Featuring
“Life in Easton Years Ago”

<u>Scene</u>	<u>Character</u>	<u>1951 Cast</u>	<u>2011 Cast</u>
Narrator	Poet James Adams (1802-1883)	Neubert Morse	Edmund Hands
Scene I	Housewife Mary Lou (about 1830)	Marjorie Sellon Frances Morse	Colleen Corona Melanie DeWare
Scene II	Charles Jewet Oliver Ames, Jr. (1807-1877) E. J. W. Morse (1809-1865)	David Ames Oliver F. Ames Alfred Morse	Judge Leon Lombardi William Ames Alfred or Tad Morse
Scene III	Henry Williams (1844) Martha Williams, his wife	A. Russell Eason Ruth Smith	Edwin White Lyn White
Scene IV	Dr. Zeph Randall (1783-1855) Dr. Caleb Swan (1793-1870) Patient	Frank A. Sargent C. S. Flandreau Priscilla Leighton	Buddy Wooster Frederick Ames Candice Sheehan
Scene V	After Railroad Station Rededication November 7th, 2009		Mrs. David Ames Mrs. Oliver F. Ames Charleton Ames Frances DeLacvivier MacKenzie Smith

In 1951, Songs of the Early Days were sung by Olive Gurney, Sally King, Lawrence L. Gurney, Royal Rollins, Jr. In 2011, a sing along will be led by Patricia Baker.

Scenes were written by Amory Parker and Ruth Smith.

Research Material was provided by Mrs. Raymond P. Smith.

Music for the 1951 production was prepared by Mrs. Donald Hayward.

The 1951 Refreshment Committee was chaired by Mrs. John S. Ames, Jr., and included Mrs. David Ames, Mrs. William Ladd, Mrs. Roger MacNamara, Mrs. John C. Mason, Mrs. Alfred Morse and Miss Irene White. The 2011 refreshments are being served under the direction of Mrs. Joan Lundgren.

A Different Perspective of Growing Up at Sheep Pasture

As a small child in North Easton, I roamed far and wide through the various Ames estates, sometimes Queset House, more often Langwater, but mostly Sheep Pasture, although I thought of it as “the woods” or the Parkers’. In the spring, when there were daffodils everywhere, I helped myself to large bouquets, bringing them home to my mother and sometimes putting them in water with food coloring to see the delicate edges take on the color of the water.

One time, in the spring of 1950 or ‘51, my thievery was exposed when Mrs. Parker herself came out of the little red house and caught me red-handed. She asked me why I was picking her flowers, and I replied that I was taking them home to my mother. She asked me if I liked flowers, and I answered in the affirmative, so she kindly let me take them and sent me on my way.

A few days later, Mrs. Parker called my house. When she announced who she was, my mother was mortified, thinking “what has Wayne done now?” Instead of reporting my crime, Mrs. Parker told my mother about our earlier conversation and my love of flowers and asked my mother if she could come by the next day to take me to see the exotic flowers in the Langwater greenhouses belonging to her uncle, John S. Ames, at the time, president of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. My mother, relieved that I wasn’t about to be sent to the reformatory, of course said “yes.”

Mrs. Parker showed me flowers unheard of in the woods of Easton, like orchids, bromeliads, and cactuses. I was thrilled. The only disappointment that day was that Mrs. Parker picked me up in her small ordinary car and not the Bentley I’d seen her driving sometimes.

And that was the last contact I had with Mrs. Parker for a quarter of a century. In 1977, while I was living in Hawaii, my mother sent me a copy of Growing Up at Sheep Pasture, Mrs. Parker’s memoir told to Mrs. Hazel Varella of the Easton Historical Society. I really enjoyed reading it and seeing the old pictures of a Sheep Pasture that I never knew since the mansion itself was long-gone by the time I roamed the estate.

I sent a short letter to Mrs. Parker recounting the above adventure and was surprised to receive a reply a short time later. One thing I’d noticed in reading the book was that Mrs. Parker’s eighty-fifth birthday would be next month, August 14th, 1977, so I decided to send her a gift. A few days before her birthday, I sent her a dozen Hawaiian anthuriums with a card wishing her a happy day and many more to follow.

True to form, Mrs. Parker sent another gracious note to thank me for the flowers. I thought of them as partial payment for all the daffodils stolen the decades before.

Wayne Hill, Mindanao, Philippines 2011

Wayne Hill is a member of the Oliver Ames High School Class of 1963.

Easton Country Club Turns 50!

Congratulations to the Easton Country Club and the Lombardi family on the club’s 50th anniversary! The club and the Lombardi family are a valued member of the Easton community, offering great recreation in golf and tennis as well as hosting a number of charity events during those years. Thank you for fifty great years, and we look forward to many more!

Yard Sale Donations Wanted!

The Easton Historical Society is looking for items that can be donated to our yard sale table. We have already had a few great donations which we are very grateful for. If you are doing your fall cleaning, keep us in mind! All we ask is that the items be in good condition and in working order. Please, no tires, upholstered furniture or CRT monitors as we have difficulty removing these if they don’t sell. If you would like to donate items please call us at 508-238-7774 to arrange a convenient drop-off time. We will be happy to pick up items as well. Thank you!

Society Announces New Publication! - Reminiscences, Volume Two

Because the response to the first volume of Reminiscences was so complimentary, the Research Committee is sharing more of the fascinating stories of our community that exist in the archives of the Easton Historical Society. Various sections of Easton have their own unique history, and hopefully you will enjoy reliving some of the narrators' experiences (except for the trolley accident).

Industry has been an important component of early Easton, and the first article focuses on the largest employer, the Ames Shovel Company. A recently found article written in 1936 by an unknown author provides insight into the production changes and evolution of the Company. Later in this volume, you will read Mrs. David Ames' (Elizabeth M. Ames) informative recollections of some of the Ames family members living during the 1930's to the 1950's.

Our Civil War expert, Edmund Hands, has provided a fascinating narration of David Ambrose Middleton. Son of Irish immigrants, he worked at the Shovel Company and served the Union during the Civil War. Ed's extensive research focuses on an aspect of the Civil War which is rarely mentioned, the role of the United States Navy. Travel the high seas as you read about the experiences of David, who apparently deserted the army for the navy.

Enjoy the childhood memories of two Easton ladies who grew up about the same time period, Anna Buck and Enid J. Kavka. However, Anna was living in Poquanticut, and Enid in North Easton. Anna's descriptions are so lengthy that only the first part is included in this volume. Enid was "Miss Easton" in the bicentennial celebration of Easton (1925), when she was still unmarried and using her maiden name Enid Jacobson, and we have included a picture of her in the 1975 parade—still a charming person. Childhood memories for the next generation living in North Easton usually involved Frothingham Memorial Park. Jacques Harlow and Joseph Connolly's reminiscences recall the significance of the Park during its first two decades.

Folklore is always part of a community. In Furnace Village, one of the most popular legends involves Billy Rock. The next time you drive by Old Pond on Routes 123 and 106 and have time to stop, see if you can view Billy Rock.

The areas of Eastondale and South Easton are involved in the trolley accident of October 27, 1921 as described by Ruth Melindy Reynolds. Also, Edwin White, who was President of Simpson Spring, grew up in Eastondale. Ed's early memories in relation to Simpson Spring are effectively described in his informative article about the oldest bottling company still on its original location. Industry, particularly in the winter, was also important in Unionville. Articles written by John Kent and Diane Carr capture the essence of Fred Monte's ice-cutting business on Elm Street.

Oliver Ames High School educators provide great memories for those who attended one of the three OA's. Two generations of teachers are identified by Hazel Varella: those who were inspirational at the middle of the twentieth century, and those of the next generation hired by 1969, with success culminating in a White House Rose Garden ceremony in 1985. (All high school teachers gratefully acknowledge the excellent education provided to the students at the elementary level.) A list of the educators recognized by the Easton Jaycees and the Easton Lions Club has been included.

Conservation has been a major endeavor during the past half century. Many have contributed, and certainly one of the pioneers was Clifford G. "Kippy" Grant. His friend Duncan B. Oliver has written a tribute to this far-sighted naturalist.

We conclude with the restoration of the south waiting room in 2011. A special opening was held June 18th. Enjoy the pictures and visit! The Society is open the second Sunday of each month except May (the third Sunday).

The Society is deeply indebted to Daniel P. Pare, who not only prepared all the materials for this publication but also edited what was appropriate. Newspaper articles were not changed except for some minor typos.

This 84 page volume will be available at the September 11th open house, with the cost still being determined. As always, all our publications can also be mailed. Please contact the Society for more information!

This 'n' That

Our apologies to Vincent Hurley whom we mentioned in an article about Rocky Marciano in our spring newsletter. We erroneously stated he was no longer living, but we are pleased to report that he is still having an enjoyable life in Easton!

The opening keynote speaker at The Official Conference for Event Professionals in Hamilton, New Zealand July 28th was Charlotte DeWitt (O.A.H.S. Class of 1964). Known as the ambassador of international events, Charlotte has a thirty-two year perspective in twenty-nine countries of what's hot, what's not and what's next. She is the 2009 inductee to the IFEA Hall of Fame, the industry's highest honor.

We had two very successful bottle drives in May and July, raising \$375 between both events. Thanks to Ken Martin for his continued support and excellent work, and thank you for your donations! We also thank Roger "Pete" McNamara for fabricating four wood and masonite boxes that hold the bags we fill with bottles and cans. They are a great improvement over the cardboard ones we previously used.

On June 18th the Society recognized donors who contributed to the restoration work done in the Women's Waiting Room. Special thanks to Nancy DeLuca for her excellent hospitality, and to multi-talented Ed Hands for his wonderful floral arrangements.

Thanks are also extended to Wayne Legge for a very informative and interesting talk and display on archeology at our annual meeting on May 1st.

Thanks are also sent to Frederick L. Ames for leading a well attended tour of the "Island" during our July open house.

The Society has a friend who is looking for a copy of the Randall family genealogy, which is titled The Descendents of Robert Randall. If anyone should have a copy available to give, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

A big thank you to Robert Gill and Landsdown Lawncare of Easton for their work on keeping our grounds beautiful, at no cost to the Society!



Fall Bottle and Can Drive

The Society will hold its fall bottle and can drive on Saturday, October 8th at the Station from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. rain or shine! All clean Massachusetts returnable bottles and cans are gladly accepted. This is not a recycling drive so we cannot accept other containers. Please give Ken a call at 508-238-2185 if you have bottles or cans that need to be picked up. The Society thanks you for your continued support!

Spooky Rides are Coming!

This year we are offering one hayride with historian and storyteller Ed Hands on Saturday, October 22nd. The ride will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will be aimed at a more mature audience (attendees must be twelve years of age or older). No child care is available during the ride. Refreshments will be served. The location and route are still being planned, and you will be notified of the details beforehand.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE SPOOKY RIDE! Due to the popularity of this event, we do not anticipate having room for walk-ins. The cost of the ride will be \$8.00 per person paid in advance. Please reserve your spots by sending your check made payable to the Easton Historical Society, along with this form, to: Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356. You will be notified when we receive your reservation and you will be checked in before getting on the ride. Be sure to include yourself in the total number of reservations requested! Please call 508-238-7774 for more information.

Your Name: _____

Names of other attendees: _____

Address: _____

YARD SALE RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, October 15th, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M., at the Station,
80 Mechanic St., N. Easton

Rain date, Saturday, October 22nd, 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

To reserve your space in our fall yard sale, please fill out this form and send it, with a check for a \$15 donation payable to the Easton Historical Society, to: Easton Historical Society, P.O. Box 3, North Easton, MA 02356. Call 508-238-7774 with questions.

Proceeds from the sale of spaces benefit the Society. Your sales are yours to keep! Spaces are limited, and will be the equivalent of two adjoining parking spaces. They will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. You must bring your own tables, chairs or tents. There is no trash collection at the Station, so please plan on removing your trash from the site at the end of the day. Bathroom facilities are available. All items must be yard sale items. Unfortunately, crafters can not be permitted at this time. The Easton Historical Society assumes no liability for loss or damages to any person or property before, during or after this event. Thank you for supporting the Easton Historical Society.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Borderland Turns 100!

Borderland, the former home of Oakes and Blanche Ames, turns 100 this year. It is also the 40th anniversary of the creation of Borderland State Park. The Friends of Borderland and the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation are planning an all day celebration. Activities include period music, two stages for entertainment, a hot air balloon, a huge American flag, an old-fashioned baseball game, old-fashioned kids games, mansion tours and more! Many non-profits including our Society will have displays set up as well. Plan to attend on Saturday, September 17th (rain date September 18th) from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. For information, call the park at 508-238-6566 or visit the Friends website at www.friendsofborderland.org/centennial.

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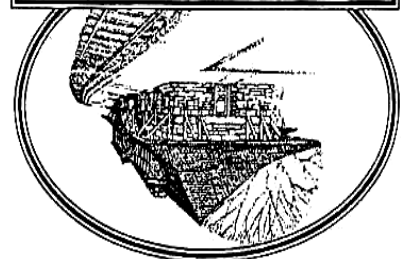
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