

**Wayland
Historical Society
2016-2017
Program Booklet**

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February program!***

PROGRAM

**CELEBRATE VIEWS OF BELTED GALLOWS,
MT. WACHUSETT, AND MT. MONADNOCK**

**Sunday, September 25
Mainstone Farm.**

2-4 PM

Wayland residents at Annual Town Meeting voted to acquire, along with the Sudbury Valley Trustees, a conservation restriction on 208 acres of land on Old Connecticut Path and Rice Road. Longtime WHS member, Gretchen Schuler, who also chairs the Community Preservation Commission will guide us on a “top of the hill tour” explaining building development/farm history, while children are invited on a supervised hike on future trails and a scavenger hunt.

Refreshments: Kathy Heckscher
Program Coordinator: Alice Boelter

**SUDBURY PLANTATION: A PURITAN HISTORY
NOT FULLY RECORDED**

Saturday, October 15 **2-4:30 PM**

Wayland Town Building. In collaboration with Wayland Historical Commission and presented by Salvatore L. DeMaio, University of Massachusetts/Boston.

The easternmost section of Sudbury Plantation astride the Sudbury River, settled in 1638, eventually became present day Wayland. The first Town Center of Sudbury Plantation was located in the Old North Cemetery where early settlers are buried. Sudbury Plantation's first three meetinghouses were located here. Previous research leaves unanswered questions when it comes to the history of North Cemetery and the surrounding land. This lecture will illustrate the type of information that can be obtained from the analysis of historical artifacts by the Anthropology Department of the University of Massachusetts, Boston. The artifacts were collected from the gardens of a neighboring parcel by the previous owner and were donated to the Wayland Historical Commission. The artifacts provide a broad range of dates along with a historical glimpse of one property.

Refreshments: Mary Antes
Program Coordinator: Tonya Largy

LIGHTING UP YOUR LIFE

November 6 **1-3 PM**

**Yankee Craftsman
357 E. Commonwealth Rd. (Route 30)**

Yankee Craftsman's Sweeney brothers will host us in their barn/showroom to discuss their antique lighting and restoration work. This family-owned business began when their dad, William Sweeney, tired of the traffic on his commute to Raytheon in Lexington, quit, and began a repair shop in his garage on Hawthorne Road. Voilà, a business was born, grew, and relocated to the red barn we all know in Cochrasset. They restore fixtures seen in our State House, Milton Academy, and the Dallas Historical Society, on TV in Masterpiece Theater Productions and in movies--*The Kennedys*, *Mermaids*, *Blown Away*, etc. They also did lighting for the Traveling Holocaust exhibit. Bring an antique lighting fixture, lamp, or shade and the Sweeneys may be lighting up your life with Q&A at the end of the program.

Refreshments: Tonya Largy
Program Coordinator: Lois Toombs

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

December 4

2-5 PM

Grout Heard House Museum

Welcome in the holiday season with the WHS' Holiday Open House. Wayland Garden Club's own Gretchen Schuler, Susan Coppock, and Lois Toombs will lead a talented group of WGC members in festively attiring our rooms with holiday greenery. Wayland Girl Scouts, led by Elisa Scola, will be providing decorations for the tree and alcove in the Stone Room. WHS members will also be on hand welcoming all. Many participate in preparing the Museum when we open our doors and welcome the community! The entire Museum will be open for viewing with docents in each room. You may also enjoy sampling cookies, punch, and tea in the Stone Room while you meet with friends and neighbors!

Holiday Open House Co-chairs: Aida Gennis and Kathy Heckscher.

AQUEDUCTS RUN THROUGH IT

Sunday, January 8

2:30-4:30 PM Wayland Public Library

Together with the Wayland Library, we will present *Aqueducts Run Through It* featuring our own Tom Sciacca. Do you know how many aqueducts run through Wayland? Since 1848, most of Boston's drinking water has come either from or through Wayland. Lake Cochituate, Dudley Pond, and the Sudbury River have all been part of Boston's water supply. Indeed, the very name, Lake Cochituate, is an artifact of its history as a Boston water source. But the aqueducts carrying water from the Quabbin and Wachusett reservoirs run through Wayland, too. Their nature has radically changed over the years, reflecting "state of the art" engineering of their time. Now some provide fabulous recreational opportunities. We will learn about the past and present of these most critical and often elegant pieces of infrastructure.

Refreshments: Harvey Segal

Program Coordinator: Kate Jenney

FAVORITE SPACES-MEMORABLE PLACES

Sunday, February 12

2-4 PM

Wayland Town Building

Share a photo of a spot in Wayland you treasure. Tell us what makes it special to you, be it a riverbank, tree house, beaver dam, or people. Jane Sciacca from the WHS will facilitate a discussion and presentation of these special places, including some favorites from the Grout Heard House collection. Watch for details in our upcoming newsletters. Co-sponsored by the Council on Aging.

Refreshments: Minnette Harrington

Program Coordinators: Jane Sciacca, WHS; Julie Secord and Shawna Levine, COA

DESTINATION LONDON

Friday, March 3

7:30-9:30 PM

First Parish Church

In a building 200 years old, the Musicians of the Old Post Road now into the second quarter century of giving annual concerts for a Wayland audience, will transport us to London, one of the musical meccas of the 18th century. London was a magnet for musicians from all over Europe. Artful contributions to this musical city were made by continental composers like Handel, Bononcini, and Pepusch. Soprano Teresa Wakim will make her debut this evening in performances of works by these transplants, each contributing to London's bustling concert life.

Refreshments: Dick Hoyt and Lynn Poisson

Program Coordinator: Dick Hoyt

**“IF YOU ATE TODAY....THANK A FARMER!” WAYLAND’S TRUCK FARMS AND
ROADSIDE STANDS**

Sunday, April 23 **2-4 PM**
Carriage House at Lee’s Farm-Community Room
134 Boston Post Road

Wayland native and WHS life-member Bob Dorey will talk about Wayland’s truck farms and roadside stands and their operation during the 1900’s. Wayland farms--many now residential developments such as “Plainview Estates,” Decatur Road, Damon Farms, Moore Road--produced vegetables, dairy products, and livestock for local and Boston markets through much of the twentieth century. Drawing from personal experience working as a teenager at local farms, and from information passed down through the years, Bob will discuss local landmarks such as Lee’s Farm Market, Mainstone Farm, Watertown Dairy, Pinky Smith’s Farmstand, Walnut Hill, Harrington’s, and the Hynes’ Farms.

Refreshments: Carriage House at Lee’s Farm
Program Coordinator: Molly Faulkner

ANNUAL MEETING AND A PEEK BEHIND THE CURTAINS

Wednesday, May 17 **7:30-9:30 PM**
Grout Heard House Museum.

At the close of the Business Meeting, Jane Sciacca will display a few of our collection items, sharing with you their backgrounds. At least one will never before have been exhibited. Another will be Lydia Maria Child’s bonnet, with which she would **never** part. Seeing some of our impressive collection is a great way to close our 62nd year! Please join us!

Refreshments: Jan Dunn and Alice Boelter
Program Coordinator: Jan Dunn