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### MUSEUMS & LIBRARY HOURS

The Jacobs Farmhouse is open by appointment only. Please call the Society for further information.

The Norwell Historical Society Library at the Norwell Middle School (328 Main Street--Route 123) is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays: from 1:30 to 3:30 during the school year, and 10:00 to noon during the summer.

The Norwell Historical Society Archives Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Sparrell School is open by appointment only.

The purpose of this Society shall be: a.) to plan and arrange for the promotion of knowledge about the Town of Norwell by discussion, research, meetings and publications; b.) to collect, solicit and preserve documents, manuscripts, charts, maps, records, photographs, relics, and items of local interest; c.) to arrange, index, catalog and file/maintain such material for use by the members of the Norwell Historical Society and other interested parties; d.) to work with and cooperate with other entities, groups, organizations, and individuals directly and indirectly.



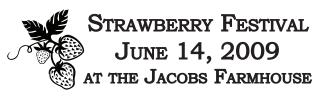
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# THE NORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY WANTS YOU!

While the Norwell Historical Society has always had plenty of people volunteering for particular events, it is much harder today to find people willing to commit themselves long-term. Our Society, like any other organization, is only as good as the work done by its membership.

The impending retirement of President Bob Norris highlights this dilemma. Bob has successfully strengthened our Society's archival resources, library, and decorative arts materials while still maintaining our commitment to the headquarters at the Jacobs Homestead. This success, however, translates to a growing need for volunteers.

What is particularly helpful is having people suggest the kind of programs they would like to see and who might do them, writing historical information for our newsletter, taking a couple of hours once-a-month to supervise the library, cutting out newspaper and magazine



articles, and (as always) attending Society functions. Mostly, our Society requires a continuation of the leadership we've had in the past-someone who is willing to keep things organized and moving in a positive direction. It is the president who often determines the activity of the Society—you can be laid back or be a dynamo! In either case, we're looking for service from our members in any capacity: please refer to our "Want Ads" on page 3 of this newsletter for all of the specific needs.

Remember, this is not the time to let the other fellow do it. The Norwell Historical Society began in 1935 as a group of townspeople interested in local history and genealogy who came together in homes like "May Elms" to talk amongst themselves. It is easy to put historical interest on the back burner, but to paraphrase our greatest U.S. president (the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of whose birth we celebrate this year):

We hold it in our hands to decide if any Society VAL such as ours, so conceived and dedicated, may long endure. Please help.

# Decorative Arts Program on April $2^{ND}$ Drew Enthusiasts and Former Students

On the night of April 2, 2009, Gail Storm, NHS Director in charge of the Maryjane Clark Decorative Arts Center at the Norwell Historical Society Archives, introduced Astrid Donnellen as guest speaker on the history of decorative arts. The discussion was sponsored by the Norwell Historical Society to bring attention to the Clark Collection.

Mrs. Donnellen, who was Maryjane Clark's protégé, is a master craftsperson in her own right. Mrs. Donnellen described the history of artistic decoration of trays, furnishings and even carriage doors, all of which originated in Wales and arrived in the U.S. in the late 1700s. She used many of the tracings from the Maryjane Clark collection to illustrate her points. The beautifully colored sketches and objects were very impressive and were passed around to the crowd seated around the tables of the third floor of the former Sparrell School. It was fortunate that this location was handicapped accessible and had an elevator as some of Maryjane's former students, now getting on in years, were present to reminisce about former days with their instructor. The materials were readily at hand as

the Decorative Arts Center forms part of the Society's Archives at Sparrell School, and has recently been organized. Those interested in decorating using her tracings are encouraged to use this facility made available to the Society by the School Department.

We should continue to be grateful to Maryjane Clark for her patterns that are used to paint the floor of the Henry Barton Jacobs room at the Jacobs Homestead, and for her desire to donate her collection to the town in which she had lived, taught, and created artistic pieces.

> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL June 14, 2009

- Tour the Jacobs
  Farmhouse
- See the Norwell arrowhead collection
- Compete in sack races & egg relays
- Pet the chickens
- Purchase Homemade Baked Goods
- Eat old-fashioned Strawberry Shortcake!

TIONAL TRIVIA **OUESTION:** There are three homes in Norwell on the National Register of 'orme Historic Places: the town-owned Jacobs Farmhouse, the town-owned Stetson-Ford House, and ... What is the third? **Answer**: in the next issue!

Did You Know?

...the answer to the last issue's Trivia Corner Question? The question was: **What was the** role of the "Hog Reever" in Scituate Town Government in 1713?

**The answer is:** The Hog Reever determined damages from swine and rounded up strays. Also employed by the town at that time were a Surveyor of Board Timbers and a Fence Viewer. The Town of Norwell still has a Fence Viewer—Arthur Garceau—but the Hog Reever and Surveyor of Board Timbers are no longer needed. Be sure to read Mr. Garceau's most recent Fence Viewer Report in the 2008 Norwell Annual Report. It always makes for entertaining reading!

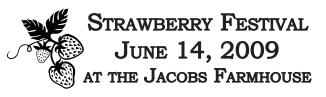
## NORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date Name	
Street Address	
Mailing Address	
TownState	Zip
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MEMBERSHIP	Areas of Interest
Individual (\$15) Business (\$40)	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Hospitality Program Planning
Benefactor ( $$500$ )	Library Volunteer Historical Research
Please make checks payable to the <i>Norwell</i>	Photo Cataloging Process Archival
Historical Society and mail to: NHS,	Other: Material
P.O. Box 693, Norwell, MA 02061	
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS—HELP WANTED	
<b>BAKERS NEEDED</b> to provide homemade good- ies for Historical Society events. If willing to bake a couple of times a year, please contact the Society at 781-659-1888 and leave a message.	<b>PRESIDENT NEEDED</b> to lead a vital non- profit organization (i.e., The Norwell Histori- cal Society!). Duties include signing routine state filings and meeting monthly with a hard-
<b>PAPER READERS NEEDED</b> to read local newspapers and clip articles relating to Nor- well notables. Clippings can be dropped off at the Historical Society Library at the Norwell Middle School or picked up by an NHS volun- teerwhichever is more convenient. News-	working Board of Directors. Potential duties include providing leadership and direction for the organization. Do you love Norwell's history and desire to see it thrive for gen- erations to come? If so, please contact cur- rent president Bob Norris at 781-659-7279.
papers to be read include The Boston Globe,	
The Patriot Ledger, and The Norwell Mari- ner. If interested, please contact the Soci- ety at 781-659-1888 and leave a message.	<b>LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b> to staff the Historical Society Library at the Norwell Middle
WRITERS NEEDED to research historical top- ics and write short articles for the Norwell His- torical Society newsletter. Topics can vary from Norwell-related to non-Norwell-related. Room in the newsletter is limited, so articles should be brief or could continue from issue to issue. If interested, please contact the So- ciety at 781-659-1888 and leave a message.	School. Training is available for all volunteers, but skills required are minimal. Bring a good book with you or puruse the Society's collec- tions. Monthly, bi-monthly or weekly slots avail- able throughout the summer (Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-noon) or during the school year (Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30). If interested, please contact the So- ciety at 781-659-1888 and leave a message.



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## NORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS AND MEMORABILIA

SHIPBUILDING ON THE NORTH RIVER \_\_\_\_ \$45 by L. Vernon Briggs

The definitive book on ships built on the North River and the shipyards that lined the shores. Written in 1889. Second reprinting in 1981.

HISTORY OF SOUTH SCITUATE-NORWELL \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 by Joseph Foster Merritt A recently re-published history of the town to

1938. A unique narrative considered to be an invaluable account of Norwell prior to WWII.

HISTORIC HOMESTEADS OF NORWELL \$15 published by NHS, 1992 We are proud of our lovely town. Learn more about our stately houses and the people who lived in them. This book, well-illustrated with drawings, discusses architectural features and includes genealogical information.

### HISTORIA \_

\$7.50 A gem of local history for the people of the Norwell/Scituate area. George C. Turner's six pamphlets, written in 1898-99 have been re-printed for our enjoyment. Read about Norwell 100 years ago from the man on the scene.

THE WAY WE WERE \_\_\_\_\_ by Jeanne Garside

\$20

\$3

This book is a series of articles written to preview Norwell's Centennial Celebration in 1888. Read what times were like when Norwell came of age. Illustrated with old photographs.

More Than Just a Cookbook \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 This book, expectably, is full of time-tested favorite recipes submitted by local people. Beyond the gastronomic delights, we have included historical sketches, interesting narratives and accounts of historic events. It is amply illustrated by local artists.

#### NORWELL PLATE . \$25 Limited edition plate with the town seal. Each plate is numbered, suitable for hot and cold use, and may be hung. Handcrafted in the USA.

### HENDERSON MAP

Interesting hand-drawn map suitable for framing. It was drawn by Anne Henderson and first issued in 1967 by the NHS. A favorite depiction of the location of historic homes.

All the above items are available at the NHS Library in the Middle School on Wed. & Thur. (1:30 p.m., - 3:30 p.m., see summer hours on front), or you may call Gert Daneau at 781-659-2226, or you may request a publication using this form and enclosing a check (made payable to NHS). Mail to: NHS, P.O. Box 693, Norwell, MA 02061.