



2026

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

Norwell

Where history lives.

Honoring the battles of King Philip's War after 350 years

1676

Celebrating 300 years of the Jacobs Farmhouse

1726

Saluting 250 years of America

1776



FEBRUARY

**2026: A CELEBRATORY YEAR
IN 10 OBJECTS**
Wed, February 11th

Join the Norwell Historical Society for our 2026 kick-off event! Historian Stephen O'Neill will showcase 10 items that speak to this historic year. Stories about the Revolutionary War, the Jacobs Farmhouse, and King Philip's War will be told through artifacts in the Society's collection.

VALENTINE'S TEA WITH THE JACOBS
Sun, February 15th

The Jacobs Farmhouse is 300 years old, and so is the marriage of Joshua and Mary Jacobs. Have tea and 18th century treats with the Jacobs as they discuss their wedding, their marriage, and their home. Of course, they will offer tours as well!

**THE JACOBS BROTHERS
DISCUSS THE WAR:
A PLAY IN THE WEST BARN**

Sun, Jun 28th, Tue, June 30th + Thu, July 2nd

James Jacobs, who in 1776 lives in the Jacobs Farmhouse with his wife Deborah, has returned from fighting with the Scituate Militia. Join him in his barn as he tends to his cows and discusses the trials of war with his brother Joshua, who just completed his service in Col. Bailey's Regiment, and brother John, who is on leave as a field officer in the Continental Army.

JULY

AUGUST

**REVOLUTIONARY CONCERT +
COMMUNITY EVENT**
Wed, August 12th

History lives on the Town Green in Norwell Center! Stop by to listen to an interactive concert featuring the Middlesex County Volunteers Fife + Drum Corps, and stay for the community event!

**NORTH RIVER
HISTORY + HERITAGE
POP-UP MUSEUM**
Sat, March 7th

MARCH

Five North River Historical Societies, the Mattakeeset Tribe, and the North River Watershed Association all join together to celebrate our beloved North River and its history.

**KING PHILIP'S WAR: INDIGENOUS
SLAVERY, INDENTURE + FREEDOM**
Wed, March 25th

Historian Marjory Gomez O'Toole will discuss slavery, the little-known secret behind the fighting during King Philip's War. Learn why history rarely mentions this troubling fact.

**NATIVE HISTORY IN NORWELL
PRESENTATION
+ ANNUAL MEETING**
Wed, September 30th

SEPTEMBER

Join the Historical Society for its (brief!) Annual Meeting followed by Native historian Darius Coombs, who will speak on the history of the indigenous tribes who lived in what we today call Norwell. His presentation will begin 12,000 years ago and review tribal history up to present day.

OCTOBER

**FIRST PARISH COMES ALIVE!
CEMETERY TOUR:
REVOLUTION EDITION**
Sat, October 24th

The 7th annual re-enactment tour will feature portrayals of historic individuals who are related to the American Revolution. Patriots were not only soldiers—meet the historians, diplomats, and women who also supported the cause.

APRIL

**JACOBS FARMHOUSE: OPEN
MUSEUM DAYS**
First Sundays
April–November

Celebrate the 300th birthday of the Jacobs Farmhouse all year! Every first Sunday of the month (from April to November) the house will be open for tours from 3:00–5:00.

ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY
Sun, April 26th

It's a historic year, what treasures do you have to celebrate? Make an appointment to have your antiques discussed and appraised, or stop by to watch the action and hear the amazing stories.

**MAY DAY BASKET
MAKING**
Fri, May 1st

MAY

Come to the Jacobs Farmhouse and make a basket for your neighbors' door. Celebrate history with this quaint tradition.

**BOOK LAUNCH PARTY
FOR POSTCARDS +
NORTH RIVER PACKET:
HISTORIC TALES OF NORWELL**
Fri, Nov. 13th

NOVEMBER

The Society is publishing two new books for 2026, come meet the authors and pick up your copies while they last! Jon Bond's *Postcards of Norwell* contains historic images of our hometown and the North River, and *The North River Packet: Historic Tales of Norwell* is a compilation of our best newsletter articles, oral histories, and cemetery tour scripts.

DECEMBER

**CHRISTMAS AT THE FARMHOUSE
+ ANNIVERSARY PARTY
FOR THE JACOBS**
Sat, Dec. 12th

Let's finish this historic year with a party for Joshua and Mary Jacobs and the amazing house they built, lived in, and their family later gifted to Norwell.

Celebrate 2026, independence, bravery, and home. And celebrate our hometown—where history lives through the Norwell Historical Society!

JUNE

**COLONIAL MILITARY FESTIVAL
ON THE
JACOBS HOMESTEAD
FIELDS**
Sun, June 28th

Talk with re-enactors, observe military training and living history demonstrations, and shop with period and local vendors. This open air event will celebrate America, the Jacobs' family military veterans, and the Jacobs Farmhouse.

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