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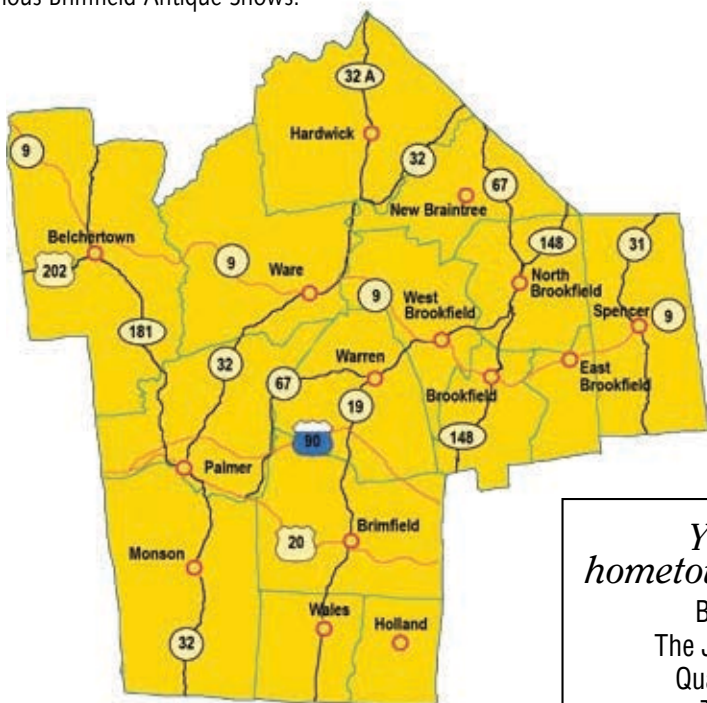


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350th Anniversary History & Anniversary

By Ruth M. Lyon

Quaboag Area – It was an event so huge, so life-changing, so remarkable, that it's taking more than a year to celebrate it.

On May 31, 1660, a grant from the General Court outlined the conditions under which 20 families might reside in one of the most fertile, beautiful areas in the heart of Massachusetts Bay Colony. And so they came, hopeful families, many from Ipswich, Massachusetts, seeking a new life in a land inhabited by native tribes, who'd farmed, fished and hunted the area for centuries. The Wampanoags, as they were called, had cleared the land according to their custom. The acreage surrounding the Quaboag River, abounding with wildlife, set in a fertile plain surrounded by rolling hills, so appealed to the Puritan newcomers, they willingly forked over 300 fathoms of wampum and set to work to create a new life in what appeared to be fruitful, fairly peaceful surroundings. And so they lived, in peace and a propensity to multiply, seeking ever more land, until the mighty chief Massasoit's son, who called himself King Philip, decided to reclaim his people's birthright.

In 1675, the natives attacked the settlement, then called Quaboag, on what is now known as Foster Hill in West Brookfield. After a three-day siege, in which nearly 100 settlers took refuge in one small tavern, all of their homes burned to the ground, and flaming arrows set fire to the roof of the tavern whilst hordes of howling natives promised doom, providential rain saved the building, approaching soldiers caused the enemy's retreat, and the settlers were saved.

That is the short of it, to be sure; the longer version is filled with hair-raising details, mysteries and surprises. What's remarkable is that in 2008, descendants of those original families sat down with descendants of those howling natives, and planned a year of events in recognition of the settling of Quaboag Plantation. That area is now comprised of six towns: West Brookfield, the central village of the original site, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, Warren and New Braintree.

The first event, a reenactment of the initial skirmish between the settlers and their native former friends, was held in New Braintree in June, of last year. Known locally as Wheeler's surprise, this event included a reenactment of the ambush and battle, a re-enactors' camp site, and a descriptive talk by local historian Robert Wilder, who revealed recent findings as to the site of the ambush. That evening's entertainment, a dinner, silent auction, and a talk on King Philip's war by author Michael Tougias a sellout event was well received by an enthusiastic audience. The second event, the beautiful and spectacular Quaboag Plantation Grand Ball, was held in West Brookfield Town Hall on January 2, 2010.

Those impressive events have served to inspire each town to come up with an amazing array of exciting times to follow, including, of course, the homecoming celebration on West Brookfield's common on September 17 & 18, followed by the huge parade "March of History" on September 19, 2010, in which all six towns will participate with bands, floats, marching music, classic cars and entertainment for all.

We've mentioned the beginning and the end, but coming right up is West Brookfield's annual Asparagus Festival, held on the third Saturday of every May, planned to be bigger and better than ever in 2010. Plan on the increasingly famous asparagus chowder, frog jumping contest, maypole dance, and a visit from Holland's famous Deiderick Leertouwer, ambassador to New Hampshire who brought asparagus to this region right there in little old West Brookfield.

Each town is still busy planning innovative and entertaining ways to bring its own history to the fore, but think of an historic baseball game, played with period rules, a croquet social, with period equipment and costumes, followed on the same day by a banjo-fiddle contest and dinner, garden tours, house tours, lake and river tours with picnics, classic car shows, and yes, the lawn mower extravaganza – call it a race, a parade, or Quaboag's natives getting restless. These separate events will take place, mind you, amidst the all-the-time charms of this picturesque, lively area. There are farm stands, a winery, music, orchards, crafts, artists' and artisans' shops, restaurants featuring gourmet fare at reasonable prices, golfing, fishing, hiking and biking – the list goes on.

We can't begin to more than hit the highlights here, but we hope you'll keep in contact with this beautiful, bountiful heart of New England and Massachusetts by visiting the web site – Quaboag Plantation 350th Anniversary – regularly, and visiting us right here in Quaboag Plantation whenever you can.

Anniversary Events

Please note that events are in chronological order for each individual town. Check each town's listings carefully. Events are still being added; visit the Quaboag Plantation 350th anniversary website at quaboag350.com for continuing updated information.

BROOKFIELD

July 17, Saturday & Sunday, July 18

The Pow Wow, at the fields of the Colonel Crosby House (13 West Main Street) in Brookfield.

July 23, Friday

Historic bake-off competition at Concert on the Brookfield Common 6pm

August 7, Saturday

Brookfield Historic Day

September 28, Tuesday

Michael Tougias' presentation on King Philip's War. 7 p.m. at the Brookfield Elementary School cafeteria.

Also, the library presents historic photos and postcards on its blog - <http://picasaweb.google.com/Brookfieldlibrary>

NORTH BROOKFIELD

July 10, Saturday

Silver Bat Classic, a recreation of a famous 1865 baseball game. Period rules, equipment, hats. Connie Mack memorabilia on display. Food, music, baseball all day. 10am to 4pm North Brookfield common.

WARREN

June 13, Sunday

Music and Historic Readings beginning at 2:00pm on the steps of the Warren Town Hall (rain location Emmanuel Church)

July 16, 23 and 30

Friday Evenings

Family movie night at Dean Park at Dusk.

August 28, Saturday

(rain date August 29)

Family Fun Day Events at Dean Park, Food and Games all day, Fireworks after dark.

October

Scarecrow Contest, (March of History - Theme) date and entry details to be announced

WEST BROOKFIELD

May 15, Saturday

Meet Diederick Leertouwer: Asparagus Flower and Heritage Festival, 10am – 4pm on the town common.

Quilt Show, with 350th quilt display, Senior center, 10am – 4pm

Quaboag Historical Society Museum open 11am – 2pm

Auction, artist-painted tables, 4:30pm town hall, viewing 1 – 4:30pm Raindate: Sunday, same time and place.

June 5, Saturday

Family fun day, town common 10am – 4pm

June 13, Sunday

Croquet Social, town common, Noon – 3pm

Banjo and fiddle contest, town common 4 – 6pm

Barbeque supper 6pm Congregational church

July 3, Saturday

Triathlon, Lake Wickaboag town beach, check-in 6am

Bonfire/Band Concert, town common 6:30pm Rain date Sunday July 4th

July 4, Sunday

Decorated Waterfront contest (history theme) Lake Wickaboag

July 5 – September 30

Exhibition: North and East Brookfield, Merriam-Gilbert Library

July – September (Day to be determined)

Horse and buggy tour of West Brookfield, with photos and narration describing village area 100 years ago.

WEST BROOKFIELD

August 14, Saturday

Boat Club Regatta. Sailboat/canoe/kayak races on Lake Wickaboag 11am to 2pm

Water ski exhibition/performance from 2:30pm to 4pm. Viewing area located at town beach at Lake Wickaboag.

August 15, Sunday

Car/Motorcycle show: Senior Center, Central St., 8am to 3pm

Reading of Rev. George Whitefield's sermon, Whitefield Rock, Foster Hill, 10 a.m.

September 17-18, Friday

Homecoming on the Common: All towns, West Brookfield town common, time to be announced.

Sept. 18 Saturday

Meeting in the Middle of the Road 10:30am – 2pm

A coming together of Settler descendants and Native Americans

Sept. 19 Sunday

350th Parade, West Brookfield (all towns participate) 12 Noon Start time

Oct. 2, Saturday

Lawnmower Parade/races Around West Brookfield common Rain Date October 9. Time to be announced

October 4 – December 5

Exhibition: Warren and New Braintree, Merriam-Gilbert Public Library

Nov. 6, Saturday

Dinner at Salem Cross Inn, 5 – 7pm or Potluck supper at Quaboag Regional High School (your choice) followed by Dance at Quaboag High School, 7 – 11pm

Dec. 5, Sunday

Closing speech by Town Crier at White Christmas concert 6:15pm at Town Hall



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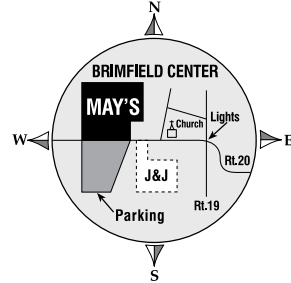


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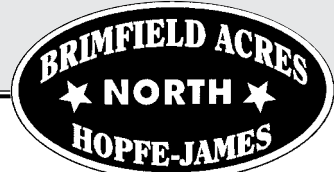
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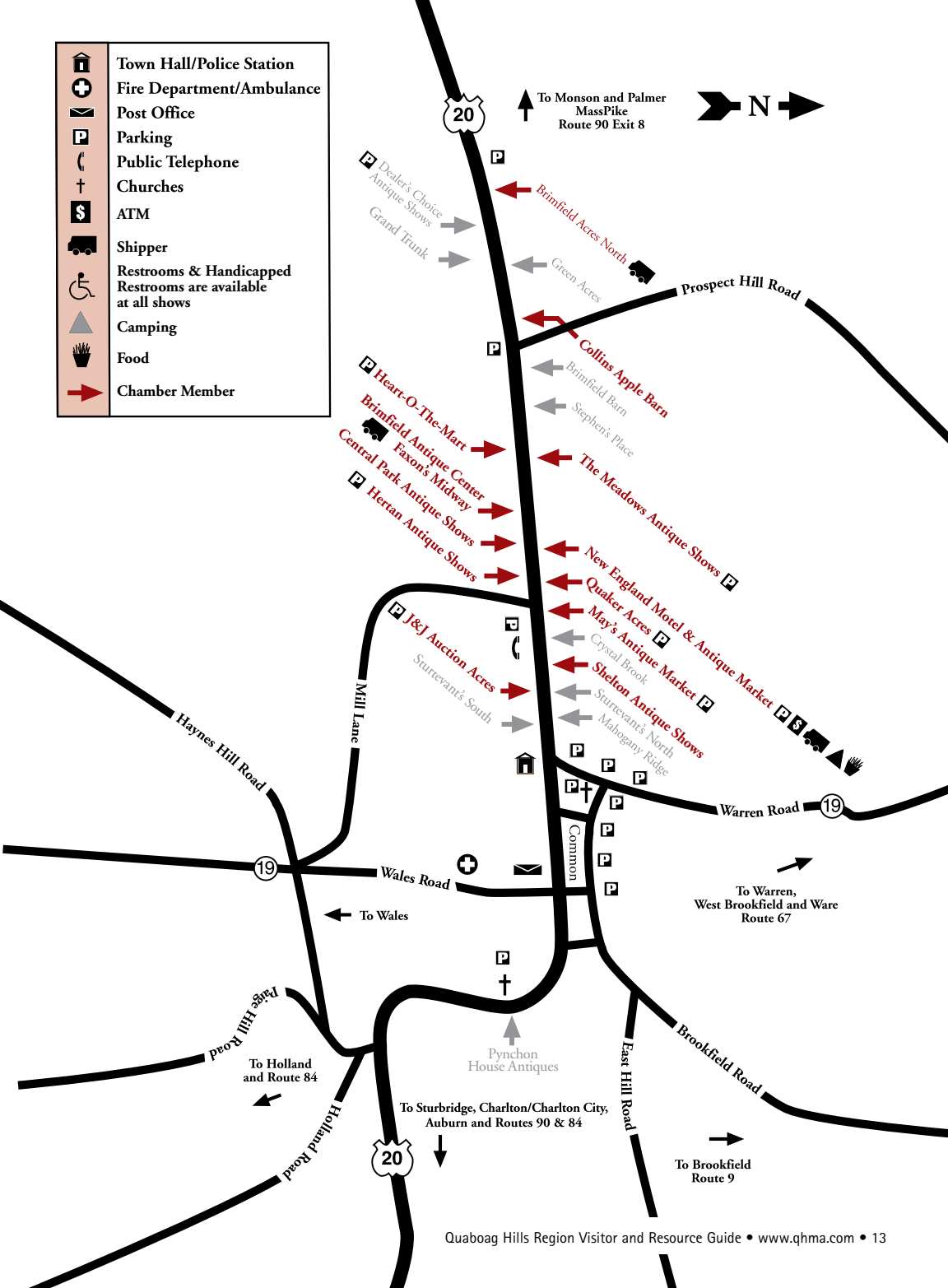
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To avoid traffic tie-ups at Mass Pike exits 8 and 9, you may exit sooner and take Route 19 or Route 32 from southerly directions, or consider Routes 32 or 67 from the north.

Tour Bus Accommodations:

Tour bus parking is available at several locations within the one-mile stretch of Route 20 where the shows are located.

SHOW INFORMATION

The Brimfield shows run three times a year – May, July and Sept. and are open for a six day period, Tuesday through Sunday. Some operators open all days and others are open for a few days during this period.

Admission: Some shows charge admission, the fee is around \$5.

Parking: There is plenty of off street parking available at costs ranging from \$3.00 – \$10.00. Parking is prohibited on the roadside and tow trucks do patrol the area, so park with caution.

Food: There are plenty of food vendors located on all of the fields offering a variety of food items. There are also a few local restaurants in town where you can sit and enjoy dining.

Restrooms: Portable toilets are set up on all fields.

Weather: The weather in New England is very unpredictable. The shows run rain or shine so come prepared.

Cash: The Country Bank has an ATM in Brimfield which is located on Main Street. There are also several others located about 10 miles away, in the towns of Sturbridge, Monson, Palmer and Warren. Also, several of the field operators have ATMs located on their property.

Pets: *It's not a good idea to bring pets. Many operators prohibit pets on their fields and it's hazardous to keep animals in cars.*

Laundromat: Located in downtown Warren and Ware.

Lost & Found: Contact the Brimfield Police Station (413) 245-3442 after shows.

Emergencies: call 911

Looking for a GPS address to Brimfield use:
Brimfield Town Hall, 23 Main Street
Brimfield MA 01010

The location is approximately 1000 feet from the beginning of the Brimfield Antique Shows.



Attractions

museums, historical sites, town halls

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2 Jabish Street
Belchertown, MA 01007
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www.belchertown.org

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20 Maple Street, P.O. Box 1211
Belchertown, MA 01007
(413) 323-6573
www.stonehousemuseum.org

The Belchertown Historical Association has an archive in the Stone House Museum that has over one hundred boxes of historical documents and records that give a chronological history of Belchertown from its beginning in the early 1700's up to the present day. The gathering in of these materials started from the day the Association was formed in 1903.

QUABBIN VISITOR CENTER

485 Ware Road (Route 9)
Belchertown, MA 01007
(413) 323-7221

BRIMFIELD

TOWN HALL

23 Main Street
Brimfield, MA 01010
(413) 245-4100
www.brimfieldma.org

Built in 1878, Stick Style, with clapboard, shingle and mock half-timbering on exterior, with roof, cupola and corner tower. On the common are monuments commemorating Civil War and World War I veterans. Stop and read the two markers denoting the Steerage Rock, an Indian stronghold in the 1600s.

BRIMFIELD STATE FOREST

Dean Pond Road
Brimfield, MA 01010
(413) 267-9687

This rolling, heavily forested property has over 20 miles of roads and trails and is used primarily for hiking, walking, horseback riding and fishing. Dean Pond Recreation Area, located in the western portion of Brimfield State Forest, has a pavilion, comfort station, 100 linear feet of beach and picnic facilities. The roads are popular for equestrian use and related special events.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HOUSE

(508) 245-7162

Built in 1848, a Greek Revival building with a three-bay recessed entry and Doric columns. Services Sunday mornings.

HITCHCOCK ACADEMY COMMUNITY CENTER

2 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, MA 01010-0155
(413) 245-9977

www.hitchcockacademy.org

Greek Revival/Italianate style. Established in 1855 to provide free high school education to Brimfield youth. Now a community center.



Keep Homestead Museum

Button collection, house museum, nature trails

Open House: 1:00-3:30pm

1st Sunday of month, April through December

35 Ely Road
Monson, MA 01057
413-267-4137

Mailing Address:
110 Main Street
Monson, MA 01057

khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org www.keephomesteadmuseum.org

BROOKFIELD

1675 KING PHILIP'S WAR MEMORIAL

A state marker on Route 9, at the boundary of Brookfield and West Brookfield tells the grim story of Brookfield's early years.

www.westbrookfield.org

BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL

6 Central Street, Brookfield, MA 01506

(508) 867-2930

www.brookfieldma.us

THE ELM HILL FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Located on East Main Street. Established in the 1780s by Amasa Blanchard, a carpenter and businessman, the 1,200 acres remained as a family farm until recently when 1,000 acres were given to the Massachusetts Audubon Society. The balance became the Blanchard Means Foundation working in the interest of people with special needs. An Italianate Victorian farm it's made up of several homes and a large barn complex. Elm Hill Farm was best known as the home of "Elsie the Cow," she was born here and raised by her owner, Dr. Oliver Means.

www.brookfieldma.us

GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Across from the former Brookfield Inn on West Main Street (Rte 9). In 1789, our 1st President traveled through 5 of the New England states. This tour has become the basis for the "George Washington slept here" claims – but he never slept in Brookfield.

www.brookfieldma.us

GENERAL HENRY KNOX TRAIL MARKER

General Henry Knox passed here in the winter of 1775 – 1776 to deliver to General George Washington at Cambridge the train of artillery from Fort Ticonderoga used to force the British Army to evacuate Boston. On south side of Rt. 9, at junction of Main St.

www.hmdb.org

THE SPOONER WELL MARKER

Located on East Main Street. In March 1778, Joshua Spooner, a farmer in Brookfield, was beaten to death and his body stuffed down a well. Four people were hanged for the crime: two British soldiers, a young Continental soldier, and Spooner's wife, Bathsheba, who was charged with instigating the murder.

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(413) 477-6700

www.townofhardwick.com

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TOWN HALL

27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

(413) 245-7108 ext. 12

www.town.holland.ma.us

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Holland, MA 01521

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www.thetrustees.org

A short loop trail heads north along the Quinebaug River before turning west and proceeding up and over a steep hillside with rocky outcrops. On the exposed ridge stand the stone chimney and foundation steps that remain from a cabin built in 1932. Visitors can take in views of Blake Hill to the east and Hamilton Reservoir to the south.

MONSON

JACOB THOMPSON HOUSE

Main and Thompson Streets, Monson

(413) 267-4292

Jacob Thompson House (c. 1811), at Main and Thompson Streets, is the house museum of the Monson Historical Society. It is decorated with beautiful antiques from the Federal to the Victorian Period. www.monsonhistoricalsociety.org

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

35 Ely Road, Monson, MA

(413) 267-4137

www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org

Email: khm@KeepHomesteadMuseum.org

Open 1st Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:30pm, April through December. The museum features an extensive **Button collection** (one of the largest in the US), special exhibits and programs. It is also a house museum with the belongings of a family who lived in the home for over 150 years. Nature trails are open year-round (maps in parking lot) for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. No admission charge. Special tours by appointment.

MEMORIAL HALL

Located on Main Street (c. 1884) a Romanesque Style building erected of Monson granite that contains an original G.A.R. Hall (Civil War) on its second floor, the original Town jail in the basement and the main hall used for theater, concerts and other events. www.monsonhistoricalsociety.org

MONSON FREE LIBRARY

2 High Street Monson, MA 01057

(413) 267-3866

www.monsonlibrary.com

TOWN HALL

110 Main Street
Monson, MA 01057

(413) 267-4115

www.monson-ma.gov

NORCROSS FAMILY CEMETERY

Across the street from Norcross House (next to the Town Office Building) is the Norcross Family cemetery. Both Joel Norcross and his first wife, Betsey Fay (Emily Dickinson's grandmother) are buried here, along with other family members.

PEAKED MOUNTAIN

43 Butler Road, Monson, MA 01057

(413) 532-1631

www.thetrustees.org

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TOWN HALL

20 Memorial Drive
New Braintree, MA 01531

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www.newbraintree.net

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TOWN HALL

185 North Main Street
North Brookfield, MA 01535

(508) 867-0203

www.northbrookfield.net

PALMER

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY RAILROAD RESEARCH CENTER

1455 North Main Street
Palmer, MA 01069

(413) 283-3330

www.palmer.lib.ma.us

TOWN HALL

4417 Main Street
Palmer, MA 01069

(413) 283-2608

www.townofpalmer.com

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GENERAL HENRY KNOX TRAIL MARKER

Through this place passed General Henry Knox in the winter of 1775 - 1776 to deliver to General George Washington at Cambridge the train of artillery from Fort Ticonderoga used to force the British Army to evacuate Boston. North side of Rt. 20, west of junction of Rt. 181. www.hmdb.org

SPENCER

GENERAL HENRY KNOX TRAIL MARKER

Through this place passed General Henry Knox in the winter of 1775 - 1776 to deliver to General George Washington at Cambridge the train of artillery from Fort Ticonderoga used to force the British Army to evacuate Boston. On north side of Rt. 9, town center. www.hmdb.org

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visitor@sturbridge-townships.com

WALES

TOWN HALL

3 Hollow Road
Wales, MA 01081
(413) 245-7571

On Main and Church Street look for a plaque commemorating Civil War veteran Private Joseph Reed of the African-American 54th Massachusetts 'Glory' Regiment.

WARE

TOWN HALL

126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082
(413) 967-4471
www.townofware.com

WARE-HARDWICK COVERED BRIDGE

The bridge was built in 1886 and added to the National Historic Register in 1986. The Gilbertville Covered Bridge spans the Ware River and joins the Massachusetts towns of Ware and Hardwick (in Gilbertville village). The bridge also joins the Massachusetts Hampshire (Ware) and Worcester (Hardwick) counties.
www.warehistoricalsociety.wetpaint.com

WARE CENTER MEETING HOUSE

(413) 967-7136

The First Congregational Church, also known as the Ware Center Church and Meeting House, is the oldest church in Ware. It originally served as both a church and a seat of town government for Ware Parish. Behind the church is a burial ground reserved for ministers and deacons and their families. Ware Center was the center of the town, the town green and a meeting place where one could find a tavern, the blacksmith, the animal pound. www.warehistoricalsociety.wetpaint.com

WARREN

TOWN HALL

48 High Street
Warren, MA 01083
(413) 436-5701

GENERAL HENRY KNOX TRAIL MARKER

Through this place passed General Henry Knox in the winter of 1775 – 1776 to deliver to General George Washington at Cambridge the train of artillery from Fort Ticonderoga used to force the British Army to evacuate Boston. On south side of Rt. 67, ¾ mile east of Warren Center. www.hmdb.org

WEST BROOKFIELD

FORT GILBERT MEMORIAL

North Main Street
Route 67 Just North of School Street
www.westbrookfield.org

HISTORIC FOSTER HILL

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LUCY STONE HOMESITE HOMESTEAD

Destroyed by fire, with stone marker outlining accomplishments of Lucy Stone, early champion of women's rights.
www.westbrookfield.org

OLD INDIAN CEMETERY

Cottage Street, North of Route 9 this cemetery keeps a silent vigil to much of West Brookfield's history. It is the resting place of 16 French and Indian War soldiers, 11 Revolutionary War soldiers, and 6 men who were killed in 1710 by Indians and became known as the Haymakers. It is also the resting place for Jedediah Foster, his wife and daughter, and the Honorable Diederick Leertouwer. This cemetery was used from 1710 to 1849. Enjoy some of the spelling and wording used in old times. The cemetery has a rectangular shape and is surrounded by stone walls on all sides. There is one walk-in entrance on Cottage Street. The landscape remains rough and unadorned. It has the plainness of an old graveyard. www.westbrookfield.org

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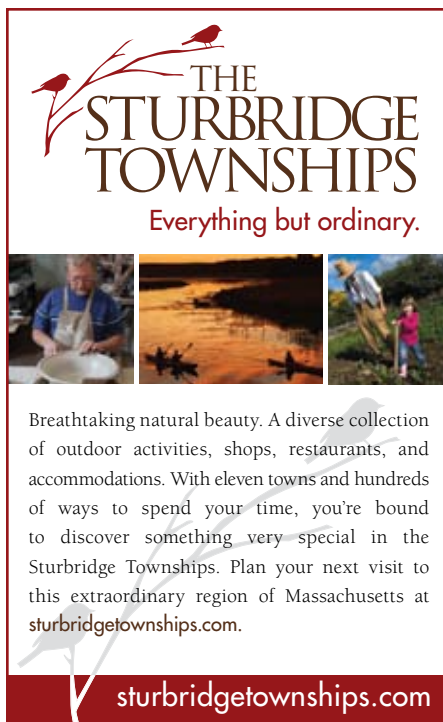
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TOWN HALL

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May 20 - October 14

BELCHERTOWN

Farmers Market Every Thursday
On the Town Common
1pm-7pm

April 17 - November 20

BRIMFIELD

Farmers Market Every Saturday
at Hitchcock Free Academy
9am-2pm

June 20 - October 24

HARDWICK

Farmers Market Every Sunday
On the Common
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June 5 thru October

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MAY 2010

May 11-16

BRIMFIELD

Brimfield Antique Shows
Rain or shine! See pages 12-14 for details.
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May 14

WEST BROOKFIELD

Murder Mystery Interactive Dinner Theater
at Salem Cross Inn • CSI New England
7:00pm • \$52.00 per person.
www.salemcrossinn.com

May 15

WEST BROOKFIELD

Asparagus & Flower Heritage Festival
10am-4pm on the Town Common. Free to the public.
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May 21

MONSON

The 3rd Annual Love Your Library wine
tasting event
Friday, 7:00pm at the Monson Free Library, 2 High Street

May 30

PALMER

Patriotic Memorial Service
3pm Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant Street

JUNE 2010

June 6

MONSON

Skulls & Bones, John Foster, NE Naturalist
Training Center, Keep Homestead Museum
1:30pm • 35 Ely Road, Monson
www.keeptomesteadmuseum.org

June 6

MONSON

Fishing Derby at Dean Pond
10am to 2pm • 55th Anniversary of the Monson Lion's Club is
also on June 6th, who is the sponsors along w/help from QRMC
& Nick's Sport Shop. E-mail Diane, bucktailvacon@hotmail.com

June 13

MONSON

Monson Bellmen Antique Fire
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Open House on: Sunday from Noon to 4:00pm Free Admission
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June 19

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June 23 – August 11 – FREE

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38th Concerts on the Common by Friends of The Bandstand

- June 23 Glamour Girls • 7-9pm
July 3 Rick Larrimore – Rod Stewart Tribute
7:30-10pm • *Rain Date – July 4*
July 7 Union Jack British Invasion Band
7-9pm
July 14 Dale And The Duds • 7-9pm
July 21 Draw The Line – Aerosmith Tribute
7-9pm
July 28 Victory Band • 7-9pm
Aug 4 Charlie Lask With The All Star Band
Neil Diamond Tribute • 7-9pm
Aug 11 Eddie Forman Orchestra
6:30-8:30pm

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June 26 *Rain Date June 27*

MONSON

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June 25

WEST BROOKFIELD

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www.salemcrossinn.com

June 26 *Rain date 27th*

WARE

Fireworks
Grenville Park, 73 Church Street

JULY 2010

July 4

MONSON

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social
1:00-3:30pm Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road
www.keepphomesteadmuseum.org

July 10

BRIMFIELD

Hitchcock Free Academy's Farmers' Market Festival

Saturday, 9am – 2pm. Stop by for this special Farmers' Market Festival! There will be farmers with locally-grown plants and produce, and artisans selling their unique products (start your holiday shopping early this year!); meet area authors who will have their books for sale, and enjoy live music, a puppet show, cooking demonstrations (funded by CHNA5), and dog training demonstrations as well. Vendors of home-made and home-grown products welcome.

www.hitchcockacademy.org

July 10

PALMER

Town Wide Tag Sale

Maps will be available in the am at 3 Converse Street
www.townofpalmer.com/Pages/PalmerMA_EventsCal/

July 11

WARE

Old Post Road Orchestra

6:30pm. The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum. All are welcome, bring a lawn chair or blanket and listen to the sounds of summer! All Ages. Sponsored in part by the Ware Cultural Council and the Mass Cultural Council. The Meeting House is listed in the National Historic Register and is located 6 miles from the Quabbin on Route 9 in Ware Center.
Information at **413-967-8304**.

July 13-18

BRIMFIELD

Brimfield Antique Shows

Rain or shine! See pages 12-14 for details.
www.qhma.com

July 18

MONSON

Monson Bellmen Antique Fire Apparatus Club/Museum

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www.monsonbellmenfiremuseum.com

July 20

MONSON

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*For additional info and updates on
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JULY 2010

July 23

WEST BROOKFIELD

Murder Mystery Interactive Dinner Theater at Salem Cross Inn • CSI New England

7:00pm • \$52.00 per person.

www.salemcrossinn.com

July 25

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Fiddlin' Ed and The Fiddle Center Ramblers

6:30pm • Free concerts on the lawn of the Historic Ware Center Meeting House. Located 6 miles from the Quabbin on Route 9 in Ware Center.

Information at 413-967-8304.

July 27

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Concert on the Common: Radio Ranch

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July 29

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown Community Band 25th Year

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Memorial Concert for Lloyd Armstrong. In case of rain the concert will be held Chestnut Hill Community School.

AUGUST 2010

August 1

MONSON

Concert on the Lawn, Indigo Jazz Quintet

1:30-3:30pm • Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road.

www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org

August 1

WARE

Nashville Blue

6:30pm • Free concerts on the lawn of the Historic Ware Center Meeting House. All are welcome, bring a lawn chair or blanket and listen to the sounds of summer! Located 6 miles from the Quabbin on Route 9 in Ware Center.

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August 3

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August 5, 12, 19

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown Community Band 25th Year

7pm Concerts on the Common FREE • In case of rain the concert will be held Chestnut Hill Community School

August 7 Saturday 9am - 5pm

August 8 Sunday 9am - 3pm

BRIMFIELD

Civil War Re-enactment: The Battle of Brimfield, a fundraising event for Hitchcock Free Academy

Heart-O-the-Mart Antique Fair Grounds, Route 20. **For more information, visit www.hitchcockacademy.org**

August 15

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August 20

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August 20 & 21

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August 28

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September 5

MONSON

Landscape over Time, Dietrich Schlobohm

1:30pm • Keep Homestead Museum, 35 Ely Road
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September 7

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Murder Mystery Interactive Dinner Theater at Salem Cross Inn • The Doo-Wop Murders

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September 7-12

BRIMFIELD

Brimfield Antique Shows

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September 18 and 19

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September 19

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September 23

BELCHERTOWN

Belchertown Fire Works

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September 24, 25 & 26

BELCHERTOWN

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OCTOBER 2010

October 2

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October 3

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October 3

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NOVEMBER 2010

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November 12, 13, 14 & 19, 20, 21

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DECEMBER 2010

December 5

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December 5, 11, 12, 18, 19

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2011

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