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*Fostering Awareness of Our
History and Pride in Our
Community*

2005 Phillipston Memory Tree — Dec. 4th

This year our Memory Tree ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 4:00 PM in front of the Congregational Church on the common.

We'll set the mood with holiday songs sung by the Chair City Pipers and light the tree outside. Then we'll retire to the warmth of the church, read the names and remembrances and join in carol singing. Jane French — at the organ — will lead us in song. Finally, we will retire to the vestry for refreshments.

The Memory Tree is a great way to remember family and friends who have passed away; to celebrate the events of our lives; and to remember and pray for members of our armed services overseas and at

home. Names of all contributors and their remembrances are recorded in the Memory Book which is on display at the Phillips Free Public Library.

We hope all society members and town residents will purchase lights and have their remembrances included. Lights are \$5 per name or event. Your information and donation are due by **December 1st**. Checks should be made payable to the Historical Society of Phillipston and mailed to: Historical Society of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin, 105 Riley Switch Rd., Phillipston MA 01331. Tel: 978-939-5656.

For your convenience a form is included with this newsletter.

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Gardens and Backyards — Another Fabulous Success Story

It was an absolutely fantastic day — sunny, dry and warm, with a light breeze that kept all bugs at bay — one of the best days of the summer, and it brought out more than 80 people to visit and enjoy the Gardens and Backyards in Phillipston.

This year there were eight stops on the tour including lunch on the Common with a Teddy Bear Picnic. At noon the Lions Club served hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and ice cream. Several kids — and adults — brought their favorite

Teddy Bears in order to have them judged. Old Time Music led by Jane French and her accordion also accompanied the noon hour.

This event is a major fundraiser for our society. We appreciate the hard work it takes for the gardeners and “backyarders” to get ready for the tour. Also, the tremendous work behind the scenes, organizing and making things happen. **Our thanks to all of you who helped make this a success!**

Building Update

Caroline Williams, the new Chair of the building committee, reports her committee to be hard at work getting a variety of contractors, engineers, and architects to review our building and make recommendations — a daunting task since all contractors are so busy. Currently they're buttoning up the building for the winter.



Wreaths dress up the meetinghouse.

Can Anybody Help Us With Storage?

Prior to Dec. 31st, we need storage space for items owned by the Society that are currently stored in a member's barn.

If you have space available—or know where some might be available—please contact Caroline Williams at Tel: 978-249-7831 or email: cwstudio@comcast.net.

Fall 2005 Program Schedule

*Generally programs are held on the second Wednesday of the month.
New members and guests are always welcome.*

September 2005

Gravestone Rubbing. Presented by Jane French, Curator. Wednesday, September 14, 2005. Time: 6:30 PM. Location: Center Cemetery. Followed by a 7:30 PM business meeting at the Library.

October 2005

Walk Among the Ruins. Presented by Dick Hamel and Gerry Gariepy. Saturday, October 15, 2005.

November 2005

Street Cars. Presented by Gordon Robinson. November 9, 2005. Time: 7:00PM. Location: Congregational Church Vestry.

December 2005

Memory Tree. Sunday, December 4, 2005. Time: 4:00 PM. Location: On the Common. Names due by Dec. 1st (See article p. 4).

January 2006

The Controversial War of 1812. Presented by Colin Murphy. Wednesday, January 11, 2006. Time: 7:00 PM. Location: Congregational Church Vestry.

February 2006

Troop 30 Goes to Philmont Scout Ranch. Presented by Frank Dossett, Ryan Twohey, Chris Nason, Trevor Peck and Tylor Feragrudo. Wednesday, February 8, 2005 Time: 7:00 PM. Location: Congregational Church Vestry.

Garden and Backyard Tour



More Gardens & Lunch

