

The Phillipston Tattler

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To All Our Members and Friends,

Now that the kids are back in school and the days are getting cooler, we are beginning to plan our fall and winter activities: our 2nd North Quabbin History Tour on September 21st; closing the museum for the winter; the Memory Tree Ceremony on December 7th, and completing proposals for CPC funding for two projects.

Our last event at the museum before we close for the winter is the North Quabbin History Tour on Sunday, September 21st. We invite you to visit and explore your museum and discover its rich collection of historical



tales. You can also pick up information about the other museums on the tour. This year we have expanded the hours and all museums will be open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, so you can make a day of it and enjoy visiting 2 or 3 museums.



Mike Flye, President

and Your Board of Directors

Museum Happenings

This year we opened the museum on June 1st, Opal Clark Day. In honor of Opal, we celebrated her contributions to the town and to our society all season with a *Search and Find* game.



Opal Clark Day Open House drew many visitors. We had a full parking lot!

Through August 31st about 45 visitors (**not** including society members, though many members did visit this summer) came to the

Your financial contribution is very important to us as it shows grantors that society members and town residents value the work we are doing. Help us keep the museum lights on, the lawn cut, and a porta-potty available next season, so we can open the museum to the public and sponsor a few programs. We thank you for your support.

Your Board of Directors

☐ Yes, I want to support the Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc. My donation is enclosed.

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☐ Life member \$100/person

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museum, including 16 members of the Sawicki family who wanted to admire their grandmother's doll house replica of their family homestead on Williamsville Road. Several other visitors came looking for information about their ancestors.

Website

If you have visited our website lately (www.phillipston.org), you might have explored the Cemetery Project. Karl and Sandra Hakkarainen are working with Jane French and Terri Johnson as they digitize the museum's genealogical records of the residents of the town's cemeteries. Karl advised us that the site might look different each time you visit it – and kind of wonky – as he figures out how to present the information.

Programs

Also, this year we partnered with the Phillips Library to present a program on Henry David Thoreau. The church vestry was packed. Visitors included Johnny Appleseed, much to the surprise of Thoreau and everyone else in the audience. Larry Buell of Petersham and the University of the Wild came dressed in costume and greeted his compatriot, Richard Smith, also in costume.



*An unexpected visitor attended our
Henry David Thoreau Program*



We are working with the library again this year, preparing for another program in the spring.

Memory Tree

Our most important program and our

biggest fundraiser is our Memory Tree and Public Service Award Ceremony – this year to be held on

Sunday, December 7th at 4:30 PM on the Common. Look for our notices coming soon. We thank you for your support and hope to see you all there.



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