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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series

JONATHAN A. BOSCHEN
- PRESENTS -

“A LOOK AT THE MUSIC HALL BUILDING OF WALTHAM”

**TUESDAY EVENING
MARCH 11th AT 7:00PM**

FREE ADMISSION!

AT THE
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“A Look at the Music Hall Building of Waltham”

A Free Presentation on Waltham Massachusetts' First Theater Building



The Music Hall Building of Waltham Massachusetts is an iconic part of Waltham's history. Constructed in 1880, the building was the first of four theater buildings which would be constructed in Waltham throughout the next fifty years. From the day of its opening as a vaudeville opera house in the 1880s, to its closing as a silent movie house in the early 1930's, the venue served the city in a variety of ways. Like many theaters across the country, the Music Hall was an ornately designed building which brought a wide variety of entertainment to the Waltham community. The theater showcased everything from local talent to nationally acclaimed vaudevillians, Broadway shows, opera companies, etc. It was also the first place in Waltham to view the new moving picture medium.



On Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm, the Waltham Historical Society will host Jonathan A. Boschen's presentation which explores the rich history of the Music Hall Building. Boschen, a film and theater historian, videographer, and slide show designer, created the presentation on the Music Hall for the Downtown Waltham Partnership to help emphasize the importance of preserving the building's façade. It was presented to the Rotary Club in September, 2013 where it was well received. The presentation explores the rich history of this iconic building through the use of photographs, building blueprints, newspaper articles, and related Americana. It will be held at the RTN Federal Credit Union building and admission is free. For additional information on the presentation please visit the Waltham Historical Society's website or the Facebook page dedicated to Jonathan A. Boschen Multi-Media Film History Lectures.

Curator's Corner



Things are really moving forward at the Bright School. The Bentley University Sigma Kappa Fraternity have come on a number of occasions and assisted in moving furniture and removing surplus items to the dumpster.

Room 202 at the Bright School has been made ready to receive the items current in storage, and materials donated by Roy MacDowell related to the Waltham Hospital and Grover Cronin's have been reviewed and prepared for accessioning. Society Curator Joe Keefe has presented a plan for beginning the move of holdings currently stored in off-site locations.

YARD SALE

PLANNED FOR MAY 31

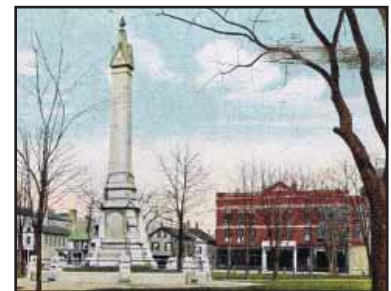
The Historical Society will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, May 31 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Items currently surplus to our needs will be offered for sale to the public.

In order to make this event a success, we are seeking donations of items to be added to the sale. The funds raised from the sale of donated items will be used to assist the Society continue its work to preserve and protect artifacts from the city's history.

We will work with you to make arrangements for receiving the items in time for the yard sale. All items are welcome including books, toys, or household items you no longer need. Please make certain the items are not trash.

To donate items please contact: Wayne McCarthy at 617-448-6706 or at waltham.historical.society@gmail.com.

Exhibit coordinator Sue Keefe is looking forward to creating an exhibit time-line for the space at the Bright School. If you are interested in getting involved with the Exhibit Committee please contact Sue.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Marie Daly and Mort Isaacson on their appointment to the Waltham Historical Commission. Their background and knowledge makes them outstanding choices to help oversee the preservation of significant properties in the City.

Images from the Archives

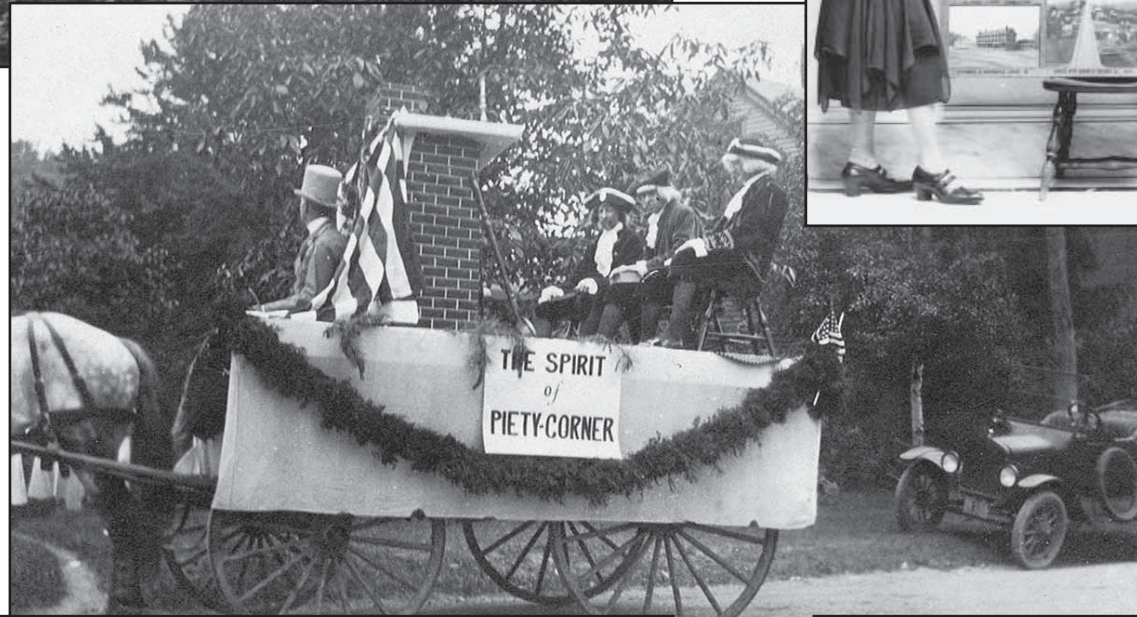
A few images in the collection of the Waltham Historical Society



1903
Circus
Parade
on High
Street



Martha Barnes and
Edmund L. Sanderson
with the Albert Morse
Ryan images during the
city's 1930 Tercentenary
Celebration at the
Waltham Public Library.



Piety Corner Float in
1930 Tercentenary
Parade



WAC
enlistment
November
First, 1943

Grover
Cronin
Easter
Bunny
Crowd
February
Second,
1951



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