

The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series presents



Gore Place

Recent findings of research in the mansion

*with Susan Robertson
Executive Director of Gore Place*

Gore Place was the country seat of Christopher and Rebecca Gore.

Christopher Gore was born in Boston in 1758 and graduated from Harvard in 1776. After serving in the Revolution, he began practicing law. With Hancock and Adams, Gore was a member of the Commission to ratify the Federal Constitution. In 1789, Gore was appointed the first US District Attorney of Massachusetts. In 1796 he was appointed Commissioner to England under the Jay Treaty.

Upon returning from England in 1804, the Gores built what is now considered to be one of the most significant Federal houses in America. During their ownership, they continued to redesign the home and add household conveniences otherwise unknown in America. In 1809, Gore was elected Governor of Massachusetts and in 1813 he was appointed a US Senator.

In 1935, a group of preservation-minded Bostonians founded Gore Place Society to save the mansion from demolition. Gore Place is a National Historic Landmark with additional Landmark status for national significance to US Labor History. Gore Place is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Recent archaeological, architectural and archival research is changing the old view of life on the Gore estate and providing a much more fascinating story and an outstanding resource for scholars of early 19th century America.

PLEASE JOIN US

AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF

THE RTN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 600 MAIN STREET, WALTHAM

If you arrive late please call 617-448-6706 and we will try to send someone to open the door.

House Tour 2008

We need a chairman/ coordinator, to oversee this year's house tour. If you are able, let Wayne or Sheila know. Work on the House Tour needs to begin immediately!

617-448-6706 or
waynemccarthy@rcn.com.

Volunteer Meeting

2:00 pm, January 20th
760 Main Street

If you have ever considered becoming more involved in the Historical Society, now is the time to act. On Sunday, January 20th we will hold a Volunteer orientation meeting to discuss Society activities. Please attend and learn how you can help.

Call Wayne at 617-448-6706.

To Our Members,

Happy New Year!

Demolition Delay activities have kept the members of the Society Board very busy over the past couple of weeks. At the December 26 meeting, the Ordinances and Rules Committee brought the proposed law from the Committee to the full Council for consideration. It is hoped that we can have a strong showing of our membership the evening of the debate, not merely to support its passage, but to demonstrate citizen interest in the topic of historic preservation to the Council.

The Historical Society learned the same evening that our Response to the RFP for



Former Waltham Water Works

Felton Street was accepted. We are now in the process of working out details and determining our plan of action with regard to the

property, and will be looking to the membership for guidance and support. This project will consume vast resources, both economic and in manpower, but with the support of our members, we hope to bring the Society to a single, easily accessible location for its collection. Your input is extremely important, and we hope to have more information at our January 8 lecture, and at the Volunteer Meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm, January 20th at 760 Main Street.

If you have not visited the Nurses Training School exhibit at 760 Main Street, the space is open on Sundays from 1-4 pm, and visitors are always welcome!

Please note there are still members who have not remitted their dues. If you have a date of 2007 printed on the mailing side of this newsletter, your dues were not received for this year.

We also need a few people to help bring back the House Tour in the Spring. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help us.

We look forward to seeing you on January 8th for Susan Robertson's Lecture on the Gore Place.

Sheila and Wayne