



Uncovering the Historic Fabric of the Edmund Fowle House

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Please join us as Ms. Kelly describes the efforts requisite in restoring a late 18th century house to its former glory. Included will be a video showing some of the important details of the project.

With the prospect of restoring the Wellington House on Trapelo Road on the horizon in Waltham, this lecture will offer insight into the numerous steps, and incredible planning necessary to make such an endeavor possible.

Joyce, while serving as Building Restoration Committee Chair, Recording Secretary and Councilor for the Historical Society of Watertown, is an active member of your Waltham Historical Society.

You will learn of the information uncovered during the study of the Edmund Fowle House at 28 Marshall Street. The twenty-eight minute video is a guided tour by Architectural Conservator, Andy Ladygo, which documents and reveals many of the exciting discoveries.

Some of the filming of the first finds was done by Historical Society President Karl Huntington Neugebauer, an experienced producer of programs for the Watertown Cable Access Channel, and by volunteer Peter Benjamin, a videographer by trade.

The "tour" begins in the back yard and proceeds through the house, with Mr. Ladygo pointing out a spot where the removal of a modern ceiling has exposed hand-made nails, and the framing of the structure, making obvious the original location of doors and windows.

One of the most exciting finds was the original layout of the second floor, hidden for over 125 years! This space served as the Chamber in which the 28 member Executive Council met during the first year-and-a-half of the Revolutionary War.

The video concludes with Michael Worthington of the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory, explaining the science of tree ring dating and sampling a beam in the basement.

PLEASE JOIN US
AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2007
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
OF THE RTN
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
600 MAIN STREET, WALTHAM

House Tour 2008

We would like to begin planning our annual house tour for June 2008 but we need your help. We need a chairman/coordinator, a publicist, a person to generate ads for the tour book, a person to help write descriptions of the houses, docents (at least 2 per house), and we need houses! If you want this program to continue, and can help us, let Wayne or Sheila know. Work on the House Tour needs to start in January!

RENEW NOW!

Please send your membership dues:

\$25 individual; \$30 family

\$150 Life Membership to:

The Waltham Historical Society

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As always, the Waltham Historical Society is extremely grateful to Mr. Joe Connors and the RTN Federal Credit Union. Their support makes these Lectures possible. We encourage you to show your appreciation by patronizing RTN.

To Our Members,

Greetings,

Much has happened since our September meeting, and it kept us very much in the public eye!

Historic Waltham Days was a success, with all our offerings well received by the public. The *Documenting Your Organization's History* presentation at the Library was well attended, as were lectures by Jack Cox and David Smith. The 760 Main Street satellite office was staffed and open during the entire week's celebration.

We were also privileged to participate in the Awards Ceremony at the National Archives announcing the winners of this year's Essay Contest. Our contribution to the Library display was also complimented by many who visited.

It was unfortunate that the Picnic on the Common was dampened, but the many folks who turned out were well rewarded with access to booths and personnel that are typically overwhelmed.

This month we are taking a brief respite from the Sanderson Lecture Series to present a talk and video on a topic that may soon be relevant to property here in Waltham. Joyce Kelly will be showing us the work involved in the restoration of the Edmund Fowle House, giving insight into efforts we may be called upon to save the Wellington House on Trapelo Road.

The Lecture Series will resume in January, as Susan Robertson presents on Governor Gore and the Gore Place. This promises to be an interesting lecture. Please plan to attend.

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

Please note the dues reminder. If you have not sent your dues, it will restrict us from some of our planned activities.

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 satisfy a demand recognized by last year's absence.

We hope to see you on November 13th.

Sheila and Wayne