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7:00 p.m., Tuesday Evening

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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series



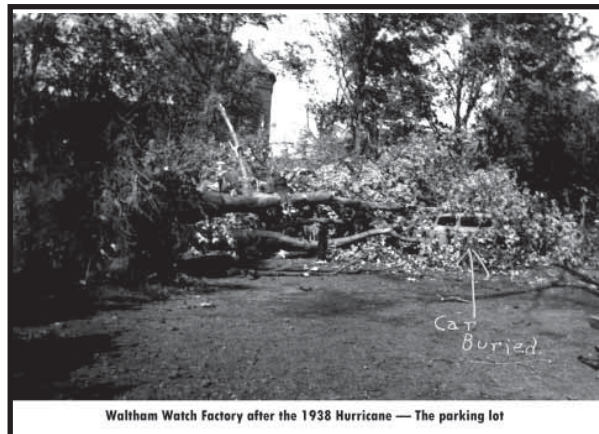
Waltham Watch Factory after the 1938 Hurricane — Facing the building

On September 21, 1938, a massive hurricane hit New York and New England, to the surprise of all residents. The Great New England Hurricane, one of the most destructive storms in American history, caused more than six hundred deaths and \$400 million in property damages. What made this storm unique? In this illustrated lecture, learn about the impact and aftermath of the Hurricane of 1938 in southern New England.

This Lecture is free to Historic New England and Waltham Historical Society members, \$5 for nonmembers

Seating is limited and registration is recommended. Please call 617-994-5959 for more information. Purchase tickets now.

Members please note that the regular November meeting will be conducted beginning at 6:00 PM. Please arrive promptly to ensure the lecture can start at 7:00 PM.



Waltham Watch Factory after the 1938 Hurricane — The parking lot

The 1938 Hurricane

with Shira Gladstone

Co-sponsored with
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held at The Vale, 185
Lyman Street

Tuesday November 12

Society Meeting
at 6:00 PM

Lecture at
7:00 pm

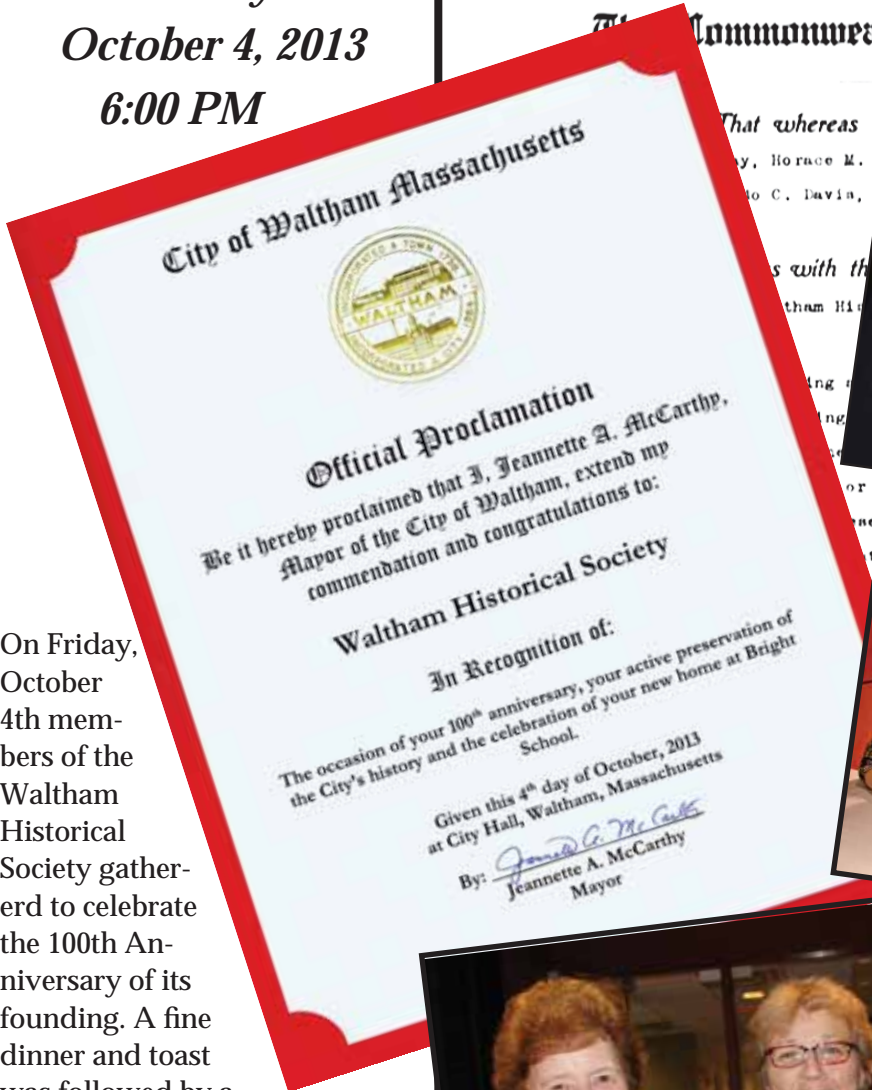


This event will be held
The Vale,
Historic New
England's
Lyman Estate
on at the
Beaver Street
Rotary. Light
refreshments
will be avail-
able following the lecture. Call 617-448-6706 if
you have any questions.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE. PLEASE RENEW TODAY!

Waltham Historical Society Celebrates 100 Years!

Friday
October 4, 2013
6:00 PM



On Friday, October 4th members of the Waltham Historical Society gathered to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its founding. A fine dinner and toast was followed by a lecture by Marie Daly on the founders of the Society and their roles in the community. The evening was capped off by a musical performance by Mr. Patrick Botti playing and describing music popular in 1913. The event was declared a rousing success with thanks being extended to Dr. Helene Day and Vice President Sheila FitzPatrick.



Capt. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. Awards Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 2013

The Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston will present former Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Frank J. Williams this prestigious award. Tickets (\$40) and information are available by contacting David L. Smith at 781-647-3332.

www.cwrtgb.com.

Another collaboration for History



The Historical Society lent a hand with the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation's recent celebration of the 200th anniversary of Francis Cabot Lowell's work with the Boston Manufacturing Company.

Sue and Joe Keefe set up a display of Waltham's history with a sharp focus on "the Bobbin Boy" Nathaniel P. Banks. The exhibit consisted of display panels with images and history of Banks, as well as the weather vane that adorned the original Boston Manufacturing Company cupola.



Also stepping up to assist the endeavor, Mr. Frank Maloney delivered a presentation on Waltham's history, with a strong concentration on the earliest days of our City.

The Society wishes to congratulate the Charles River Museum, and thank them for their continued collaboration. Thanks also to our volunteers who made a beautiful day even brighter.

Acquisitions and Accolades!

ADP donates items to the Historical Society

One The Society extends sincere appreciation to Mayor McCarthy and the folks at ADP. Moving their offices from Waltham to Natick, ADP contacted the Mayor with an offer of surplus furniture and accessories for a local non-profit. The Mayor put them in touch with us and on Monday, October 14, Mort Isaacson, Joe and Sue Keefe, and Ronald Paris borrowed Mr. Gary Rogers' truck and made two trips retrieving many thousands of dollars worth of badly needed items for the Society. From padded stackable chairs, to large tables, and racks for the archives, the items are already being put to good use.

Thanks go out to those folks who worked all day moving furniture, Mayor McCarthy for forwarding ADP to us, Gary Rogers for the use of his truck, and Barbara Acciardi and Eileen Redfern at ADP. This was a wonderful acquisition.

The Bentley Fraternity lends a hand around City



The Waltham Historical Society has been working closely with the Bentley Fraternity of Kappa Sigma in providing assistance to local groups hosting events. We set them up to assist at Waltham Day on the Common where they showed up in large numbers and assisted with setup and break down during the day.

We also connected them with the Land Trust for their Western Greenway 5K road race with the fraternity brothers providing much needed encouragement, guidance, and assistance during the race.



These fellows are really pitching in to help the Community celebrate!

Waltham Day on the Common



Members of the Historical Society set up a table on Waltham Common for the annual Waltham Day event. Pictured here are Sheila FitzPatrick, Mort Isaacson and Mary Selig. We had many visitors throughout the day, and David Smith, Marie Daly, Joan Sheridan and others stopped by to cover so we all could walk around and enjoy the variety of exhibits.



Banks gravesite restoration

Society Curator Joe Keefe presented a history of Nathaniel P. Banks for the Civil War Roundtable of Greater Boston recently. David Smith and his Roundtable were instrumental in securing the funds to restore and spruce up the N.P. Banks gravesite.



The Board of Directors of the Waltham Historical Society wishes to express our appreciation for the support of the individuals and organizations listed on this page. They have been very generous to the Historical Society this past year and we encourage you to thank them for their generosity by patronizing the businesses identified, and by expressing thanks to the individuals. Without this type of support the Society would be unable to continue our work in the community.

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