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The Edmund L. Sanderson Lecture Series Presents

Civil War Massachusetts

Stephen Kenney

Director, Commonwealth Museum

Massachusetts contributed over sixty regiments to the Union cause. Why did people fight? What were their most powerful experiences? Drawing on the files of the "Great War Governor" John Albion Andrew, this lecture explores the record of three unique units: the elite Harvard regiment, the Irish 28th regiment, and the African-American 54th.

Stephen Kenney has been Director of the Commonwealth Museum since 1992. He received a Ph.D. from Boston University and has been an administrator or faculty member at several area colleges including service as Interim President of Quincy College.

Doors to the event will open at 6:15 p.m., a brief business meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the lecture will begin immediately thereafter. Seating is limited so please plan to arrive early. Doors will be locked at 7:15 p.m. This lecture is being held at the air-conditioned and handicap accessible Richard H. Osborn Community Room at the RTN Federal Credit Union, 600 Main Street (Rear) in Waltham. For more information please call 617-448-6706.



The "Great War Governor" John Albion Andrew

It's That Time of Year! Time to Renew Your Membership!

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a membership renewal form. Please consider renewing your membership at a level you feel comfortable at.

With the move to new space the Society will be facing additional facility and operating costs beyond those of the past. Any donation or contribution above the regular membership will be used to support our continued activities to preserve Waltham's historic artifacts.

One room has already been updated with new paint, ceiling, and exhibits. Items donated to the Society have been moved into secure sites in the building, and efforts are being made to create more useful space available.

At the moment our concerns are temperature and humidity controls for one of the rooms we hope to use for small meetings and special classes focusing on Waltham's history.

Please see our "Wish List" on page three for a list of items you may be able to assist with, either through donation or by providing sources willing to offer discounts to the Society.

But most important to our success is your membership. Please maintain your support and help us continue this important task by renewing your membership today!

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

Images from the Archives

A snapshot of images in the recent acquisition of Grover Cronin materials donated by Ginny and Roy MacDowell



The Easter Bunny and Rex Trailer



Mayor Rhodes, The Easter Bunny and Major Mudd



Santa Claus makes his climb to the Chimney



Moody Street looking towards the Bridge and Common

Upcoming Events of Interest

Finally Here!

Mort Isaacson's *A Ramble Through Waltham's History on the Great Country Road*. This driving tour along Waltham's Main Street (Route 20) details more than fifty significant homes and reveals much of the history of the City and its settlement. As a public introduction the book will be presented to the Waltham City Council at an upcoming meeting.

The opening to visitors of the Bright School Space!

The month of September will find Saturday mornings open for you to visit and get a glimpse of our efforts and making the new space ready for prime time. Keep your eyes open for an email or newspaper announcement with details.

November Sanderson Lecture The Lymans in Waltham

Tuesday, November 13, 7-9:00 p.m.
Lyman Estate, 185 Lyman Street,

Free to Historic New England and Waltham Historical Society members and Waltham residents, \$5 nonmembers.

The Lyman Estate in Waltham was the beloved country retreat for four generations of the Lyman family from 1793 to 1952. Just as each Lyman generation shaped the estate to its needs and interests, the family influenced how the community developed around their property, both during their ownership and in the years since. What was life like there? How did the property evolve over time? How did Waltham change during this time? Come learn about one of the grandest and most intact country estates in the Metro Boston area in an illustrated lecture examining the Lyman family and their legacy in Waltham. Explore the newly refurbished first floor of the mansion following the lecture. Co-sponsored with the Waltham Historical Society.

Registration is recommended. Please call 617-994-5959 for more information. Waltham residents must call to register in advance. Purchase tickets now!



Grover Cronin 1941

Items needed for our headquarters at the former Bright School

The acquisition of new space brings with it a need for more of everything! We need docents to staff the space on a fairly regular basis, we need people willing to check in on the site on a daily basis to monitor the humidity, heat, and lights.

We also need items such as tool boxes with tools, and ladders so we can clean the high and hard-to-reach spaces. The following list includes many of the important items we are seeking to acquire.

- Air Conditioning
- Fire Safe File Cabinets
- Phone / Internet
- New Computer
- Window tinting
- Window UV filter
- Safety ladder
- Shades 57" w x 96" high
- Door Shades 36" w
- Fire Extinguishers
- Electrical for cases
- Copier repair

If you're able to donate any of these items, or if you know a business operation with surplus equipment or items contained on the list, please let us know and we will do what we can to acquire them for the Society.

Call Sheila or Wayne and we will follow up with you and make any necessary arrangements to pick up or move any items.



*Cronin's parking lot
circa 1939*

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 were early contributors to this year's cemetery tour as Friends or Business Friends. 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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