

Marshfield Historical Society – June - August Newsletter

- The Marshfield Historical Commission is again sponsoring a **Yester-Days Celebration** on Sunday June 13th from 12 noon to 4 PM with no admission fees. Our 1857 Winslow Schoolhouse (flag-raising at 12:30, then tours), the Historic Winslow House (tours, ice cream social at 1 PM, Cooking, Curing and Coloring at 2 PM), our Blacksmith Shop (demos), the Concord Coach (with other old and new vehicles), Daniel Webster Estate (tours and quilting, caning and rug hooking demos) and our Marcia Thomas House and Archives (tours, knitting and ice cream making demo). Hot dogs and soft drinks will be offered at *old-time prices*. Free bus rides will be available to transport visitors from parking lots at the Council on Aging and Winslow House to all of the sites. Let's hope for nice weather!
- **Marshfield's History MUSEUM and Archives are OPEN** on Sundays June 6th, July 11th (delayed a week due to the Fourth of July holiday), August 1st and September 5th from 1 to 4 PM. See the wonderful new front garden, restored front door, newly refinished walls and floors. *Come in out of the hot, humid weather to our museum where it is always 68 degrees and 45 percent humidity!* Curator Dottie MacMullen has prepared new displays. There is no admission charge for members; Non-members are asked for a donation of \$5 per person.
- The **Pro-Am historical highlights** lecture series is lined up for the balance of 2010. Mark your calendars. Sunday, October 17th Dottie MacMullen will repeat her lecture on *LB Howard, Brant Rock Photographer* that she gave at the *Back Roads Symposium* in Plymouth. Sunday November 21st John Galluzzo will talk on *Famous Ships Produced in North River Shipyards*. On December 19th (weather permitting) Dolly Bicknell will talk about her father known as the *Flying Santa* of Marshfield. Member admission price is \$5; Non-members are asked for an \$8 donation per person. Refreshments will be served.
- **Bus Tour** By popular demand, Associate Director Bill Frugoli and Director Jane Davidson will again organize and host a bus tour on Saturday November 6th. The featured area will be *Two-Mile* ranging from the threatened Bisbee House near the Union Street Bridge to the Pembroke Town line at Union Street. It will include the Hatch Mill and several other 17th and 18th century sites. More details will appear in the September newsletter.
- **More Benefits for our members.** As you can see your Society has significantly increased its program offerings for members in 2009 and 2010. To cover rising costs, the Board voted to increase member dues somewhat to a level below the average dues paid by 28 nearby historical organizations. More details will appear in the September newsletter.
- **Krusell-Bates Collection** The authors of the definitive history book of Marshfield for the 20th century have agreed to donate their entire collection of background material used in *Marshfield, A Town of Villages* to the Marshfield Historical Society for safekeeping in our archives. Cynthia Krusell, Town Historian and former Chair of the Marshfield Historical Commission and former President of the Marshfield Historical Society and Betty Bates former member of the Marshfield Historical Commission have already graciously started

to transfer their collection of historical sources. About a dozen books, volumes and research papers are now being entered into our PastPerfect database and will be housed in our state-of-the art archives. This is wonderful news for our organization and for the Town of Marshfield.

2010 Annual Dues

Have you paid your 2010 dues yet? Annual MHS dues for 2010 have been unchanged at \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families for over fifteen years. Annual dues receipts are used to defray the normal operating costs (heat, lights, power, security, insurance, etc) of the Marcia Thomas House and the 1857 Winslow Schoolhouse. Our thanks goes out to those who have already paid.

We are making headway in cataloging our collection and have finished most of the items that are in the Marcia Thomas House. Hundreds of artifacts have yet to be cataloged from temporary storage in the 1857 Winslow Schoolhouse. More funds are needed to purchase preservation materials and suitable storage devices to conserve these items. Any extra donation you might give at this time will be greatly appreciated.

Please mention the Marshfield Historical Society in your will. Gifts of this nature will be used to fund one-time costs related to signage and display equipment at the Marcia Thomas Museum. Contact a MHS Director to learn more about naming opportunities and other ways of recognizing and memorializing other exceptional gifts.

Annual Dues Coupon

Return this coupon to the *Marshfield Historical Society*, PO Box 1244, Marshfield, MA 02050; with a check payable to "Marshfield Historical Society – Dues".

Name: _____ Address

Telephone _____ e-mail

Enclosed is \$ _____ for **annual MHS dues** for January to December 2010 (\$15 for individuals, \$25 for families). Use your cancelled check for tax deduction purposes.

Here is a **cash donation** to help sponsor the Marcia Thomas House *museum project* and to help defray collection development expenses in the amount of \$_____. We will send an appropriate receipt for use in tax-deductions.

The Marshfield Historical Society is a registered 501 c (3) organization recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal government as a non-profit organization.

