

AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dedicated to the Education
— and —
Preservation of Town History



41 South Street, Auburn Massachusetts 01501 – (508) 832-6856

Established 1967

Fall 2016

Collection of Veterans Uniforms & Artifacts on Display



Thanks to our wonderful friends, we have several new uniforms on display. We have Army, Air Force, VFW, American Legion, but no Coast Guard or Marine uniforms. Without our veterans, we would not have all the wonderful things we take for granted. The Auburn Historical Museum wants to show how much Auburn appreciates our veterans. Come in and see some of the wonderful artifacts we have, including one going back to 1815!

Yard Sale Great Success



The museum participated in the Congregational Church's community yard sale in June. We sold items donated by our people, plus our own gift shop items. We made enough to cover our summer bills, and made some new friends. We made contact with people who had artifacts to donate, and with someone setting up an Auburn High reunion.

Nearly everyone helped, either by getting us items, doing set up, clean up and selling. A great team effort. It is wonderful what we can accomplish by working together.

Check out our New Website

Thanks to our intern, Zach, we have a real website. Go to auburnhistoricalmuseum.org and see what is new. Feel free to send us items to add to the website.

Auburn Historical Society

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Second Annual
Halloween Party
October 29, 10 to 1pm

Last year's party was so much fun and so well received, we are going to do it again! Come help us out, and/or bring your kids. We will have games, prizes, spooky stories and all sorts of fun.

Games & Prizes Needed

Have some ideas for games? Let us know? Want to donate some prizes? That would be great, they were all donated last year, made it even more fun!

We have an Intern!

Zach Washburn is joining us from Worcester State University. He is working on a Masters degree in history. His focus is on the French Canadian parishes in Worcester County.

If any of you have ancestors' stories that are relevant to his research, he would love to meet you!

So far Zach has created a new website for us, and is working hard on getting the Holstrom Archives live on line.

Speakers for 2016-2017

All meetings at 6:30 at the Senior Center 4 Goddard Dr. in Auburn

Sept. 20: **Dick Fuller: "Then....on the way to now"** **Pot Luck Supper 5:30**, bring your favorite dish.

Oct. 18: Mary Ellen and George Fournier: **"Our Trip to China"**

Nov. 15: National Park Ranger, topic to be chosen by the ranger.

Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec.12 at the Elks,
tickets on sale soon!

In Memorium

Some sad losses among our members...

We lost Paul Blais, who was a big supporter of the museum, June 15th. Paul always attended the meetings and rarely missed a party.

In July, our good friend Harry "Sid" Mason passed on. Sid was instrumental in completing our Auburn book. He spent many hours identifying photographs for us.



These good friends will be deeply missed.

We received many kind donations in Paul's memory, and a digital camcorder has been

donated in Sid's memory. But no matter what, we will never forget these two good men.



1956: Changes in Drury Square



1956 April The Holstrom house at Drury Square was razed to make room for a new building that would be home to the Holstrom Package Store and the Worcester 5 Cent Savings Bank later to be the Worcester County National Bank.

Behind the Blue Curtain

By Rich Hedin

You've heard of the Iron Curtain and the Bamboo Curtain, but have you ever heard of the "Blue Curtain?"

Well, if you haven't, it does exist; it is a sheer, deep blue curtain located in a secluded section of the Historical Museum. It is not like the other curtains: you can spread this curtain apart and enter the realm within having a feeling of individual accomplishment, and you can leave very easily without fear of possible negative reactions. Actually, this fine piece of cloth separates the museum from the "nerve" center of the Historical Society.

Ideas & Decisions

Behind the Blue Curtain is the place where ideas and decisions are formulated, and many ideas from the Museum's members are processed and come to fruition. Much of the paperwork is done there: newsletters, invitations, formal letters, copies of certain unique data, emails and so many more of the workings of the museum either have had their inception there or their final solution for the public finalized there.



Bit of Humor

So, you must know by now I was having fun with the Blue Curtain; it sort of instilled in me a bit of humor about our very special place that so many of us work, enjoy good company, and achieve a great satisfaction of the historical significance that this museum provides for Auburn and beyond.

South Parish Men of the **Revolutionary War...**

*recent updates to our
Auburn and the Wars
theme book.*



Come see the write ups for
some of these men and their
gravestones



Capt. John Crowl, Jonah Goulding, Major Thomas Drury, Colonel Alvah Drury, Lieut. Thomas Drury, Daniel Boyden, Daniel Cummings, David Gleason, Robert Fitts, Jonah Goulding, Samuel Holman, Nathan Knowlton, Lt. Commander Rice, Jesse Stone, Jonathan Stone, Abel Partridge, Jonas Bancroft, Daniel Boyden, Ebenezer Burnap, Jr. Recompense Cary, Joseph Clark, Samuel Clark, Levi Eddy, Thomas Green, Eliphalet Holman, Daniel Jenison, Israel Phillips.

Attention Dandies:

Do you know we have
all of your yearbooks
for nostalgic viewing,
plus Dandies magnets
and mugs for sale.

Attention Republic Services Customers

We have applied for a grant. The
winner of the grant will be chosen
by Republic Services recycling cus-
tomers. Please vote for our pro-
posal to arrange field trips to the
museum for Auburn Students.

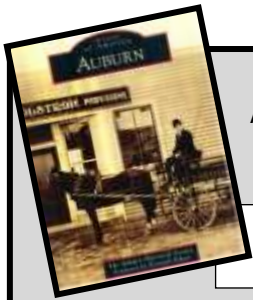
Know why the front of the museum looks so good?

Thanks to all our volunteers like Joe Pranaitis the Gardener, who mows and maintains our lawn; and Renee Peace who help with needed chores. So far this year, Helen and Joe Poirier cleaned out or basement, so we can have basement tours (come see the original 18th century school foundation).

Bill Ela repaired both inside doors and the cleaning closet door, and Wayne Bloomquist and Helen worked hard on rodent control and outdoor chores.



Renee Peace prunes the shrubs at the Mu-



AUBURN BOOK STILL
AVAILABLE

We still have copies of the Imag-

Do you know what this is?

Any information you can give us would be appreciated.



Special Thanks to Joe Pranaitis who maintains the Museum Grounds

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Auburn Historical Museum Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays



New Venue for our Famous Spaghetti Supper

The supper will be held at
6pm on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the
*Pakachoag Church
Great Hall*

New Venue for our Famous Spaghetti Supper

We had to move it due to a scheduling conflict.
Same great food, exciting drawings, wonderful
door prizes and much more.

Tickets are now on sale at the Museum , only \$10.

