



## Marshfield Historical Society Newsletter

*Tina Dorr Eisen*

**FEBRUARY ~ AUGUST 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR 11 UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Sunday, February 5<sup>nd</sup> at 1 to 4 PM: **Museum Open at the Marcia Thomas House**, See curator Dottie MacMullen's new displays. Be a *History Detective*, use our collection. Members, use your free museum passes to invite your friends; \$5 for others

Pro-Am Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM: Michael LePage, will **reenact Dr Isaac Winslow** who was a Tory (sympathetic to the King not to the independence-minded rebels) and yet survived the Revolutionary War. Dr. Isaac had an innovative medical practice that included vaccinations for smallpox, a dreaded disease in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and earlier. Reenactor, LePage will relate what it must have been like to be loved for his services to Marshfield residents and yet disliked because of his Loyalist views. Members: \$5, non-members \$10. The reenactor will start at 2 PM following refreshments at the Marcia Thomas House.

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 to 4 PM: **Museum Open at the Marcia Thomas House**. See curator Dottie MacMullen's new displays. Be a *History Detective*, use our collection. Members, use your free museum passes to invite your friends; \$5 for others

Annual Meeting Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM: North River Audubon's, David Clapp, will be the featured speaker for our **Annual Meeting** following drinks, dinner, and election of Directors. We will hear the little-known story of ornithologist, **John James Audubon and his Friendship with Statesman Daniel Webster** and how Webster's Marshfield property was preserved to become an Audubon Sanctuary. The Board has seen that this event costs less (than last year) and offers more (free beer and wine) to members \$28 and non-members \$31 at the North River Sanctuary headquarters (Summer St. and Rte 3A). Space is limited. Reserve now as this event will also be offered to members of Mass Audubon. For reservations: call 781 834 0100.

Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 to 4 PM, **Museum Open at the Marcia Thomas House**. See curator Dottie MacMullen's new displays. Be a *History Detective*, use our collection. Members, use your free museum passes to invite your friends; \$5 for others

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 1812 Remembered. Symposium presented by the *Back Roads of the South Shore*. See attached brochure.

Pro-Am Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM: Maura Porter, archivist at the JFK Library will discuss **Volunteerism and President Kennedy**, complete with recently released video clips of his addresses and photos. She will lead a panel discussion made up of former Peace Corps volunteers from the South Shore. Members: \$5, non-members \$10 at the Marcia Thomas House. The speaker will start at 2 PM following refreshments.

Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM : **Law Enforcement / Public Safety from 1640 to Now**, a symposium with talks from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, the Marshfield Police Department and the Marshfield Airport at the main terminal of the Marshfield Airport. Learn about the history of our County Jails, some of Plymouth County's more infamous inmates and the story of the Sheriff's Department. Learn how public safety was delivered in Marshfield's early days (1640 to 1935), how our local police department then evolved to its current form and the dramatic use of aircraft and volunteer pilots from Shoreline Aviation for search and rescues and to airlift patients to hospitals. Adults: \$10, children free when accompanied. Speakers at 2 PM.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 to 4 PM, **Museum Open at the Marcia Thomas House**. See curator Dottie MacMullen's new displays. Be a *History Detective*, use our collection. Members, use your free museum passes to invite your friends; \$5 for others

Pro-Am Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM – **Springtime is for planting: How Marshfield's Farmers provided our Food**. A panel discussion led by Regina Porter and a group of Marshfield farmers. This will feature discussions of Marshfield's Farm families, the *Buy Local* movement, the Farmers Market at the Fair and how a farmer "makes end meet". Members: \$5, non-members \$10. The panel will start at 2 PM following refreshments at the Marsha Thomas House.

Sundays June 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM **Museum Open at the Marcia Thomas House**. See curator Dottie MacMullen's new displays. Be a *History Detective*, use our collection. Members, use your free museum passes to invite your friends; \$5 for others

Upcoming: **A Walking Tour of Brant Rock** (September), 4 Pro-Am lectures and **Museum** openings (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month).

To volunteer, to contact us with historical questions, to learn the details of our upcoming programs and for membership information, please visit our website [www.MarshfieldHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.MarshfieldHistoricalSociety.org) and click on the "Hear from Us" button. Our webmaster, Bob Demers will forward your email to the appropriate board member for a reply. [Leave a voice mail message for us at the Society's office 781 834 0100.](mailto:leaveavoice@marshfieldhistoricalsociety.org)

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**What a Deal!** Reserve four 2012 Pro-Am lectures for the price of three, \$15 members, \$30 non-members. Paid-up Members have free access to the Museum and Archives on the first Sunday of each month. Remember to renew your membership for 2012. See next page.

**2012 Member Benefits and Annual Dues --- Time to Join or Renew, Same as in 2011!**

- **Free admission** to the museum and archives at the *Marcia Thomas House* with your **Membership Card**
- At least a **20% discount** to MHS programs like the Pro-Am lectures and Bus Tours
- **Free passes** to the Museum/Archives for your family and friends (see how many below)
- A **10% discount** on all items purchased at our **gift shop** or items offered over the Internet Web-site
- Five or six issues per year of our **Newsletter** by email or by the postal service
- Special announcements relating to local historical issues/events by email throughout the year

Membership Level	Annual donation	Number of Free Museum passes
<b>Individual</b>	\$25	Two (2)
<b>Family</b>	\$45	Four (4)
<b>Senior (62 plus)</b>	\$20	One (1)
<b>Student</b>	\$15	None (0)
<b>Corporate/Business</b>	\$100	Four (4)

**Benefactors** with donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a plaque at the *Marcia Thomas House* (unless requested to be *anonymous*). Benefactors will be issued unlimited free museum passes.

> The membership year is the same as a calendar year (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>). All paid-up members will have their membership expire Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year. However, first-time members joining after Jun 30<sup>th</sup> will be considered members until Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. First-time members joining before Jun 30<sup>th</sup> will have their membership expire on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. Free passes and 2012 membership cards will be mailed.

> Annual dues receipts are used to defray the normal operating costs (heat, light, power, air filtration, de-humidification, security, insurance, pest management, etc) of the *Marcia Thomas House*, the *Blacksmith Shop* and the *Winslow Schoolhouse*.

We have a computer-based catalog of 3000 items that are now preserved in state-of-the-art conditions (i.e. acid-free materials, constant temperature, constant humidity and ultra-low UV levels throughout the year) in the archives of the *Marcia Thomas House*. All of the collection once held at the 1857 *Winslow Schoolhouse* has been moved to the *Marcia Thomas House*. Hundreds of these items are waiting to be cataloged and placed into proper storage materials. More funds are needed to purchase preservation materials to conserve these items. Life members: any extra donation you might give at this time will be greatly appreciated to continue our preservation work.

**2012 Annual Dues Coupon**

Clip and return this completed 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for **annual MHS dues** through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 (\$25 for individuals, \$20 for seniors (62 plus), \$15 for students, \$45 for families and \$100 for businesses). Use your cancelled check for tax deduction purposes.

Here is an extra **cash donation** to help sponsor the Marcia Thomas House *museum and archive project* and to help defray collection development expenses in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Use your cancelled check for tax deduction purposes.

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