

SEPTEMBER 26 – Tuesday, Open at 6, Dinner at 7 p.m.

POT LUCK DINNER & 50's EVENING

The public is invited for some old fashioned fun as the clock is turned back to the 1950's. We will be hosting a *Fabulous Fifties Fun Night* with music, memories and menus from the 50's. The Society will be open from 6-7 p.m. to browse the displays, admire Carl Price's 1956 Cadillac coupe de ville and/or listen to the music. The pot luck dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Bring a dish to share. For more information please call Peggy at 508-481-7118.

OCTOBER 1 – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HORATIO ALGER STREET FAIR

Stop by the Historical Society's booth at the Horatio Alger Street Fair to learn more about the many services the society has to offer to members and the public. We host many interesting events and informative speakers, as well as offering assistance with local research and genealogy. Or browse the many interesting and unique items that we have for sale, including: Charles Hudson's History of Marlborough; a recently printed Person Index for Hudson's book; Ella Bigelow's Historical Reminiscences of Marlborough, with Gene Schneider's index to the same; the Images pictorial history by Susan Alatalo; historical note cards; and our brand new 2007 Historical Calendar which contains many photos of Marlborough's past. Maybe one of your relatives, or you yourself are pictured here.

There will also be a children's activity where everyone is a winner. Proceeds from all sales help to support the Society.

OCTOBER 14 – Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m.

AN ENGLISH TEA

Back by Popular Demand

It's Tea Time Again – The Marlborough Historical Society will once again be home to this time honored English tradition when the Peter Rice Colonial Homestead will open its doors to members and the public for an afternoon tea. With plenty of tea choices served in china cups and plenty of good food it is the perfect excuse to take some time out of your busy schedule and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere. For just \$7 patrons can enjoy a pot of tea and

help themselves to a variety of finger sandwiches as well as a large array of luscious desserts.

The British believe that tea time is not only a means to satisfy hunger, but also an opportunity to relax, converse and enjoy the company of friends. It will be time well spent.

All proceeds go to support the Historical Society's Scholarship Fund given in the names of Dorothy Medill, Claudia McCarthy and Frank Valianti.

"There is a great deal of poetry and fine sentiment in a chest of tea."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

OCTOBER 26 - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting

AN EVENING WITH ROBERT FROST

An Evening with Robert Frost

Come join us tonight as **Stephen Collins** presents Robert Frost, one of the finest of rural New England's 20th Century pastoral poets. Stephen has received many accolades for his impersonation of Walt Whitman which he has been doing since 1998. Tonight he will give us a short biography of Robert Frost and then recite some of his best loved poems including: *Birches, After Apple Picking, The Tuft of Flowers, Acquainted with the Night and Be-reft*. After the recitations he will invite the audience to participate in a literary criticism of the poems read. This should be a very interesting evening as this writer knows from personal experience that Stephen is an excellent entertainer.

NOVEMBER 28 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting

FARMER TEMPLE – THE OX-CART CANDIDATE

Why would the fact that a farmer killed two roosters make the front page of the Marlborough Enterprise? Did you know that Marlborough once had a Brown Tail Moth department? And what do these questions have to do with the political scene in Marlborough? Come and find out the answers to these and other intriguing questions when **Joan Abshire**, Society member and Newsletter Editor, tells us the story of farmer Theodore Temple who ran for mayor from the back of his ox cart nearly 100 years ago.

DECEMBER 2 - Saturday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AT THE FARM

Members and the public are invited to come and celebrate the season at the Peter Rice Homestead where you can walk through our early colonial farm house which once overlooked Marlborough's apple orchards. Enjoy dessert served with a warm or cold beverage and enjoy pleasant conversation and the companionship of friends and fellow members. Baked goods, Marlborough history books and our 2007 Historical Calendar will be among the items for sale.

Look for more details in the November/December Newsletter.

JANUARY 23 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting

STORIES FROM MARLBOROUGH'S ATTIC

Various subjects will be covered, including poetry and a story written and presented by **Sandra Merlini** about the Piave Square Monument, and her grandfather, whose name is inscribed there along with other Italian speaking veterans of World War I in whose honor the monument was erected. Sandra, a Marlborough native attended St. Anne's Academy where the sister taught her to write poetry. She now belongs to the Longfellow Poetry Society which meets once a month at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

See the January/February edition of the Newsletter for more detailed information.

FEBRUARY 27 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting

VICTORIAN HOMES IN MARLBOROUGH

Marlborough's Victorian Houses will be the subject of a presentation by **Lynn Faust**, who is a restoration consultant and long-time Historical Commission member. She will look at the history and the architectural styles of Marlborough's well-preserved Victorian houses, and how the industries of the 19th century shaped Marlborough's residential neighborhoods. Photographs of houses representing Marlborough's Victorian neighborhoods will be used to illustrate the style of this flamboyant era.

**MARCH 27 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting
MARLBOROUGH'S BENT FAMILY**

In the course of doing family history research, our speaker for tonight, **Marilyn Perry**, discovered that she is descended from some of the original founders of Marlborough. Tonight she will talk about some of these founders and where their descendants went from Marlborough, including Peter Bent Brigham and Brigham Young. Marilyn is a long time member of the Marlborough Historical Society.

**APRIL 7 – Saturday, 2 to 4 p.m.
AN ENGLISH TEA**
(See October 14 for details.)

**APRIL 24 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

At our annual membership meeting this year we will be presenting a scholarship to the Marlborough student who submits the prize-winning essay in our scholarship program. We will also be awarding certificates of appreciation to those who have made major contributions or have been particularly helpful to us in the past year. More details will follow in the March/April Newsletter.

**MAY 22 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting
DR. JOHN ROCK:**

"NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED"

Few Marlborough residents know that one of the most important figures of the 20th Century was born and raised in our city. Dr. John Rock, developer of the birth control pill which launched a world-wide social revolution whose ultimate effects are still being felt today, was that individual. This presentation, by our curator, **Jack Gracey**, is illustrated by appropriate photographs and documents and will focus on Dr. Rock's Marlborough ancestry and upbringing, his subsequent meteoric rise to scientific "stardom" and his ultimate rejection by both the Church which was a central focus of his life and the women whose lives his scientific discoveries did so much to improve. This is truly a story which proves that "No good deed goes unpunished."

**JUNE 26 - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting
TRAINS OF MARLBOROUGH AND
SURROUNDING AREAS**

Jimi Smith is a long time New England railroad history enthusiast. His interest in railroading spans from models to full size railroading with history being his primary interest. Tonight he will cover the history of the railroads in and around Marlborough, from the first rails being laid into Marlborough, the street cars, stations and their locations, and finally, the demise. The area is full of interest such as the Milk Train Wreck of 1898. There will be a computer slide show, with maps and old photos displayed during his presentation.

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2006-2007 Programs & Events



The Peter Rice Homestead is an Historical Museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Membership Meetings:

4th Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m.
(Open to the public and free of charge.)

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