

Sixties Night & Pot Luck Dinner

Tuesday, 25 September 2007 - Open at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7.

The public is invited for some old-fashioned fun as the clock is turned back to the 1960's. We will be hosting a ***Sensational Sixties Fun Night***, with music, memories and menus from the 60's. The Society will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. to browse the displays of Marlborough High School Yearbooks, games, Tercentenary memorabilia and other material related to the 60's. Bring a dish to share at the pot luck dinner which will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Peggy Ayres at 508-481-7118.

Heritage Festival

Sunday, 30 September 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Stop by the Historical Society's booth at Marlborough's 12th Annual Heritage Festival to learn more about the many services the society has to offer to members and the public. We have many unique items for sale, including our brand new 2008 Historical Calendar which contains many photos of Marlborough's past. This year's calendar includes thumbnail photos of all of our Mayors from 1890 to the present.

An Evening with Stephen Collins

Thursday, 25 October 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Stephen Collins, who gave us "An Evening with Robert Frost" a year ago, returns with a wonderful repertoire from an array of notable playwrights and poets. He will perform: *All the World's a Stage*, "from As You Like It, by William Shakespeare; *Trigorin*, Act II, by Anton Chekhov; *Our Town*, Act III, by Thornton Wilder; *The Marriage of Bette & Boo*, by Christopher Durang; *The Journey*, by Mary Oliver, of Provincetown; as well as pieces by Elizabeth Bishop, of Worcester and Robert Frost. This promises to be a very entertaining evening with a wonderful variety of themes by an impeccable performer.

Samuel Boyd – Leader of 19th Century Marlborough

Tuesday, 27 November 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Between 1830 and 1890, Marlborough grew from a small agricultural town with a population of under 2,000 to a prosperous small industrial city with a population of almost 15,000. While many individuals contributed to this process, none were more prominent or civic-minded than Samuel Boyd, the subject of a talk by our curator, Jack Gracey. Using both primary and secondary contemporary sources, including photographs from the Society's extensive files, he will trace

the life and accomplishments of this towering figure against a background of the times within which he lived.

Christmas at the Farm

Saturday, 1 December 2007, 1 to 4 p.m.

Members and the public are invited to come and celebrate the season at the Peter Rice Homestead, 377 Elm St., where you can stroll through our early colonial farm house, enjoy dessert served with a hot or cold beverage, and enjoy pleasant conversation and the companionship of friends and fellow members. Baked goods, Marlborough history books, note cards, hand made items, and our 2008 Historical Calendar will be among the items for sale.

Look for more details in the November/December Newsletter.

Stories from the Attic

Tuesday, 22 January 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Spend an evening in the intimate setting of the Peter Rice Homestead as the Society welcomes the public to share reminiscences. Listen to short stories written by local talent as well as have the opportunity to join in the fun. Attendees are encouraged to share memories of their own in a friendly, informal cozy atmosphere.

The History of the John Brown Bell

Tuesday, 26 February 2008, 7:30 p.m.

There is a memorial plaque on a stone tower in Union Park that states, in part, that the bell which hangs at its top is a "symbol of a nation's efforts to obtain freedom and equality for its people." This is the John Brown Bell, and tonight, Joan Abshire, a life member of the Historical Society, will tell the intriguing story behind the bell and its long journey from Harper's Ferry, West Virginia to its present resting place in Marlborough. A slide show will enhance the presentation.

Tales of the Wayside Country Store

Tuesday, 25 March 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone who has ever visited the Wayside Country Store, and even those who haven't, will be interested in this presentation by Lee Swanson, curator of the Sudbury Historical Society. His father operated the store for many years and Lee has first hand knowledge of its operation, a vast array of photographs, and stories about the unique items the store has carried over the years. Come join us for this trip down memory lane.

Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, 22 April 2008, 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate our 43rd birthday. The cake, ice cream and gifts will be on us. Everyone in attendance will be entered in a raffle for a door prize. Along with announcing this years scholarship winner and electing a new slate of officers, this evening will provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and opinions concerning the society.

Mothers' Day Old House Tour and Tea

Sunday, 11 May 2008

Look for details in the Newsletter and local newspapers.

Interesting Facts about Charles Hudson

Tuesday, 24 June 2008

Katherine Johnson, Hudson Historical Society historian, has many interesting stories to tell about Charles Hudson, the author of the *History of the Town of Marlborough*, published in 1862. Charles was born and grew up in a portion of Marlborough that is now Hudson. Katherine's presentation will include Charles' early life, the history of that era and how they came to name the town after him.

All our programs are free and open to the public, and refreshments are available.

Web Site

www.HistoricMarlborough.org



Marlborough Historical Society

2007-2008 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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Office Hours

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

(Please call first as these hours are subject to change.)

To Make an Appointment

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