

History of Ward Park

TUES. - 22 MAR. 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

AT THE HOMESTEAD

Sandwiched between the historic Post Road and Fairmount Hill, Ward Park and its surrounding neighborhoods have witnessed at close range the march of American History while creating a lot of its own.

William Ward, Col. Luke Drury, Samuel Boyd, Daniel Hayden, the Colonial Army, and a few National Champions are only part of the story!

Paul Brodeur, a Marlborough Historical Society Trustee who lives near the park and has done extensive research in this area, will present this program which promises to be entertaining and informative.



Annual Membership Meeting & Scholarship Award

TUES. - 26 APR. 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

AT THE HOMESTEAD

Join us as we elect new officers for the coming fiscal year. We will be celebrating our 47th birthday and the cake and ice cream will be on us.

Each year, at this meeting, the Society presents a scholarship in the names of Dorothy Medill, Claudia McCarthy, and Frank Valianti to the Marlborough high school graduate who submits the winning historical essay. Come and help us congratulate the winner and listen to his/her reading of the winning essay.



Ghost Stories & Graveyards

TUES. - 24 MAY 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

AT THE HOMESTEAD

Local author and historian, Susan Alatalo, who researched and wrote the very popular "Images of America - Marlborough" book, will present the history of graveyards, highlighting the symbols, grave cutting craft, changes in burial grounds and local stones.

There will also be a showing of a CD created by members of the local Marlborough Cable Company detailing the night they spent in the Peter Rice Homestead in search of ghostly evidence.



Connecting to Marlborough History

TUES. - 21 JUN. 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

AT THE HOMESTEAD

The program for this meeting has not been finalized. Details and information, when it becomes available, will be published in local newspapers and on our web site - www.HistoricMarlborough.org.

Marlborough Historical Society

2010 - 2011

Programs and Events



The Peter Rice Homestead in 1976

Monthly Programs

are held the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., from September through June, at the Peter Rice Homestead, unless otherwise noted. Our monthly meetings are open to the public, mostly free of charge, and refreshments are available. See details inside.

Museum and Archives

Open by appointment at the Peter Rice Homestead
377 Elm Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts

Web Site: www.HistoricMarlborough.org
E-mail: info@HistoricMarlborough.org
Postal Mail: P.O. Box 513, Marlborough, MA 01752-0513
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Pasta Dinner, Dancing, & Lyonhurst Display

TUES. - 28 SEP. 2010 - 5 TO 7 P.M. AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Join us as the Historical Society kicks off our 2010-2011 season with a pasta dinner, dancing, and a photographic display of the history of the Lyonhurst Ballroom. Dinner will be served from 5-7 p.m. and after dinner, D.J. Ricky will be spinning the tunes to get you out on the dance floor.

Don't miss this great opportunity for food, fun and historical reminiscences of what has been described as the most magnificent dance pavilion in the East.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.



Heritage Festival

SUN. - 3 OCT. 2010 - 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. ON MAIN STREET

Stop by the Historical Society's booth at Marlborough's 15th Annual Heritage Festival, to learn more about the many services the society has to offer.

We have many unique items for sale including our 2011 Historical Calendar featuring some of Marlborough's Lost Landmarks including the Wigwam Tree, Williams Tavern, Lyonhurst Ballroom, Fitchburg Depot, Holy Trinity Church, GAR Building, Fairbanks Corner, the Boyd and Corey Mansions, Frye Factory, City Home, Rice's Roadside Stand, and the Brigham & Eager Building.



First Ladies of the Civil War

TUES. - 26 OCTOBER 2010 - 7 P.M. AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Dr. Gary Hylander, a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker, will discuss the Civil War experiences of Varina Davis and Mary Lincoln. A supporter of slavery but also a Unionist, Mrs. Davis never felt at ease in the Confederate Capital of Richmond.

Mrs. Lincoln, a volatile and sharp-tongued woman, was suspected of being a Confederate sympathizer and viewed as a frontier hayseed by Washington socialites. At the close of the war, Mrs. Davis campaigned to free her husband from prison while Mrs. Lincoln endured the public embarrassment of having her insanity trial spread across the front pages of American newspapers.



Christmas at the Farm & Festival of Trees

SAT., SUN. - 27, 28 NOV. - 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AT THE HOMESTEAD

Join us after Thanksgiving and begin the holiday season with all the things you love at our annual Christmas at the Farm: holiday decorations, food, crafts, roaring fires, warm gingerbread, and hot beverages. This year's "Festival of Trees" will be bigger and better than ever. You can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the beautifully decorated trees on display.

Come and enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas setting with your friends and neighbors. There will be plenty of parking, courtesy of Jon Delli Priscoli, who is generously allowing us to use his parking lot across the street for our events.

Further details, including possible expanded dates and times, will be announced in local newspapers and on our web site, www.HistoricMarlborough.org.



Stories from the Attic

TUES. - 25 JAN. 2011 - 7:00 P.M. AT THE HOMESTEAD

Spend an evening in the intimate setting of the Peter Rice Homestead as the Society welcomes the public to share stories and reminiscences of Marlborough's history through the centuries.



Theatre from the 30s, 40s & 50s

TUES. - 22 FEB. 2011 - 7:00 P.M. AT THE SENIOR CENTER

The thirties through the fifties represent a great period of American Theatrical History. The influence of, and reaction to the Great Depression is evident in the work of William Saroyan. The forties saw the talent of three great playwrights emerge who dominated the theater: Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller and Eugene O'Neil.

All three examine dysfunctional families and the American Dream gone awry. In 1954, N. Richard Nash's play, "The Rainmaker," opens at the Cort Theater in New York City. The character Starbuck charms audiences with his brand of con and hucksterism. Stephen Collins will be performing monologues from these and other playwrights and may even sing a Cole Porter and George Gershwin song to round off the evening.

