

# The Marlborough Historical Society

Kicking off 2008 – 2009

## 2008

### Sunday, October 5

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Heritage Festival

Downtown Marlborough

### Tuesday, October 28

7:30 p.m.

#### Civil War America

Marlborough Senior Center

### Wednesday, October 29

7:00 p.m.

#### Reception for guests

from Marlborough,

England - 377 Elm Street

#### The weekend before

#### Veterans' Day

#### Salute to Marlborough

#### Veterans

Marlborough Senior Center

#### Thanksgiving weekend

#### Christmas at the Farm

#### "A Festival of Trees"

377 Elm Street

## 2009

### Tuesday, January 27

7:30 p.m.

#### Stories from

#### Marlborough's Attic

377 Elm Street

### Tuesday, February 24

7:30 p.m.

#### Lost Landmarks:

#### Williams Tavern

377 Elm Street

### Monday, March 23

7:00 p.m.

#### Meet Marlborough's

#### Authors - Marlborough

Public Library



*Join us for a year of programs and special events all around Marlborough.*

## Annual potluck this Tuesday at 6 p.m.

### It's our annual pot luck supper with a salute to the '70s.

Every fall we kick off the year with a celebration of a different era. This year it's the Seventies.

Join us at the Peter Rice Homestead for a stroll down memory lane. Yearbooks, posters, and games will be among the many items on display from the years that gave us hip hugger jeans, *Star Wars*, and Earth Day.

Have something to add to the display? Great. Bring it.

This is also your chance to dig deep into your closets and drawers. If you can still squeeze into those jeans or that leisure suit, you'll go to the head of the line when we start the pot luck. (As if being the envy of your neighbors when you stroll out of your house that evening isn't reason enough.)

Plus, DJ Ricky will be on

hand to spin '70s hits.

Please bring a dish to share.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for music and browsing. The potluck starts at 7 p.m.

Coffee and soft drinks will be provided, along with cups, plates, and utensils.

So come sock it to us this Tuesday, September 23.

## Hello, Fall | *A note from Janet, president of the Society*

"Welcome!

"Fall officially arrives Monday, and our new year arrives Tuesday.

"I hope you'll join us for our annual pot luck. This year it comes with a large serving of the '70s.

"In early October we'll be at the city's Heritage Festival on Main Street, and later in the we month have a special program on the Civil War.

"In November we will salute Marlborough's veterans from all conflicts. The weekend before Veterans Day we'll unveil large-scale reproductions of hundreds of World War II service announcements that were collected in a scrapbook. Since the donation of this book last winter, we've been working to put together a very special event for the community. (Look for details in the mail and online.)

"Right after Thanksgiving we will open the Peter Rice Homestead for our annual Christmas at the Farm.

"This year it's three days long and includes a Festival of Trees.

"Welcome the first days of the holiday season in a place and time far removed from the crush of holiday shoppers.

"And that's just 2008. →

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## *A note from Janet Licht, president of the Society (cont'd)*

"When we developed our calendar of programs and special events this year, we focused on two things: Reaching more people and making it easier for people to attend. This is why you see more events in more places around Marlborough. (Check the start times, too.)

"The Veterans event at the Senior Center and the programs at the library and the lofts should be especially helpful in raising awareness of the Society and its role in historic preservation, education, and celebration here in Marlborough.

"Please help by inviting a friend or neighbor to a program or event this fall.

"In addition to reaching more people through our programs, we continue to expand our website and have added an e-mail newsletter and special event alerts. Sign up by going to [HistoricMarlborough.org](http://HistoricMarlborough.org) and clicking on the Newsletter tab on the left.

"We're also continuing an effort begun last year, taping many programs for later broadcast on the local cable channel.

"Our other critical priority this year is shoring up our finances and our facilities.

"We'll be reaching out as we upgrade the antiquated heating system in the Homestead. (This follows a sizeable roof repair in the spring.)

"Thank you for your ongoing support of the Society. I look forward to seeing you this fall."

—Janet Licht, President

## Replacing the irreplaceable Gene Schneider

Gene Schneider retired from the Board of Trustees this summer.

Anyone who knows what Gene did for the Society and for Marlborough during his more than 25 years as a volunteer also knows that he simply can't be replaced.

When Gene retired—he moved to western Massachusetts this summer to be closer to his children—he was serving as the chairman of the building committee. Truth be told, Gene *was* the building committee.

As Gene's retirement approached, Paul Polewacyk rejoined the Board after a long absence and he's doing a great job as the new chairman of the building committee.

We're now searching for a volunteer to fill the other position Gene held when he retired: Treasurer.

Please contact Janet with your nominations: [janet@historicmarlborough.org](mailto:janet@historicmarlborough.org).

The third role Gene played was "tireless volunteer."

Gene was usually the first one at meetings and special event, arriving early to set up and staying late to help pick up and lock up.

With two large events this November, we're looking for people who have a few hours to help us plan and execute these.

We'd love to hear from you [info@historicmarlborough.org](mailto:info@historicmarlborough.org).

*Gene's new address is  
14 Natty Brook Road  
Hubbardston, MA 01452*

**2009** (cont'd.)

**Tuesday, April 28**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Annual Meeting and Birthday Celebration**  
377 Elm Street

**May 2009**  
**New England Historic Homes Weekend**

**Tuesday, June 23**  
7:30 p.m.  
**Made in Marlborough: From Marlborough Wire Goods to Renaissance Lofts**  
409 Lincoln Street

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**New e-mail newsletter and event alerts**

Sign up for our new e-mail newsletter and event alerts. Just go to the Newsletter section of our site: [historicmarlborough.org](http://historicmarlborough.org).

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**Genealogy Group**

The next meeting is October 3 at 10 a.m. Held alternate weeks, Jack Gracey (508-229-8813) leads this group and invites you to join him and others at their next meeting in the Peter Rice Homestead.

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**Christmas at the Farm Committee Members**

The planning and preparation is underway for this year's Christmas at the Farm—our biggest ever.

Whether you have a few hours now or later, we can use your help.

Please contact Bob Kane at 508-579-0658 or by e-mail: [Robert.Kane@historicmarlborough.org](mailto:Robert.Kane@historicmarlborough.org).