



The Sudbury Chronicle



President's letter

Now in its 51st year, The Sudbury Historical Society is still going and still growing. Last year was the occasion for reassessment and renewal of the Society.

First a Strategic Planning Committee met for several months to clarify goals, opportunities, challenges and resources. It was agreed that our mission is to make the history of the Sudbury Plantation come alive for the people of Sudbury. (The original Sudbury Plantation included what is now Wayland and part of Maynard.) A major challenge is to reach the young people of the town. The knowledgeable people in our membership are a major resource.

After approving the mission statement, the Board of Directors began taking steps to implement the mission. As usual, the monthly public programs for this year were planned to focus clearly on Sudbury. A budget was put in place to help maintain financial stability. A by-law review was begun last January and is now almost complete. Proposed new by-laws will be printed and made available at future monthly programs. The Society will vote on them at its annual meeting in June.

Meanwhile efforts were made to accelerate conversation with the Sudbury Schools, and to determine how the Society can be a resource for the schoolteachers. That effort is beginning to bear fruit in a project called Sudbury Through Time. A separate article tells about maps that have been produced by the Society for classroom and other uses. In late January, 2008, third grade teachers will have a workshop where they get to work with the maps and go on a brief tour of Historic Sudbury Center. Lee Swanson, Curator of the Society and Ann Barysh, Social Studies Coordinator for the Sudbury Schools K-8, will coordinate the workshop activities. This workshop will be a step towards enabling teachers to relate Sudbury history to their class activities

Peggy Fredrickson

Upcoming Program Highlights - continued on page 2

February 10 - (NOT THE 3RD) @ 2 PM RALPH ADAMS CRAM—Architect Ethan Anthony recently published “The Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram and His Office” after 10 years of research. R.A. Cram was America’s foremost Ecclesiastical Architect & a designer of St. John the Divine in New York City. R.A. Cram lived in Sudbury on Concord Road. and is buried in Sudbury next to St. Elizabeth’s Cram Chapel, which he designed. Pre Order book by calling 978-443-9638. Book signing after the presentation. Note: this is the Second Sunday in February!

March 9 - 2 PM SKINNERS’ ANTIQUE APPRAISAL EVENT— Appraiser Stuart Whitehurst will value items except for coins, stamps, jewelry or musical instruments. Only \$10 per item. Please call ahead as only 40 items can be scheduled. 978-443-3747 Note: this is the Second Sunday in March! A fun time to be had, he will be talking to the audience as he gives the appraisal, just like on TV.

NOTE ALL PROGRAMS 2PM AT SUDBURY TOWN HALL

The Sudbury Historical Society, Inc. raises awareness & appreciation for our heritage by the collection, preservation, and sharing of records and artifacts which document all aspects of daily life in the Town of Sudbury

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SUNDAY, April 6 - 2 PM THE MAYNARD FARM on Powers Road, the current owners, Carol & Barry Sheingold, (have been working hard on this) they will lead us thru the fascinating history & stories of the Maynard Family Farm, with its unique features, that even Henry David Thoreau mentions in his writings!

SUNDAY, April 20-, (Yes, Sunday) 9AM to 2 PM BLOOD DRIVE by the RED CROSS at Town Hall. Roll up your sleeves and give or help, just as was done in the 30's ,40's & 50's here. The Sudbury Companies of Militia & Minute Men will be in attendance to assist. Last year drew responses like "*I felt special, as if I had been invited to a party*", "*Best Blood Drive I had ever gone to*" We will have an Exhibit of a few artifacts from the 1940's Blood Drives here.

SUNDAY, May 4 - 2PM BUS TOUR of GREAT MEADOW & THE SUDBURY RIVER, Brian Donahue (Professor at Brandeis & Author) will guide us (plus a surprise guest) to the Billerica Dam which has had an enormous impact on farming along the river for centuries. He will engage you with an unprecedented look at how colonial farmers adapted to the challenges of New England's climate & soil and achieved a sustainable agricultural system. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE, \$15 per member, \$20 for non-members.

MEET BEHIND TOWN HALL

June 1 - 2 PM ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS & TRUSTEES, followed by "SUDBURY REMEMBERS BABE RUTH, with the owner of the Babe Ruth House, Dennis Gavin and his son, Lee, (WHO BROKE THE CURSE OF THE BOSTON RED SOX) All new stories, facts, artifacts and pictures you have never seen before. Bring your camera and meet the Big Bambino here!

SUDBURY IS SO RICH IN HISTORY, WE ONLY NEED TO LOOK WITHIN, FOR OUR PROGRAMS, WE ARE SO FORTUNATE !

All programs at the Town Hall are videotaped and broadcast on local Channel 8, we time bind what we do. DVD'S available

Sudbury Through Time

The Sudbury Historical Society, Inc. has produced a set of five maps that show SUDBURY THROUGH TIME – from the present back to 1794. The maps will be of interest to young students and adult researchers as well as to Sudbury residents who enjoy the beauty and information found in maps and who take pride and interest in the town. The set of prototype maps were made possible by a grant from the **Sudbury Cultural Council**. Immediate plans for their use include a January workshop for Sudbury's third grade teachers. Lee Swanson and Chuck Zimmer researched maps available and then selected from the Massachusetts Archives, the Sudbury Highway Department and the Town Clerk five maps to adapt for use. They show Sudbury in 2007, 1967, 1875, 1830, and 1794. Adaptation involved digitizing the maps at a resolution to allow large size reproduction, scaling the maps so that they are all to approximately the same scale, and reorienting the maps so that they all have similar north-south orientation. In addition, digital processing made them clear and interesting to read, but maintained the original styles and appearance. The prototype maps are about 24 inches wide by 30 inches high and are laminated in plastic so that they may be handled and written on with a wipe off marker.

The maps may be seen at the Society Headquarters in Upper Town Hall. Individual maps in a smaller size may be ordered in the near future and framed for personal or office display or use

A BEQUEST

Ginney Maenpaa was a SHS board member and Membership Chair for many years. Her pleasant personality, her interest in many projects of the SHS and her patience has been missed since she passed on last spring. Her attention to detail and her dependable volunteer times helped to keep the Society steady in changing times. She was generous and thoughtful about many things but often soft spoken and quiet. Thus it was not a complete surprise this winter when we got mail from an attorney, opened it up and read a letter informing the Society that Ginney's will designates a financial bequest to the Society! What a lovely and much appreciated gift that is! Such trust and hope for the Society are an inspiration to those of us who try to carry on its mission.



Such thoughtfulness is easy to accomplish. If a will is being written anyway, it doesn't cost anything to add a gift to the Society. (*Remember that the Sudbury Historical Society, Inc. is different from the Town's Historic Commission. The Society is a private non-profit corporation funded mainly by memberships and donations. The Commission is a town committee that has responsibilities for certain town owned historic properties like the Hosmer House*). Another way to give is to name the Society as a beneficiary of an IRA, or of an annuity, or an insurance policy.

Papers or memorabilia donated to the Society need to be cataloged (for a museum the term is "accessioned"). This means giving each item a number, naming and describing it, entering the information into the database, and then putting it away. Currently only three people are volunteering regularly to accession. There have been many interesting donations in the last three years - much more than two volunteers can keep up with. The result is that many donations are waiting to be accessioned. People who do accessioning find it interesting because they get to see interesting old things. Currently a person "adopts" a set of items from one source and works on that set until it is done. The volunteer sets the pace and works on his own schedule until that entire set of items has been given a "home" in the data base and on the shelves. Anyone interested in serving the community by doing some accessioning is encouraged to contact Lee Swanson at the Society (978-443-3747)

ACQUISITIONS SINCE NOVEMBER 10TH, 2005 TO JANUARY 25, 2008

Barbara Taskovics- Photographs by her father & her of Sudbury sites

Ellen Glueck-Richardson Family History; her research files on Richardson/Smith Family;

Microfilm of Experience Richardson Diary 1780's; copy 1939 Map; Pictures of Rock House.

Ritchie Family-1944 Senior Play Program; 1976 article on R.A.Cram; miscellaneous Sudbury memorabilia.

Joan Morgello-Pictures of her late family Home (behind the Gulf Station), now Chiswick Conservation area.

Cutler Family-1954 Booklet, proposed Lincoln/Sudbury Regional High School.

Susan S. Russell-Photographs of the Willis Family House & Barn on Maynard Road

Kirsten VanDijk-3 Books: The Furniture Doctor; Revolutionary N.E. 1923; American Quilts & Coverlets 1980

Ritchie Family-Collection of Reference books; magazines; articles re: design aspects for cup plates & costumes.

Betty Rose-Collection of books from the Griswold Family of Concord Road re; Material Culture & Genealogy.

Suzanne Steinbach-The Sudbury Cookbook 1950; One Wooden Tonic case from Commander Beverages.

Carlo J.Lepordo, Jr.-48 items from his service in the Korean War, (some copies) very well identified.

Peter & Bonnie Glass-2 cases for material from the Sudbury Grange #121, being held for the Grange.

An Renhult Kane & Mark Renhult-One case of Haynes Family material

Mary & Bob O'Connor-1863 Edition of "Tales of a Wayside Inn" rebound.

Debbie & Terry Keeney-modern Sudbury material-Calendar, local Menu's, etc.

Mary Jane Hillery-her file on the Korean War, including Awards.

Joe Bausk-Sudbury material on the 4th of July Parade.

Mary Jane Hillery-20 years worth of the Sudbury Citizen, Fence Viewer, & Town Crier 1960's -'80's.

Jane Arees-Photos of our 4th of July Display

Donna Porter-Papers & books with family bible from her father's house, the Enoch Kidder House.

George Moore-Curtis B. Moore Genealogy Chart; Diary of Edith A. Moore 1893

ACQUISITIONS SINCE NOVEMBER 10TH, 2005 TO JANUARY 25, 2008 CONTINUED

Richard Gnatowski-Stearns/Pratt's Grist/Saw Mill Fore bay Water Control Gear

Brian McNamara-1935 Horticulture Magazines (17); 1939 Sudbury Newspaper articles; piece of beam signed "his wife Sarah A. Walker fixed up this room in November 1934" from the Walker Farm.

Princeton Historical Society-Collection of 32 Documents from the Smith Family of Sudbury, 1820's to 1866 via Bud Brook

Sudbury Historic Commission-Photographs of the Wayside Inn., & 4 cases from the John Powers Collection

Ursula Lyons-Game of Sudbury, a Monopoly like game 1970's, by the Sudbury Kiwanis Club.

Ann Griswold Campbell-Watercolor of the Hearse House, 1940's.

Mary Ellen Hoover-One wooden spool turned Doll Bed, 1860's.

Nancy Vanderslice-Two full 750ml Wine bottles, 1999, History of Sudbury fired on w/image of Grist Mill.

Maria Von Brincken- Sudbury Historic Town Center Study, 25 maps, proposals, surveys, done for Radcliff.

Edna Story-Collection from her late husband Lawrence, manager of Featherland Farm.

Ritchie Family-Books, papers, & photos from the her role as former SHS Curator.

Peter Harvell-Sudbury Veteran's Agent-gift of 1896 bronze Revolutionary War Grave marker now obsolete.

Barbara Robinson-Matted Color Photo of Mildred Tallant & color postcard of Sudbury Center w/Stocks.

Bill Schecter LSRHS, copy of his book of poems 'Water Row'; & "the 40th Anniversary Commemoration book.

Ritchie Family-How Coat of Arms repro; History of Boxborough; 1891 Incorporation of Sudbury booklet, etc.

Richard Moore-Picture of Curtis Moore (Grandfather of our George); Civil War Tin Type of a soldier.

Janet Johnson-Part of the Leona Johnson Sudbury Archives Collection; plus material culture of the 1890's;

Including a large oil painting of Ausuable Lake, N.Y. (Hudson River style) 1880's.

Martha S. Reid of the Peter Noyes PTO-An original Game of Sudbury (1983); plus the 2006 edition.

Joseph M. Angelo Santo-Long handled Tithing Basket from the Maria S.S. Indulgence Society Chapel.

Evelyn Morris-35mm Color Slides of Wayside Inn 1955-1958.

Jane P. Bouley-1930 Kodak pictures of Wayside Inn & outer buildings, with decorative frame around image.

William Andreas-Booklet of the Complaint & Petition 1859 on the condition of the Sudbury River; Photo of Babe Ruth and his daughter at chicken coop @ Home Plate (name of his home) 1923. & a Sudbury Laboratory Soil Test Kit.

Marjorie Siegel---Horn book ticket & badge to the Sudbury Bicentennial Ball.(1976)

Littleton Historical Society-32 postcards of Town Hall w/Stocks; 49 postcards Wadsworth Monument 1966-8

Anonymous-59 items belonging to Elizabeth Atkinson, articles, photos, pamphlets, books, year book.

Paula Adelson-Background books Bill used to write "Town Meeting Tonight"(1989), scripts, music scores.

Kathleen M. Nauss-Photo of Forrest Bradshaw's house on Maple Ave. 1880's

Edward E. Kreitsek-copy of "B is for BUDDY" the Buddy Dog book of Letters (and history)

Paula Adelson-11 cassette tapes of songs from "Town Meeting Tonight"(1989) & floppies of the Show.

Kirstin Lynde-School Desk (1880's) & Pull Fire Box from the South Sudbury School, Massasoit Ave.

Phil Simpson-Framed Richardson Family Genealogy & photos.

Pamela B. Strauss-One wrought iron thumb latch, Bean design, retrieved from Wayside Inn after 1955 fire.

Elin & Larry Neiterman-8 b&w photo's of Wayside Inn & buildings (1926).

Donald Soule-Scenery design material from his work with the Nickerson Theater/Chiswick Theater.

Joan Johnson-Sudbury Laboratory Brochure, 1950's.

David Levington- 2 framed Awards for his work in Sudbury.

Curt Garfield-Raymond & Smith Families Photo Albums.

Linda Muri-Framed copy of her Grandfathers Membership in the Ku Klux Klan 1926, and future loan of his robe for exhibit.

**The above is just a hint of the TREASURES we have acquired, waiting to be accessioned.
To create future exhibits here and in public places with these pieces to educate.**

CURATORS MEANDERINGS

Hi ! It has been while since my last words with you, we have a lot to report.

To honor our two interns from Japan (1999-2000); Noriko Konosu & Taka Morita who both gave money, we have purchased all our supplies for putting our Textile Collection to bed. Large acid-free cases, acid free tissue paper (buffered & unbuffered), and labels for the cases. All the labels for the cases will be titled "THE NORIKO KONOSU TEXTILE STORAGE" then the accession numbers under the title. It was due to Noriko's gift that we were able to purchase these supplies. We will need caring help to photograph the collection, and lay it rest in their boxes. We have purchased 2 bright yellow rolling steel scaffolding, which Chuck Zimmer has adapted with shelves to allow us to place all our unaccessioned items on them, + our Sudbury Newspaper Morgue, then we roll them between the permanent shelves in the storage cube, for storage when the exhibit floor has a display. The Rolling Shelves will have a Large Name Plate on either end "THE MORITA MOVING COMPANY" as Taka has given us the money thru the years to purchase these, and Taka helped SHS & my family so much while he was here moving stuff, that he called himself by that name ! *Lee Swanson*

SUDBURY DAY 2007 & VOLUNTEERS

wherein we had chosen Japan to have as our Island Theme, was rained out early for us in September, a 40 mile an hour wind, kept lifting up our new canopy and 2 members had to hold it down, with slanting heavy rain, and other peoples tents flying overhead, we decided to fold up our tent and go softly into dryer environs. As everything we had to sell or display was paper, we couldn't afford to destroy our display or merchandise. Within an hour the sun came out, and visitors could not figure out why we were not there!

VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR LIFE BLOOD

Below are the High School Volunteers/Interns that have helped since the last Newsletter or were not thanked before. We thank them!

On page 6 are more Interns & regular Volunteers who keep us going.



JASON BENDEL, SUDBURY STUDENT
For 50+hours in 2004, helped organize our tools, and hardware, plus painting.



Weston HS Seniors Liz Feigenbaum, for 53 hours in '06, & David Kucherlapati for 29 hours in '06



Sydney Maki, LSRHS, Freshman
had just moved to town, and helped for 41 hours in July–August '06

INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS CONTINUED



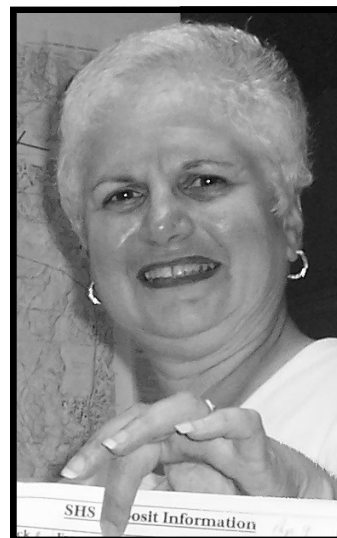
MICHEAL PEARSON, Intern-
Graduate of LSRHS, JUNIATA
College Freshman, '07, 163 hours



AARON LEVINE, Graduate of
LSRHS. Two years he Interned '04
for 43.+hours, then came back in '05
for 41+ hours, with longer hair.



MADELINE LEE.
LSRHS GRADUATE &
INTERN, '04.'05, & '07
HELPED OUT 30 HOURS
OVER 3 YEARS.



MARY TRUBIANO
Membership, Accessioning,
Organizer, fantastic person to
work with.



**CHUCK
ZIMMER
TECH WHIZ
1,000's and 1,000's of
hours**

**ELIN
NEITERMAN**
SHE MOVES TOO FAST TO
TAKE A PICTURE OF,
Super Mom, and can do any-
thing here !

We will have more pictures the next issue, we want to thank **ERNIE BEER** for faithfully coming in every Monday, and without **Chuck Zimmer** we would still be in the dark ages technologically. The President, **Peggy Fredrickson** practically lives here, and is appreciated by all.

CORPORATE PROPERTY DONATIONS THANKS

Chris Hoaglin for a Dell Computer Tower with 40gb hard drive,, 2 GHz processor, 512 mb ram, that he designed as our Server.

Liz Carnahan for a RCA vhs Video Camera, and all the accessories & a Regina Upright Vacuum Cleaner.

Peggy Fredrickson for a Panasonic DVD player & 8 canvas utility bins.

Anthony Howes for Cannon Digital 3.3 Camera and accessories

Debbie & Terry Keeney for a Compaq LN16 Laser Printer & 2 toners

Mary Ellen & Stewart Hoover for a Samsung Sync Master 900p 19" Color

We thank member, **Elin Neiterman**, for enabling the society to receive 6 improved computers for our operation. Elin uses Intensecure, Inc. in Northborough , to maintain her family's computers.

The company (<http://www.intensecuregroup.com/onsiteservice.htm>)

or 508-229-0616 generously donated 6 refurbished Dell computers to the society to replace our older, obsolete machines. We thank Intensecure for their donation and ask members to consider them for PC service. They offer maintenance plans for all levels of users.

We did not have any one guess or know where the stone structure was located from the Vol.7, # 1 Edition, it is the Generator Stone Building, built as a small scale version of the Wayside Inn Grist Mill on the Hop Brook near Peakham Road. Built by a strong son of the Johnston Lumber Mill owner, it generated Electricity for limited use in the 1930's.



**Donor BILL
ANDREAS**

Holding a rare complete Sudbury Laboratory Soil Test Kit. The Lab was the benefactor of the Sudbury Foundation.



**ANN D. BARYSH, SUDBURY K-8 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM
COORDINATOR SHOWING OFF OUR MAPS TO ALL THE 3RD GRADE TEACHERS
JANUARY 23RD, 2008**

"SUDBURY THROUGH TIME" REPORT

As you see from the above Photograph, taken by SHS Secretary Ursula Lyons, the big meeting with all the 3rd Grade teachers in the Sudbury Public School System happened, and was very successful. We want to thank Ursula Lyons & Trustee Jacqui Bausk for the wonderful refreshments they put together, as forewarned the teachers were hungry, as it was a half day.

Ann D. Barysh presented the proposed program to 19 teachers after they had enjoyed the repast. The teachers were very attentive and interested in the program, and really started to see the possibilities when our 5 Maps were unveiled for them, and I described how they might be used. As most 3rd Grade students have an idea of where they live, they would find their approximate house location on a 2007 Sudbury Map, then go back in Time to 1967, then jump back to 1875 (which is a property map, with owners names of houses), then another jump back to 1830 (a property map), then the final jump back to 1794 (not a property map, just roads). Along the way they would be drawn into what existed here or did not. (no recreational sports fields in 1875, like today). The map reading skills that can be taught by these maps is mind boggling, and the information gained is amazing. And as hoped, the teachers were very enthused about the possibilities once each school had a set of the maps.

We then took an abbreviated walk outside to take an overview of the sites we would be visiting with each Third Grade: Heritage Park; the Loring Parsonage; 1st Parish; the Revolutionary Cemetery; and ending up at the Town Pound. This part was all part of Maria von Brincken's Original Sudbury Center Historic Trail Project, that we took on years ago, and now an aspect of this will be happening. The school administration is behind this project, and hopefully the funding by a local foundation will happen, and after 10 years of working with the schools this will become reality. Lee Swanson-Curator/Archivist

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Ethan Anthony will speak on Ralph Adams Cram

On Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008 @ 2PM
(note change in date from Feb 3 due to Presidential Primary Elections at Town Hall on Feb.5)
the Sudbury Historical Society will welcome back Concord Architect, Ethan Anthony, whose recent book features the world famous architect, **Ralph Adams Cram**, and his works.

On left- Ralph Adams Cram at CRAM Chapel in Sudbury