



# Sudbury Historical Society, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER



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### Greetings

Welcome to the Millennium and First Edition of the Sudbury Historical Society Newsletter! So many changes and activities have taken place and are being planned by the SHS Trustees that this bulletin seemed the logical way to keep our members informed. It's far from perfect, but it is a timely beginning.

The Officers and/or Trustees welcome your comments and suggestions for future newsletters. If anyone has news to contribute or would like to help with the next issue, please contact SHS co-presidents Ursula Lyons (978-443-9638) or Lee Swanson at the SHS number (978-443-3747). *See page 4 for list of Officers and Trustees.*

May the New Year 2000 be an especially Happy, Healthy, and Safe one for all of you.

*Ursula Lyons, Editor*

**DATE CHANGE:** January 9 meeting rescheduled to JANUARY 16, 2:00 P.M., @ Goodnow Library

### What's Happening at Town Hall Second Floor

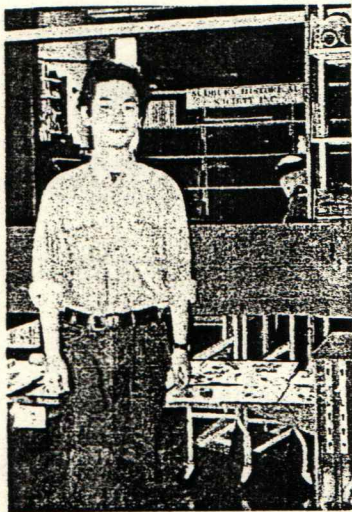
For the first time on record, the Sudbury Historical Society has a real home, with a street address instead of just a P.O. Box! Until this past fall, SHS acquisitions have been stored in the Loring parsonage second-floor room as well as in attics and basements all over Sudbury, thanks to many SHS members and friends. The Goodnow Library also has been a depository for many Historical Society donations. Now, thanks to many volunteers and the curatorial guidance of SHS co-president Lee Swanson and his able assistant, Japanese Intern, Takayuki Morita (see below), the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor has begun to look like an organized repository of historical artifacts, if not like a museum. Although much has been accomplished already, including an activated security system, there is much that needs to be done. Currently, Taka and Lee are focusing on organizing what is actually at Town Hall, especially a collection of Native American artifacts. It's an exciting time, and Lee and Taka welcome members to come and volunteer your help, or think about donating an item of historical value. For more information, call Ursula Lyons at 443-9638.

### Meet "Taka" at Town Hall

Since Labor Day, when he first arrived in Sudbury, Takayuki Morita, 31, selected for a year-long Archivist Internship program, has been working under the guidance of SHS co-president Lee Swanson in the new headquarters of the SHS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Town Hall (see above).

city and has also worked as an archives assistant and a supervisor of historical document preservation and management. A member of the Japan Society of Archives Institutions (JSAI), Taka hopes "to acquire an Archivist License and to promote alternative archival methods in Japan."

Friendly and eager to help out in any way, he has attended all SHS trustees meetings and helped with our fall programs. His English is "coming along" as is what he has already accomplished in such a short time. Taka lives in Sudbury with his host family, David and Jeannette McLellan and their three children. He "loves the Sudbury area and American food" and would enjoy practicing his English in social settings also. So please welcome Taka, if you see him, and invite him to lunch or dinner! You can usually reach Taka from 9-5 weekdays at 978-443-3747.



Taka, as he likes to be called, comes from Aichi, Japan. Most recently, Taka managed a copy store in his native



## SHS Program Schedule – Winter 2000

Our 1999–2000 Program season has already featured four very successful and entertaining programs. Beginning with a members-only “**Antique Appraisal Night**,” compliments of Stuart Whitehurst, Skinner Galleries, Bolton, which was followed by a **Hometown Ghosts** multimedia presentation in October, a preview of Town Historian Curt Garfield’s **History of Sudbury: 1890–1989** in November, and a festive **December Holiday** party with the Sudbury Historical Commission. Special thanks to Lyn Maclean and the Historical Commission for providing the magnificently decorated Hosmer House for the party.

**Sunday, JANUARY 16:** 2 P.M. Goodnow Library. **ANTIQUÉ TOYS & DOLLS.** Sudbury resident, author, lecturer, collector and dealer, Dorothy McGonagle will share some of her knowledge and show some of her collection. Bring your old favorites, too!

**Sunday, FEBRUARY 6:** 2 P.M. Goodnow Library. **THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN SUDBURY.** Long-time resident and music educator, Maxine Yarbrough will introduce us to the background of the times (1830s–1870s) and some of the local area houses that were part of the **slaves’** escape route.

**Sunday, MARCH 5:** 2 P.M. Sudbury Town Hall. **OLD HOUSES: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ORIGINALS AND REPRODUCTIONS.** Nick Langhart, Editor of *Antique Homes Journal*, will be our featured speaker. Slides of Sudbury homes will complement the program.

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## What Else is Happening with SHS?

The Sudbury Historical Society Trustees have, regretfully, accepted the resignations of **Maria von Brincken** and **Ken Ritchie** as SHS Trustees. Both have made significant contributions to the SHS:

Maria invigorated the Society with her call for a new Mission Statement and her carefully detailed plan for a well-marked History Trail in Sudbury Town Center. She also served as Secretary. Maria will remain as the coordinator for the History Trail and will be working with the new Town Manager on a

“Master Plan” for the Town Center. If anyone would like to assist Maria by researching Town records and other documents, please call her at 978-443-4540.

Ken followed his wife Harriet when he became a Trustee in the early ’80s. He also served as Treasurer and President, as well as on many committees, most recently as Chairman of the Bylaw Committee. His dedication, willingness to help, and his “constructive criticisms” will be especially missed.

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## SHS Bylaws Revised

Trustee Betty Bishop has graciously agreed to become the new chairman of the Bylaw Committee and has been working on the most recent revisions to the SHS Bylaws. She will present the final revisions draft for Trustees’ approval at the next Trustees’ meeting in January.

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## Other Events Coming Up in the Area

- ▶ **Wednesday, January 19** - 7:30 PM, Wayland Public Library’s Raytheon Room: Wayland Barns, presented by George Lewis (also an SHS member).
- ▶ **Friday, February 11** - 8:00 PM, First Parish Church, Wayland Center: Musicians of the Old Post Road present the Elements: Air, Water, Fire, Earth. Admission Fee for nonmembers is \$17.00. Reception will follow.
- ▶ **Wednesday, March 15** - 7:30 PM, Wayland Public Library’s Raytheon Room: Violin Making in America. Wayland resident Marilyn Wallin, violinist and former director of violin making at the North Bennet Street School in Boston, will be the featured speaker.



## Looking Ahead to September 2000

Plans are under way for a Special Tribute at the Goodnow Library, beginning September 12, to a very special woman.

Sudbury's own treasure, the late E. Helene Sherman, noted illuminator and artist, will be honored by an exhibit of her life and works on what would be her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. A long-time Sudbury resident, "Miss Sherman" was admired and respected by all who met her and were fortunate to view her works—one of her last being the official flag of Sudbury, now on display in the Great Room of the Massachusetts State House

After the exhibit, The Sudbury Historical Society is looking forward to becoming the recipient of some of her illuminated drawings, which have been meticulously framed and will be shown for the first time at the exhibit.

If anyone has a remembrance of Miss Sherman and would be willing to loan the item(s) for the exhibit, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Ursula Lyons (443-9638) for more information.



## SHS Wish List

*If anyone knows where the SHS can find more office or computer furniture in good condition, such as 6-foot folding tables, moveable office chairs, 2- or 4-drawer legal or letter-size file cabinets, please call 978-443-3747 (SHS Office at Town Hall).*

## Advance Orders being Taken for New History Book



Sudbury's Town Historian Curt Garfield's latest book, *History of Sudbury: 1890-1989*, is the long-awaited sequel to Hudson's *History of Sudbury*. Unlike the latter book, the former has been aptly described as "highly readable" and has received advance praise from other selected previewers, such as Goodnow Library Director William Talentino, and former Town Manager Steve Ledoux. Since the author's presentation to the Sudbury Historical Society in November, when he put faces and personalities on otherwise dry facts and dates, and injected them with his own homespun style, several orders have already been pre-paid. After publication in June 2000, pre-purchasers will be notified about times and places to pick up the book. The first four hundred casebound presentation copies, signed and numbered, will be accompanied by a complimentary 2"x10" print of the Wayside Inn.

Garfield's book may be ordered at the pre-publication price of \$25 plus \$1.25 Mass. Sales Tax, for a total of \$26.25. Books will be mailed for an additional charge of \$3. Payment must accompany order. To order, fill out the form below and sent it with payment (checks should be made out to Sudbury Historical Society) to:  
**History Book Order, Sudbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 233, Sudbury, MA 01776.**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ copies of SUDBURY: 1890-1989 by Curt Garfield

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of check enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





Sudbury Town Hall  
New Home of Sudbury Historical Society

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## *Sudbury Historical Society Officers & Trustees - 1999—2000*

**Co-Presidents:** Ursula Lyons and Lee Swanson

**Treasurer:** June Allen

**Secretary/Clerk:** Sheila Mackinnon

**Trustees as of January 2000:** Clay Allen, June Allen, Elizabeth Bishop, Edwin Blackey, Margaret Fredrickson, Curt Garfield, Victor Guethlin, Robert Gottberg, Ursula Lyons, Sheila Mackinnon, Jonathan Swain, Lee Swanson, Patricia Walsh, Victor Walsh

### *Special Thanks to:*

All the Trustees and many members who have volunteered to help in various areas, such as mailings, programs and refreshments, the Senior Men's Group who helped in the move from Loring Parsonage to Town Hall, and the Sudbury Fife and Drum Companies who recently moved "stuff" from the basement of Town Hall to the Balcony of same, and to Carole Flynn who volunteered invaluable help in the layout and typing of this newsletter. If you signed up to help and have not been called, please call Ursula Lyons at 978-443-9638.

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*Mail Book Orders and Checks to:*

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