

Glocester Heritage Newsletter

APRIL 2017

Meeting News

Our March 20th meeting was held at 7:00pm at the Job Armstrong Store. Stacy Swift, member and volunteer observer for the National Weather service for forty-seven years, gave a demonstration on antique weather instruments. Members and guests were full of questions and Stacey enthusiastically answered them all. Thank you, Stacey, for a great job.

At the April meeting we put together the plans for June 10th at the Reuben Mason House to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the Dorr Rebellion here in Chepachet.

At the May 15th meeting, we will further our plans for the Anniversary events. It will be held at the Job Armstrong Store at 7:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON June 10th, the URI Master Gardeners will be joining us at the Reuben Mason House as part of the 175th Anniversary of the Dorr Rebellion. The Glocester Heritage Society will have garden plants, plantings native to the area and more for sale. The Master Gardeners will be available for plant identification, soil analysis or planting advice from 9 to noon.

Additionally, we are planning our first "Vintage, Antique Furniture and Collectible Sale" to be held from 9:00 am to 2:00pm. For this event, we are asking our members to help us out. So, take a look in your attic or basement and let us know if you have an item for us to sell as part of this fundraising event. We will arrange for a drop-off time at the Reuben Mason House. **No electronics or tag/yard sale items.**

You can call me at 568-7347, Charlie Wilson at the Town Trader at 568-8800 or Edna Kent at 568-8967.

Also, as part of our fundraising efforts, when the new Town Pavilion dedication is held, the GHS will be organizing tours of the Reuben Mason House and Gardens.

Future tours of the historic district are being planned, with more information on dates and times.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at our events and meetings with a drawing to be held in September. Prizes will include lottery tickets, a cash prize, liquor basket and gift certificates from local businesses.

Stop by the next meeting if you have any ideas for fundraising.

Grants

We have been submitting grants for upgrades to the Reuben Mason House. If you have driven by lately, you can see it needs some painting. Some of the grants require us to match their funds. We are using the grant from The Gregson Family for this purpose. This grant, that Rose LaVoie arranged for us, enabled the GHS to paint three interior rooms which are now suitable for tours. Also, Edna Kent went before the Town Budget hearings and was able to procure \$2500.00 to assist in matching grant funds if the budget is approved. Additionally, her request for a legislative grant from the General Assembly was accepted by Senator Fogarty's office.

Endowment Fund

The Gloucester Heritage Society and the Family of Rose LaVoie would like to thank our members and friends for their generous donations to the GHS Endowment Fund in Memory of Rose LaVoie. Rose always encouraged support of the Endowment Fund. A donation in the amount of \$2274.00 was made in her name by the following: Pauline & Harry Anderson, Lucille & Bernard Barrette, Rick & Deb Bauer, Margot Clark & Family, Bill & Carole Ducharme, Gloucester Lions Club, Gloucester Housing Authority, Leo & Bradford Gunner, Doris Hill & Catherine Fox, Ruth Hopkins, Carol Hudson, Inland Marine, Edward Lange & Family, Bessie Lindenbaum, Norma & Dave Lohr, Ann Lowell, Donald & Sandra Lutz, Richard & Gail McMullen, Janice Notorantonio, Marge Peterson, James & Lucille Peterson, Michael & Doreen Pezza, Frank Pfeiffer, Dan Ribeiro, Roland & Lillian Rivet, Astrid Stott, Marie Sweet, Marjorie & Stacy Swift, Celeste & Dennis Therriault, Beverly Walton, Pamela Waterman, Constance Worthington & Terry Tullis.

Thank you again for your generous donations.

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Submitted by

Marie Sweet, President