

THE FOXBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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November meeting features:

“Historical Look at Clutter”



“We might need it someday”

The November meeting of the Foxborough Historical Society features member **Dave Downs** looking at the causes of clutter in our lives. In an earlier program Dave focused on the consequences of clutter – and how clutter takes over our lives. We inherited the object from a loved one, it just needs a little repair... and so on.” These are just a few reasons why we find it so hard to let go. Participants will leave the presentation recognizing why they acquire certain items. We can’t resist bargains, sales, yard sales; we buy and receive gifts we don’t really want.” We are consuming twice as much as we did just forty years ago. Americans spend four times as much time shopping as Western Europeans! They will hopefully reverse the tendency to bury themselves in “treasures!” The meeting takes place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24 at 7:30 pm in the lower level of the Boyden Library. Please enter the Baker Street entrance. Parking is available under the library or on nearby streets and around Foxborough Common. Do not park in the Aubuchon lot. All events of the Foxborough Historical Society are free and everyone is welcome.

There is still Time to Renew Your Membership for 2015-2016

This is your third notice to renew. Use the form that was included with the September newsletter and mail it in or bring it to the next meeting on Tuesday, November 26. Membership is from September 1st to August 31st of each year.

Thank you for your support.

Family = \$10.00 Individual = \$8.00

A list of paid members will appear in the January 2016 newsletter.

THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER STATUE RETURNS

For those who were unable to be there when he returned are now able to see the video that captured his return, thanks to Michael Webber and volunteers Paul Gookin, Deb Wendell and Paul Godin. The video edited by Michael may be seen on Foxboro Cable Access and also on fcatv.org



On Thursday November 5th 2015, our “Silent Sentinel”, the Civil War soldier statue was returned after an absence of 17 months. Sal Pizzano is seen in the bucket Guiding the statue into place atop Memorial Hall. The statue was carved by a member of the family 53 years ago and was recently restored by the same family.

The photo on the left shows the statue on the truck shortly after returning to Foxborough from the Pizzano woodworking shop that is located in Boston. Many people were happy to see him again.

Photos by
Carolyn Godin



Restoration Donation Sources

Individuals -----	\$2,707
Organizations -----	\$6,750
Civil War Grant -----	\$5,000
Total	\$14,457

Memorial Hall is open every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
and the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon.

50 Years Ago in Foxborough
(Extracted from the Foxboro Reporter)

November 1965

- . 200 bed CD disaster hospital unit acquired.
- . Seek two weeks vacation for Town employees.
- . Three more men enlist in the U. S. Navy; no draft card burners here.
- . Foxborough High School A Capella Choir receives honors.
- . Tax collections over two million dollars.

December 1965

- . Foxborough Youth Center is fast becoming a reality.
- . Dedicate restored Legion quarters this Saturday.
- . What makes Town tick told to thin audience at Foxborough High School.
- . 80 pupils getting music lessons weekly.
- . Clergymen of various faiths attend installation of Rev. Gerry Symonds at Bethany Congregational Church.
- . He creates for 1966: Homer M. White, artist.
- . \$100,000 Federal Grant for new Foxborough library.
- . Court Carolers again bring Christmas cheer.

Other Happenings in the Area

Nov. 17 - 7:00 pm - Norton Historical Society - Boston Post came

Nov. 19 - 7:00 pm - N. Attleboro Historical Society - ***PLEASE NOTE THE DATE, TIME AND VENUE CHANGE:*** Laura Johnson of Historic New England will tell us of "The Jewelry Hub of the World". Through her research, Laura will highlight how the Attleborough area and Providence were the centers to the jewelry industry. This will be held at the Attleboro Industrial Museum in conjunction with the Attleboro Preservation Society.

November 22 – 10:00 - 3:00 pm – N. Attleboro Historical Society - Christmas Fair and Open House. Santa is scheduled to visit the schoolhouse from 11:00 - 2:00 and will be available for pictures.

Nov. 23 - 6:30 pm - Riverside Library, 475 Bullocks Pt. Blvd., E. Providence, RI
6:30pm - History of Riverside

Dec. 2 - 7:00 pm - Johnston Historical Society, 101 Putnam Pike - "Newport Lighthouse Keeper Ida Lewis"

Dec. 3 - 7:00 pm - Old Colony Historical Society - "Creepy Christmas"

Dec. 3 - 6:30 pm - Riverside Library, 475 Bullocks Pt. Blvd., E. Providence, RI - "The Dark Rides of Crescent Park"

Dec. 5 - 4:00 to 8:00 pm - Old Colony Historical Society Lights On Festival

Dec. 6 - 1:00 to 4:00 pm - Open House at Wrentham Museum, Old Fisk Library.

Dec. 6 - 2:00 pm - Blackstone Valley Historical Society – "Tracing Early Settlers of Albion, RI"

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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 26, 2016**