



The Jones River Village Historical Society

WINTER 2010

NEWSLETTER

Kingston, Massachusetts

2010 ANNUAL MEETING

An Archaeology Update!

We are happy to report that the Society's Annual Meeting, held at the Hilltop Club on January 23rd of this new year was a festive and informative occasion, attended by some 70 members and guests. After dinner and reports on the state of our Society and the election of Officers, and other Board members for the coming year, we heard a most interesting presentation by our Archaeological Consultant, Boston University Professor Mary Beaudry. Professor Beaudry provided a detailed report on our on-going Kingston Community Preservation Act funded assessment of the artifacts, excavated at the Bradford Homestead in the 1970's. We are very pleased about the progress of this important and long over-due project and enjoyed hearing some early conclusions about the history and early development of the Homestead property.

Professor Beaudry also reported that the processing of nearly all of the boxes of artifacts brought to the Boston University Archaeology Laboratory from Plimoth Plantation has been completed, including the washing and dry brushing of objects, the cataloguing of materials after cleaning as well the entry of catalogue information into the computer database. Materials remaining at Plimoth Plantation will be collected in February. Once these objects have been cleaned, catalogued and recorded, preliminary analyses will be performed and a general description of the overall artifact assemblage will be prepared. A digital archive of all of the black-and-white photography from the site work has also been created, the last step in the digitizing of the photographic and paper records from the excavations. Professor Beaudry's presentation at the Annual Meeting described the overall progress of the project, outlined some of her preliminary ideas about how the 1970's excavations were conducted and how to interpret the features the excavators explored during their two field sessions at the site. You will receive further up-dates as this important work progresses and is brought to conclusion. Kingston Community Preservation Act funding has made this archaeological reconstruction, research and documentation possible and the result will be an important addition to the records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Historical Commission on all such historic resources in the state.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SPRING POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday, April 3, 2010

Hilltop Club, Kingston

Program: Award-winning author

Diane Rapaport

will speak on her latest book

The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and

Controversies from the Courts of

Colonial New England

Further details and invitation to come!

BACK ROADS OF THE SOUTH SHORE

HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Summer Folk: The Story of

Tourism in the South Shore

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Allerton Hall, Church of The Pilgrimage

8 Town Square, Plymouth

10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)

See inside for more details!

ATTIC DAY AT THE

BRADFORD HOMESTEAD

Saturday, June 12, 2010

As you do your spring cleaning,

put aside those treasures,

rent a table and sell them

at the Bradford Homestead.

There will be food for purchase

and other offerings.

Stay tuned for further details!

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(As presented and voted at Annual Meeting, January 23, 2010)

PLEASE NOTE!

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2010, please do so as soon as possible so that we may present updated information in our forthcoming Membership Directory. The 2010 Directory is now being prepared for printing and will be available at the Annual Spring Dinner or by mail thereafter.

We hope you will renew your commitment to the JRVHS for the coming year!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Friday, September 17, 2010

JRVHS will be visiting

The Whaling Museum

and

Historic New Bedford

Please also remember our

SUMMER-LONG SILENT AUCTION!

Beginning with the first Breakfast, July 11, 2010

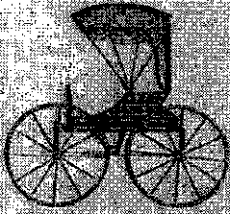
Our Silent Auction has proven to be a very popular and successful event that has become a true fund-raiser for the JRVHS.

Please call us with your donations.

(Norman P. Tucker: 781-582-9459)

Your contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

Wander the
**BACK
ROADS**
of the
SOUTH SHORE



*Hidden History
from Boston
to Plymouth*

www.southshorebackroads.org/

**"Summer Folk:
The Story of Tourism on the South Shore"**

Saturday, April 10, 2010
Allerton Hall, Church of the Pilgrimage
8 Town Square Plymouth

The South Shore has been a favorite destination for summer travelers for generations. Local historians will present a series of mini-lectures on the area's "summer folk", examining the delights of seaside visiting over the years and the rise of modern tourism in the region. Re-visit the grand hotels that once adorned our coast, remember the summer estates of the wealthy, many now vanished, and rekindle memories of family vacations to South Shore beaches, ponds and woodlands. Sponsored by Backroads of the South Shore, a local consortium of small historical societies and museums. \$15 admission includes breakfast refreshments.

Reservations are recommended.

Check the Backroads website
www.southshorebackroads.org or call your
Society's President, Norman P. Tucker at
781.582.9459.

"Pique of the Week"

Check out the Kingston Public Library's Local History blog "Pique of the Week" at www.piqueoftheweek.wordpress.com for posting of any information and images from the collections of the Jones River Village Historical Society housed in the Library's Local History Room.

For more information, contact Town Archivist and JRVHS Historical Committee Chair, Susan Aprill at 781.585.0517.

If you missed it.....

You may still purchase a copy of our 100th Anniversary Exhibition Catalogue, *The Jones River Village Historical Society- Celebrating Our Centennial ~ 1909-2009*

\$5.00 a copy plus a mailing fee of \$2.00

Please make your check payable to JRVHS in the amount of \$7.00 and send to JRVHS, PO Box 22, Kingston, MA 02364

New Bradford House Pottery!

JRVHS is also pleased to offer our new collection of *Westerwald Bradford House Pottery*, Including the JRVHS Anniversary plate, Bradford House pitchers, crocks And a batter bowl.

Pottery will be on display and available for purchase at the Annual Spring Potluck Dinner on April 3, 2010

JRVHS MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!

THERE WILL BE A CONCERT
"BOOKIN' IT TO BROADWAY"

BY OUR SOCIETY'S DEAR FRIEND
AND FAVORITE PERFORMER
AND KINGSTON'S OWN

FRAN BOTELHO-HOEG

-also featuring Bill Alberti and
accompanist Meri-Lee Mafera

March 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Silver Lake Regional Middle School

*This concert will benefit the newly formed
Kingston Public Library Foundation and introduce
The Library's Piggy Bank Project.*

Tickets: Adults \$20. ~ Seniors and Students \$15.

Tickets may be purchased at the Library. Reservations: call 781.585.3991.

For more information on this event and the Foundation,
visit the Library's web-site at www.kingstonpubliclibrary.org.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.JRVHS.ORG**

Our Mission: The Jones River Village Historical Society works to collect, preserve and educate the public about the history of the town of Kingston. It makes its collections accessible through exhibitions, research assistance and educational programs and lectures. It also preserves, protects and maintains the Society's headquarters, the Major John Bradford Homestead.