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## SEPTEMBER SPECIAL: A note from the program committee:

For our first meeting this year we will have a bus trip to historical sites in Scituate on Sunday, September 25. Our tour guide will be Mrs. Elliot Laidlaw who is President of the Scituate Historical Society. Our first stop will be at the Old Oaken Bucket Homestead and Well where they now have a small museum of Sam Woodworth's works.

Other places of interest are the Lawson Tower, the Mann Farmhouse where Spanish gold was found, the Cudworth House and Barn, the Stockbridge Mill and the Lighthouse at the harbor.

We will visit as many as possible in the time available and will leave for home at about five o'clock. A donation of \$2.00 per person is requested to cover expenses.

The bus will leave South High School at 12:45 p.m. Please call Sharon Clarke at 337-2044 by Wednesday, September 21, so that we may get some idea of how many will be going.

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OCTOBER OPPORTUNITY: Notice the date! October 23. Sunday. This will be a change from our usual meeting and will give you all a chance to see the new electronic model of Weymouth which is now fully operational. It will be moved from the North High School to the Museum where the educational program for the fourth grades in Weymouth schools will continue with volunteer guides under the direction of one of our members, Priscilla Johnsen. The Open House will be at Tufts Library main building in the Museum from 2 to 5p.m. This model has a sound and light show that has no equal on the South Shore. So come--one and all! Have you seen the "Merchants of Weymouth" exhibit? There's also a new one depicting some of Weymouth's social history.

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NOVEMBER NOTICE: We'll cover some new ground in November as we take a walking tour of Boston the easy way--by slides. Be sure to put the enclosed program card in a prominent place and also mark the dates on your calendar. It will be an interesting year ahead and we want all of you to enjoy it together.

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THANK YOU, MR. JOHN RODOLPH: We hope you all have seen the wonderful restoration work that is being done on the former Pratt School. It was sold by the town and is being made into condominiums by the Joslyn Associates of South Weymouth. One of our members, Ed Walker, gave them much assistance by researching the original blueprints and the exterior is being restored to its original appearance. There was a cornerstone opening ceremony during the summer and a container of copper was found to hold two 1906 Weymouth Gazettes and the minutes of the committee which was responsible for the building of the school. These were presented to Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk, and will be on exhibit later at the main library.

A special feature of the ceremony for us was the gift of \$200 to the Weymouth Historical Society. We are very grateful to Mr. Rodolph and the Joslyn Associates.

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IN MEMORIAM

Angela May Craig

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A MESSAGE TO YOU ALL: The Treasurer wishes to thank the members who have sent in their dues during the summer and especially those who have included an extra amount in donations to the Society. It is much appreciated. If family groups need extra membership cards, please let me know. Thanks!

Eleanor.

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: It is a pleasure to have the following members join us:

Mrs. Lynn Danner  
M/M Roland Martick (Patricia)  
Mrs. Hope Paterson

132 Webb St., W. 02188  
21 Pearl St., N.W. 02191  
169 Academy Ave., W. 02188

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BITS AND PIECES: We hope you have been over to see the beautiful paint job at the former Jefferson School. It was made possible by a grant and was done by experts in the restoration field.

Museum hours for the winter will be established soon and will be announced at the meetings. Don Cormack and Chet Kevitt will be happy to hear from all you would-be guides.

Please don't forget that our first two meetings will be on Sundays.

We hope you all had wonderful summers--hot but wonderful!

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Editors