



# Weymouth Historical Society

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## FIFTH ANNUAL BAKELESS BAKE SALE

A bit of news we have today  
a bakeless sale is on the way.  
For these busy days now who could bake  
pies or cookies or even a cake?  
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost  
of material, heat and the time you've lost.  
So we've thought of a plan that's truly grand  
and feel sure that you will understand.  
In the enclosed envelope please put the price  
of a pie or cake or something nice.  
Without fuss or bother you've done your part.  
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.  
This is the end of our little tale  
so wish us success with our Bakeless Bake Sale.

The support of all of you is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work and we'll have a banner year. Make checks payable to Weymouth Historical Society.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Martha Belcher

Hugh Sloan

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SURVEY RESULTS: There was about a 58% response to the poll which was very rewarding. Some answers and reactions to your opinions are reflected in the meeting announcements below.

SEPTEMBER TOUR: The Adams Houses were suggested by a number of respondents along with Newport, Sturbridge and other destinations so the first suggested was chosen this year as it is easily reached by car. Out of town bus trips are quite expensive so more thought will be given to them during the year as the program committee tries to determine whether we could fill a bus to various destinations.

JANUARY MEMBERS' NIGHT: This is a very popular meeting but sixteen (16) people who were willing to participate did not include their names. That number alone could fill quite a few programs for coming years. Please call Candace Wright at 331-2459 because she wants to know you and your interests.

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APRIL DINNER: There was consensus on the month but there were widely divergent ideas about how much a good dinner costs these days so plans will be announced later. Restaurants came in first, the school cafeteria second and Potluck suppers a distant third-- suggested by only a few. Probably a lot of members do not realize that the society has paid part of the cost of the dinner until this year. With program costs, newsletter and program printing and mailing costs escalating, the budget can't expand rapidly enough to cover dinner expenses any longer.

More research is going into this because we have a hardworking program committee and the April program will be outstanding and deserves a tremendous crowd.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: We will meet and park at Adams Academy, 8 Adams St., not far from the MBTA station, and will walk over to Adams National Historic Site, 135 Adams St. The tour will begin at 1:30pm for a fee of 50¢. The tour lasts more than an hour after which we will regroup in the parking lot and carpool to the Birth-places of John Adams and John Quincy Adams. No charge here.

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FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: It looks like a good year ahead.

Wednesday, Oct. 16: Robert L. Webb, our speaker at this meeting, is Research Associate and Education Director of the Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon, Ma. Whale-hunting was a mainstay of the New England economy for many years and this Museum is where the materials and memories of the heritage of whale-hunting are preserved and studied.

Wednesday, Nov. 10: Our own museum has a fine collection of Indian artifacts and Louise Randall will be incorporating them into her talk as she tells us about the early inhabitants of our state. Our dugout is still the most unique of its kind in this country because of its almost intact preservation.

More to come: Take care of your enclosed program card and keep it handy so that you won't miss a single meeting. The subjects listed are varied and interesting.

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ENCLOSURES: Explore your envelope to find the following:

- One: The Newsletter
- Two: A program card
- Three: An envelope for a gift to the society.
- Four: A membership card if you remembered to send in your dues this summer.

For those who don't receive #4 Eleanor will be glad to issue your card at the next meeting.

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A HEARTY WELCOME: We are indeed glad to have the following new members join us.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin (Rita) 197 Summer St. W. 02188  
Linda Toppen 21 Fisher Rd. S.W. 02190

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ANOTHER FINE RESTORATION: We'd like to call your attention to the new headquarters of the Gale Engineering Company. The company has done a fine job of restoring the exterior of the former Washington School in East Weymouth and incorporating many fine interior features into its new offices.

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CAN YOU HELP? The following letter was received by Don Cormack, past president. He asks that you get in touch with the writer directly if you have rugs you are willing to exhibit. The Museum of Our National Heritage is a marvelous place.

38 Brook Road  
Sharon, Ma. 02067  
784-5085  
August 14, 1985

Dear Mr. Cormack,

I am writing to you as a representative of the Weymouth Historical Society because the Museum of Our National Heritage and the Association of Traditional Hooking Artists are in the process of preparing an exhibit to be shown at the Museum next year.

At this time, we are engaged in a search for American, hand-hooked antique hooked rugs. I hope that your organization could put me in touch with owners of rugs hooked prior to 1930. We will contact both private owners and museums who might be willing to lend their rugs for the exhibit.

My credentials are enclosed. I will be willing to go to any location to speak with the owners and photograph the rugs for the committee's review.

Can you put me in touch with any owners? Also, could the Weymouth Historical Society run an announcement of our search in their Newsletter? Any help you can give me will be most welcome.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely,

Catherine Clay

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