



Weymouth Historical Society

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NEWSLETTER

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BEAUTY ON MARCH 19: We're looking for a big crowd to hear Ellen Woolf who is associated with the China Trade Museum. She has been a writer, museum staffer and a teacher of history and art. Among her memberships in many historical and art organizations are those of the China Students Club of Boston and the American Ceramic Circle. She will bring slides and exhibits relating to her subject "The American China Trade" and will appraise any audience objects that you may bring in. We suggest that you limit them to ceramics and Chinese artifacts.

APRIL 28-BEAUTY OF A DIFFERENT SORT: This is one dinner and meeting not to be missed. We're putting the reservation form up front so you will not forget!

John Burbidge is a designer with Priscilla of Boston. He will present "Reflections in Fashions 1750-1945." It will be illustrated and while we enjoy the looks of the past, we can also be wondering what the people before 1900 would think of today's fashions.

ANNUAL DINNER

6:30 p.m.

\$13.00

April 28, 1986

Home made Soup

Roast Turkey

Whipped Potato

Green Beans Almondine

Fresh Tossed Garden Salad

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Tea

IceCream with Strawberries

Coffee

Please cut off and mail to:

Mrs. Eleanor Cormack
16 Cottage Lane
Weymouth, Ma. 02188

Deadline April 21. Make checks payable to Weymouth Historical Soc.

Please send _____ tickets for the dinner on April 28 at \$13.00 each at the South High School at 6:30 p.m.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

TOWN: _____

State

Zip

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DINNER DATA: We hope that all who read this will realize that inflation is with us and in food it is not 4%. In the survey last year the main response was for a dinner at a restaurant. Unfortunately restaurants require a minimum of 100 reservations and we can not guarantee that. Investigation showed a higher price tag also. We hope that Sharon and Candy who have done all the work on this will have their efforts rewarded by a large turnout at our dinner at the school this year. Who knows? Perhaps "Annual Dinners-A Past Pleasure" may turn up as a subject for some speaker at historical societies in the future.

COLD BUT OH SO WARM: It was a frigid night in January but we had a wonderful time at "Members Night." We thank our talented members who displayed their interests.

Rita Walsh Pictures and Stained Glass. A busy gifted artist.
Miriam Delahunt and Elizabeth Hollis Family scrapbook. History of their grandfather who produced the earliest peony. Beautiful!
Shirley Wood Miniature Rooms. A self taught clever miniature producer.
Ed Walker Weymouth Memorabilia. An ardent researcher and historian.
Gordon Barnes Railroad Tie Nails. Made of iron and copper. Another interesting researcher who had to walk a lot for this unusual collection.
Martha Robitaille Old Book Rarities. To a retired librarian it just comes naturally. A lovely hobby.
Candy Wright Genealogy and Family Pictures and Treasures. More hard research and lovely lace.
Don and Eleanor Cormack Painted Toys. A shared pleasure--he does the cutting--she the painting--perfect results.

WELCOME: We are happy to have our new member join us.

Florence Connors 19 Hunter Terrace S. Weymouth 02190

TURN OVER!

THIS SPACE IS TO BE MAILED TO ELEANOR CORMACK.

COME AND ENJOY!

THANK YOU: No organization can function without all the good people who work to make it successful. Our hostesses did a marvelous job this year and we want to thank them: Carol Donovan, Dorothea Scott, Shirley Wood, Eleanor Cormack, Mary MacKay, Sharon Clarke, Candace Wright, Joanne Palmieri, Barbara MacSwan and Betty Kevitt.

We also had greeters to make you feel welcome and hand out the name tags which enable us to know one another. Our thanks go to the Kolbs, the Schulers, the Pithies and the Sheas, our husband and wife teams who manned the doorway.

JUST BROWSING: The postage on Vol. I of the Newsletter which was first printed in 1964 was 4¢.

In 1966 we held a Rummage Sale and netted \$70. We did better in December of that year with our Theater Party at the Cameo which enriched us by \$456.

In 1971 we had our Annual Dinner at the Porter Methodist Church (now the Masonic Temple) with a ham dinner (before cholesterol) at \$2.50. LIMITED RESERVATIONS! No wonder!

Our first dinner at the Weymouth South High School seems to have been in 1973 with ham again but no price listed. However chicken pie in 1974 was \$3.75.

In 1976 we inaugurated Members Night and have had many successful and informative evenings.

From April 1978 through 1979 we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the society. Remember the band concert in September? The talks on Weymouth of the past? The fashion show with authentic costumes from 1860 onward? We had a large crowd at the celebration dinner.

1980 saw the beginning of our Bakeless Bake Sale which has proved to be very popular.

Looking over old program cards we see that special September events started in 1973.

What a wonderful variety of subjects our speakers have covered over the years! What a good job our officers have done! Come and support them!

MUSEUM IN THE SCHOOL: With all the recent news articles about the abysmal lack of knowledge of history and geography among students today we can be proud that our society members have pioneered in history projects for Weymouth students.

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The tours through the museum have gone on for some years and are a part of the present school curriculum for young students. A research room is in South Junior High School and extra artifacts from our collection are used for demonstrations of early life in New England for others. The older students have access to research materials and books for study and writings about Weymouth history.

The book "Weymouth, Massachusetts--A New England Town" is used in the schools and at present a second edition is being planned. The schools need more copies and all those that were printed for sale to the public are gone.

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