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NEWSLETTER

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SEEING SEPTEMBER: Please read carefully. This issue of the Newsletter is being sent early so that all of you can participate. There are two special events this month.

Friday Sept. 12: Trip and Meeting at Kendall Whaling Museum.

A map is enclosed so that we can wend our way to Sharon. Go separately or make up your own carpool. The museum will be ours for the evening and there will be a tour and program by the curator, Robert Ellis.

Admission is \$1.50(Seniors) and \$2.00(other adults.)

It is very expensive to hire a bus so you are on your own but please arrive by 7 pm. There's a meeting room to hold a get-together and refreshments will be served.

Saturday Sept. 13: Whalewatch Cruise.

To round out the weekend for seafarers there will be a Whalewatch aboard one of Capt. John's vessels.

Directions: Go to the end of Route 44, Town Wharf in Plymouth. Boat departs 1:30pm. Be early.

Seniors \$13.00 Other Adults \$15.00 Children \$11.00
Candy has a discount coupon which will reduce these prices by \$2.00.

Please call Candy Wright--331-2459-- by Sept. 3 for either or both of these events. There must be a group of at least 10 to reserve room for the Whalewatch.

OBSERVING OCTOBER: There is a lot of activity in October also.

Saturday Oct. 4: Come on an oldfashioned train ride to the Cape with us. You have probably seen the news in the Ledger that the Cape Cod and Hyannis Railroad is departing again from the Braintree T Station.

ALL ABOARD: Our delightful ride in elegant coaches (circa 1912-1942) will meander through untouched countryside, farmland, cranberry bogs, salt marshes and the dunes of sandy beaches. The trip will include a bus ride to the Pairpoint Glass Museum and a tour around the town of Sandwich. The Thornton Burgess Museum and the Green Briar Jam Kitchen are also included.

Lunch: There will be a Trackpac lunch available on the train for \$4.75 but if you bring your own, the rules forbid your eating it on board. Perhaps Shawme Pond? Or you may wish to have lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn.

Directions: Be at Braintree T Station at least $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before train departs.

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TRAIN: Leaves Braintree 10 am. Be there early.

Return from Sandwich: 4:45 pm.

Arrives Braintree : 6:45 pm.

FARE: Adult \$14.00 Child \$9.50

Please give Candy a ring on this also.

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Wednesday Oct. 15: We'll be privileged to hear Ernest Remondini speaking about "The Origin and History of Cup Plates in America." He is the Past National President of the Pairpoint Cup Plate Collectors of America and has written "A Topical Collector's Guide" which will be available at the meeting. He will also bring along some reproduction plates of local interest at \$8.00 so you might want to think of Christmas early.

He is the Audiovisual Director for the Weymouth public schools and has devoted many years to the study of his subject matter.

NOTICING NOVEMBER: Wednesday Nov. 12.

A change of pace! Tonight Marilyn Strauss will be with us to share her knowledge of old "Weathervanes" and showing examples from her shop in West Barnstable. These are precious items today.

She lives in the 1639 house of John Beasley who was originally from Weymouth.

SPRUCING UP SUMMER: If you thought everyone was lolling on the beach this summer, we have lots of news for you.

THE MUSEUM: This was the sprucing up! There was a renovation and painting job done by the members of Troop 19, BSA, of East Weymouth headed by Stephen Smith and assisted by their families in June and July. Virginia Smith led the mothers in decorative display and they all did a wonderful job with a big opening of the season planned for Oct. 5. Many many thanks!

THE BOOK AND ART SALE: This was held on a beautiful June day and was a great success. We want to thank all the hardworking members who participated: Louise and Ron Clarke, Eleanor and Don Cormack, Candy and Mike Wright, Jim and Rita Walsh, Harry Belcher, Martha Robitaille, Joanne and Jim Palmieri, Betty and Chet Kevitt, Kevin Smith and Ed Walker. It took all sorts of talent---cashiers, sale-people, muscles (very important), appraisers, van drivers, publicity scouts and an architect and carpenter of signs and display stands(Mike Wright.)

THE PROGRAM: Your card is enclosed and we hope to see you at all the meetings. Candy Wright, Eleanor Cormack and Evelyn Walker have put together some exhilarating events and positively perfect programs and they are looking forward to your participation.

WORKSHOPS: There definitely will be workshops for museum guides and after training you will be docents. Work is progressing towards something for those interested in genealogy.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS: Sorry! This was not a success. There were only 14 responses and we know 2 of those were sent by the editors. Perhaps you will do better next time but the programs this year reflect the thoughts of those who answered.

HELPING AT HOLBROOK HOUSE: This could have gone under the sprucing up section but the subject is so important that it rates a section of its own. A lot of work was done at the house during the summer by Candy and Mike Wright and Harry Belcher. The grounds were neatened up by Acre Landscaping of Hanover out of the house budget and Mike saved us a \$200 service call by a fence company and repaired the fence himself.

Now they need some helpers for the interior. Bring your brooms, dustpans and some large trash bags. A crew is needed to straighten up the inside and possibly do some easy final yard work.

SO PLEASE COME

OCTOBER 18

10am.

This is your chance to help. It should be done before snowfall!

MUSTERING MEMBERS: As you can see, there will be lots of activity this year. Get your friends involved! They will love our meetings! Invite your neighbors to join us! Let's get lots of new members! We have a good supply of program and membership cards to give them.

Tell everyone to call Eleanor Cormack about joining. Her number is 335-7542. She will be glad to hear from them.

Eleanor wants to thank all who sent in dues this summer and those who included an extra donation to the society. Your membership card is enclosed.

THANKING THOROUGHLY: Shirley Wood has given a dollhouse to the society and it will be on display later this year. Those of you who saw Shirley's store on Members' Night will remember her beautiful work on miniatures. Our thanks go to her and as soon as a protective case is finished, the dollhouse will be an important feature of the museum.

ON TO A SUCCESSFUL 1986-7 SEASON!

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Lester Belcher who was our Treasurer from 1967 to 1968 and was very active in the revitalization of the Society in the 1960's.