

Tewksbury Historical Society

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2011

Annual Meeting

June 25, 2011

6:00pm

Tewksbury Library

Agenda:

Annual Election of Officers & Directors

Samuel Hunt Award

Reports by the President & the Treasurer

Historical Speakers:

Defining Powwow - Eugene Winter

The Pow-Wow Oak - George Koumantzelis

Clark Road - Kim Zunino

This Thursday!!!!

"Schmoozing with Sophie"

May 19, 2011

Tewksbury Senior Center

7:00pm

Tickets will be sold at the Local History Room any Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 and will cost \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. She is fitting us into her schedule for a memorable night of schmoozing!

Scot's Heather Follies of 1861"



(To be performed at the end of the summer, 2011

Date, Place & Time T.B.A.)

Who would have thought a plant would bring this quiet neighborhood on Livingston Street fame in the form of a caricature in a New York City magazine, Vanity Fair Magazine! After discovering a vase of Scot's Heather on the kitchen table of John and Margaret Strachan, Jackson T. Dawson brought the plant to an Exhibit of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. Controversy divided the Flower Committee but Mr. Dawson won a medal for a new Native Plant. Some controversies never die and the committee took the "cars" (i.e. train) out to Tewksbury and the debate raged on.

This play was written as a community play. We will be looking for some local actors and actresses to perform in the play. A Casting Call will be held at the beginning of the summer with rehearsals in the evening to accommodate adult work schedules. Since it is a real story with real people who lived on Livingston Street, we are hoping it will showcase Tewksbury people. The play has a need for 6 actresses with parts ranging from a grandmother, a mother, and four teenage school age girls. There are 12 male parts range from a 20-year-old Jackson Thornton Dawson as the lead role, a father, three local men, and seven men from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

This home grown play is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Tewksbury Cultural Council.

"Looking for Scot's Heather"? Join us for a third year of searching for Scot's Heather - Date, Time and Place to be announced later.

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2011-2012 Nominating Committee Recommendations for election at the Annual Meeting:

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President - David E. Marcus

Vice President - Rita O'Brien Dee

Treasurer - Kenneth Mouser

Recording Secretary - M. Eileen McDonagh

Corresponding Secretary - Sandra Mouser

Board Of Directors - John W. Buckley, Robert Hunter, and Erin Sheehy (all 3 year terms)

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Other Society News:

The Society is on Facebook. Here is the URL address:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Tewksbury-MA/Tewksbury-Historical-Society/202448063114162?sk=wall&filter=2>

Agreement:

The Society and the Pow-Wow Oak Protectors are working cooperatively to raise money to survey and mark the bounds of the land the Pow-Wow Oak is growing upon. The land is owned by the City of Lowell but some land is located

in Tewksbury. If you would like to donate to the Pow-Wow Oak fund please make the check out to the Tewksbury Historical Society but mark the notation area on the check for the "Pow-Wow Oak".

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Volunteering:

The Society is still looking for several people to revive the Society Store. If you would like to volunteer please contact us. Another area would be to re-start the "Oral History" committee.

Donating to the Society:

Contact our Archive Committee if you have something of value that is from Tewksbury and you would like to donate it or sell it to us. A new collection policy is soon to be in place. Photographs, furniture, or other items relating to Tewksbury history are important to our mission of education. Check out the Archive Committee's Farm Exhibit in the Public Library. All items were donated to the Society. The exhibit case next to the elevator and two glass cases in the Local History Room feature farm tools, dairy farm milk bottles, and carnation greenhouse tools and pictures in the three display cases. **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE** as the Society is an official non-profit corporation. The Society cannot place a value on the donated item but the donor can figure out the value and write it off as a tax deduction. Go to our official e-mail: tewksburyhistoricalsociety@msn.com or our official website: tewksburyhistoricalsociety.org for contact with an archive committee member. Make sure you receive official paperwork from our organization. Only a limited few are people designated to collect donations. Members of the Society should contact the Archive Committee and **not collect items themselves.**

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Miscellaneous:

Phillip "Tippy" and Maxine Burgess donated \$100.00 to our Building and Acquisition Fund. We thank them for their generosity. Correction: Thomas J. and Maureen C. Aspell made a donation to our Building and Acquisition Fund.

This was omitted from our Annual Fund Drive list in the Winter Newsletter. We regret this mistake.

Tewksbury History Facts:

An American Revolutionary War history fact will be announced at the 2011 Annual Meeting and it relates to the Tewksbury Company during the Battle of Breeds/Bunker Hill on May 17, 1775. That will be June 25th at the Library starting at 6:00pm. This history is the subject of a large mural just unveiled in Boston at a gallery on Newbury Street.

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Executive Board:

Beverly A. Bennett, B.J. Buckley, Joyce Burns, Barbara Chandler, William J. Fullerton, Duncan Hazel, Robert Hunter, Erin Sheehy, Eugene Winter, Kim Zunino

(David E. Marcus writes the newsletter.)
