



## CALENDAR

- April 14 7:00 P.M. DHS Board meets at Jericho House  
April 22 6:30 P.M. Dennis 2000 Forum at West Dennis Community Building  
Question to be addressed:  
*Going in to the millennium, how can the future of the Town of Dennis be directed in a way that will protect and preserve our environment and historical assets?*  
April 25 2 P.M. DHS Membership Meeting at West Dennis Community Building  
"Yesterdays in Dennis" Narrated Slide Show (see article)  
*Coming in May*  
May 7 and 8 Maritime Symposium Sturgis Library and Sheraton in Hyannis  
May 12 7:00 P.M. DHS Board meets at Jericho House  
May 15 1-5 P.M. Dennis Sea Captains in the China Trade  
Josiah Dennis Manse Special Exhibit and Interpretation  
Ezra H. Baker School field trips to the Manse will be held in May. If you can help, call Nancy Howes 385-3528

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### APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAYFLOWERS ( AND HERRING)

April 15th means many things to many people. It is NOT the Ides of April. For some reason unknown to me, the 13th is the Ides of April. But it is the day when you can be almost sure you will find herring swimming up the Cape Cod streams, and mayflowers in blossom under the oak leaves and pine needles in Cape Cod woods. The schedule for the arrival of the herring depends on water temperature. This having been a warm winter, we can expect the herring to be on time. The arrival of the alewives is most exciting at the brook at the Brewster water mill. But we hope that herring will also run in Bound Brook, East Dennis, Quivet Creek in East Dennis and Dennis, and maybe into Kelley's Pond in West Dennis, due to the efforts of our Conservation Commission to return herring to our ponds.

Mayflowers don't depend on temperature. They depend on the number of hours, or really minutes, of daylight, so their arrival is more predictable. Look for them along the Rail Trail. If you find them, leave them for others to enjoy, for if you disturb the delicate root system, they will not grow another year. But do take a deep sniff before you depart. Both of these seasonal residents of Cape Cod, coincidentally, are called by names which are not precisely correct. Our "herring" is properly called an alewife. And our "mayflower", technically Trailing Arbutus, is, on Cape Cod, an aprilflower. But a rose by any other name, etc. I guess what I am trying to tell you is that April is a good time to get out and about and enjoy the beauty of Cape Cod. (I think there is something else about the 15th of April I should remember. Perhaps it will return to me!)

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### YESTERDAYS IN DENNIS

Our April meeting at West Dennis Community Building will feature a slide presentation of scenes of Dennis in by-gone years. This type of program has been very popular in years past and we hope many of you will be there to see scenes of a Dennis long vanished. Refreshments will be served and you will have the opportunity to visit with other folks who are interested in our town's fascinating history. See you there on April 25 at 2 P.M.

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