



### CALENDAR

May 31	2-5 P.M.	An Afternoon Of Jazz...By The Sea. See related article.
May 28-29		3rd grade program at Josiah Dennis Manse. Volunteers are desperately
June 1-5		needed for this worthwhile program. Please call 385-3910 or 385-3528 if you can give just a few hours.
June 13	5:00 P.M.	Dennis' 199th Birthday Dinner. See related article.
June 14		Flag Day. Hopefully the new Dennis Bicentennial flags will be ready for sale. Watch for an announcement.
June 21		Happy Father's Day to all you Dads out there!
June 28	2-4 P.M.	Opening Tea at Jericho House and Barn Museum
	3-5 P.M.	Open House at Josiah Dennis Manse. Visit Jericho then come to the Manse

### JOSIAH'S NEW MARITIME WING

For the third year in a row we are announcing the opening of a "new" room at the Josiah Dennis Manse. Our new Maritime Wing will open on Sunday, June 28 from 3-5 P.M. and you're all invited to the party. Before the present Maritime Room was opened two years ago it was quite apparent the space was too limited for the number of marine artifacts we would like to display, so, when the Manse closed last September our veteran renovators Richard Howes and John Burton started working on the old unheated, uninsulated summer kitchen that had been used for special exhibits. When John left for sunny Florida Seth Crowell teamed up with Dick and spent the winter transforming the wing into a first rate exhibition space. They removed a wall, two windows, and a door; insulated and finished off the walls, built storage closets and a great exhibit case, installed blinds, and painted everything from top to bottom. Dennis Electrical Inspector Ray Speakman installed heat. The Marguerite Ickes Fund supplied the materials used to update the room. While this was going on Nancy Howes and Phyllis Horton were airing, sorting and refileing 3 file cabinets full of records, clippings and other ephemera from 1968 to the present that had become musty from years of being in an unheated room. Now we're ready to show off our new room that will help us tell the interesting story of Maritime Dennis. John Gill and John Burton (on Florida time) have been working on a diorama of the Shiverick Shipyard what hopefully will be ready for the Open House. Stop by on the 28th to see our new room, our old house, have some refreshments, and thank Dick, Seth and John for \$4,000.00 worth of donated labor.

### BICENTENNIAL BTF...The Other Dennises

Our 199th birthday! and counting.....counting down to a gala year of celebrations in honor of our incorporation as a separate town. Your Bicentennial Committee has great plans, something to suit everybody, whether your taste is for social occasions, community improvement projects, or parades. (I love a parade!) One of my responsibilities has been to assist the schools in planning projects and accumulating information and materials for the students, to help them learn about our town's history. The work book for grade three is coming along nicely, and the fourth grade teachers and Mr. Colby are working on an expanded local history unit. In the meantime I have searched out other towns in the U.S. of A. which bear the name "Dennis". My purpose is two-fold. It has been suggested that pen pals in other parts of the country, between youngsters in the schools of Dennis, MA and those who live in other Dennises would be fun and beneficial. Also, I want to know if the town took its name from us, as a result of our citizens moving to other areas.

The other Dennises found so far are in Mississippi, Texas, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Kansas. Except for New Jersey, they don't have much in common with our seaside town. I haven't found out much that is helpful as far as how each got its name. The Post Mistress of Dennis, Texas tells me her town was named for a lawyer who moved there from Boston. Mississippi has 3 villages named Dennis, and one called Dennis Crossroads, but none seem to have grown from us. Dennis, Kansas is a railroad stop but no one remembers how it was named. Dennis, New Jersey is older than we are--but there is a connection here.

And I will tell you about it next time.

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