



Dennis Historical Society Newsletter

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Calendar of Events MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Our new fiscal year begins September 1st, along with a new membership year. We are very grateful for your past support, which includes your subscription to our Newsletter. Just to remind you, your annual dues also support our activities and programs, including the school program for the town's third graders at the Manse and Jericho. Through our museums and historical acquisitions we continue to preserve the history of our town for the visitors of today and for the generations of tomorrow. All members in good standing are eligible to vote at our annual meeting.

Sunday, September 17th *DHS Annual Meeting*

All interested members and friends are welcome to attend. Here's your chance to see some of the wonderful changes in this old building, and following a short business meeting, enjoy a new slide show narrated by town historian, Nancy Thacher Reid. This premier showing is entitled *If This House Could Talk* and details the personal histories of the people who built and lived in some of our early Dennis houses. Refreshments served.

**1867 West Dennis Graded
School House on School St.
2:00 PM**

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH ROUTE 134, DENNIS SENIOR CENTER

Our congregation was established on September 22, 1991 by fifty persons as they gathered for worship at the home of David and Dale Whittemore, 40 Conservation Drive, Yarmouth Port, MA.

Sunday morning services continued there each week until December 15, 1991 when the Dennis Senior Center became our church home and continues so to the present day.

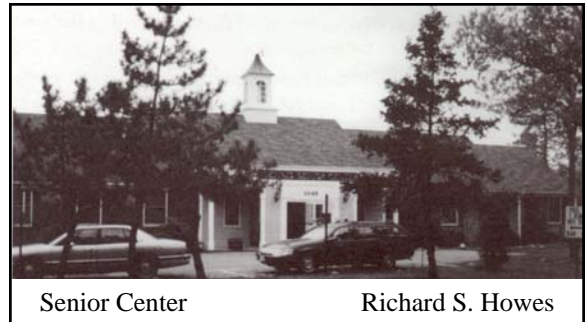
The members of this congregation, all of whom had been active members of the First Congregational Church in Yarmouth, gathered to further nurture their spiritual growth and commitment. It was a controversy at the First Church that caused them to conclude that such a move was in order.

From its early beginnings this congregation emphasized the need for all members to be faithful in attendance and in sharing in worship and in the mission of Christ in the community, which not only has blessed them spiritually, but has enriched the lives of countless others in our area.

In February of 1992, the members decided that entering a building program and all the financial obligations that this would involve, was not the direction that they envisioned for this congregation. The first year saw many different clergy persons invited to preach each Sunday. Social times of fellowship and Bible Study have been a part of congregational life from the start.

After one year the congregation voted to call a pastor who would be responsible for preaching each Sunday, visiting as needed, and sharing in ministry in the community. So in October, the Reverend Warren G. Hoopes, a recently retired United Methodist Minister from Pennsylvania, who moved to Yarmouth Port in June of 1991, was their chosen candidate. Pastor Hoopes and his wife, Katherine, who is responsible for the music in the church, continue to serve presently.

The real strength of this congregation is the commitment to Christ and their desire to serve Him by being "in mission" to those around them on the Cape and beyond. Nearly all of the 22 members at present are involved in sev-



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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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eral leadership roles in the Dennis-Yarmouth Council to Prevent Homelessness. These include the auction committee, golf tournament, ham and bean supper, and food certificate program. In addition, we serve at the Noah Shelter, Service Center, and the Salvation Army “dress a living doll” program.

We are an ecumenical protestant church which is not affiliated with any one denomination. Our worship follows the pattern of the mainline denominations. We celebrate the Eucharist the first Sunday of the month and the laity serve as readers each week in worship.

We are a small, caring, loving fellowship of Christians who love Christ and seek to serve Him by serving others. We welcome anyone to our services of worship at 9:30 AM.

Submitted by Rev. Warren G. Hoopes



Visit Concord and Lexington!

At our April luncheon, Arthur Katz told the story of “What Really Happened on April 19th.” Now members of the Society and friends will have the opportunity to visit historic Lexington and Concord! The DHS, with Bacon Tours, is sponsoring a bus trip to this historic area on Wednesday, October 25th. The bus will leave at 8:00 AM from Patriot Square. The cost for the tour will be \$47.00, which will include a fine meal, comfortable coach, historic videos and a guided tour.

The first stop will be at the Lexington Green, the site of the first conflict on April 19, 1775. See the Minute Man statue and the old meeting houses and taverns where the fighting began. We will drive along the route of Paul Revere and William Dawes, stop at the visitors’ center, and then proceed through Concord to the North Bridge.

Included is a delicious luncheon at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Meal choices are the Wayside Inn chicken pot pie with cranberry sauce, or Yankee pot roast with jardiniere sauce. Included with the entrée are Delmonico potatoes, fresh butternut squash, Jerusha Peach Mold, and deep dish apple pie with whipped cream.

Seats on the bus are reserved for DHS members and their friends, if reservations are in by October 11th.. Please make your check payable to Bacon Tours, note on the check that this is for the “DHS Bus Tour” and mail the check to Bacon Tours, Box 1028, South Dennis, MA 02660. A card will be sent to acknowledge your reservation.

VISIT THE MANSE IN SEPTEMBER!

This year, the 1736 Josiah Dennis Manse Museum will continue to be open for visitors during the month of September on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 until noon, Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 and on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 –4:00.



In Memorium



Maree Galvin

Maree Galvin was a valued member of the Josiah Dennis Manse Committee and president of the Committee from 1981 through 1987. She gave generously of her energy and time. Maree gave a number of valuable artifacts to the Manse; she made it possible for the Society to acquire the Dean and Rosanna Sears portraits hanging in the east parlor. Her artistic background served her well as she helped to set up the original Maritime exhibit at the Manse. In Maree's memory, the family has suggested that contributions may be made to the Josiah Dennis Manse c/o Nancy Howes, Treasurer, Box 904, Dennis, MA 02638.

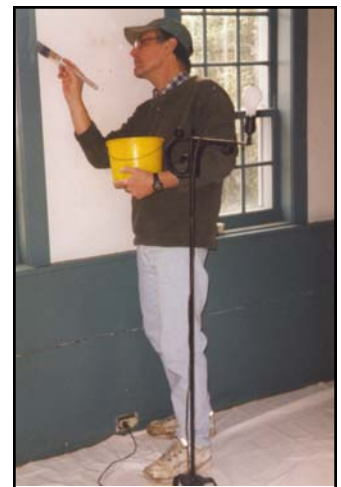
Volunteers Needed! (and Appreciated!)

The Dennis Historical Society needs you! We need volunteers to serve on the Programs Committee, the Newsletter Committee, the Membership Committee, and just to help in many ways – from pouring the punch at our Christmas Open House to painting to gardening and more!

We don't guarantee that you'll be able to help us paint – but for 2 cents, David Talbott might let you lend a hand!

The Society has renewed its membership with C3TV. This membership allows three members of the Society to take courses in video production. Brendan Joyce has taken several of these courses, and with a few more volunteers we might even be able to stage our own production!

Anyone interested in helping can write to the DHS, P.O. Box 607, South Dennis, MA 02664 or contact Kitty McNamara, our Corresponding Secretary, at 394-6114. We look forward to working with you!



David Talbott
Painting at the Josiah Dennis Manse

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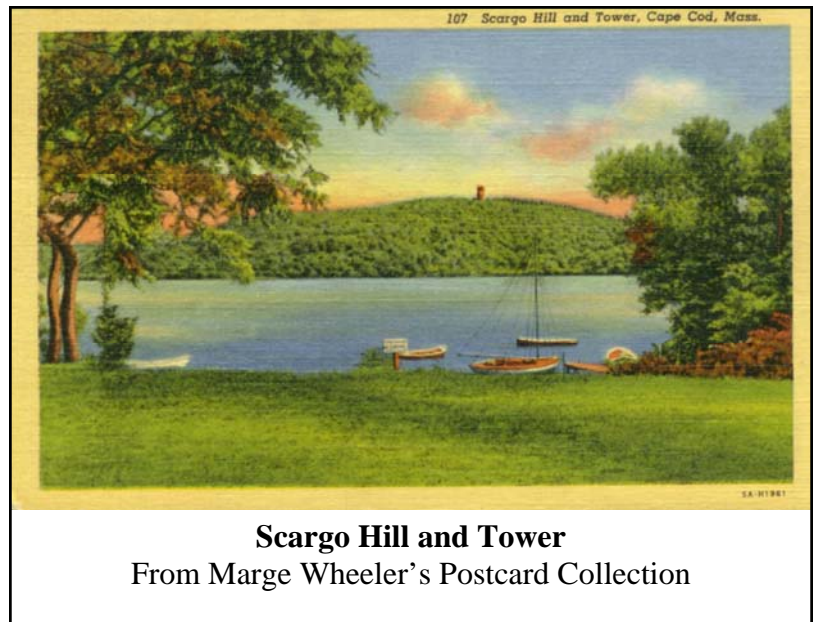
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THE WAY WE WERE...

The Legend of Princess Scargo

Retold by Clare V. Doyle

Princess Scargo falls in love with Swift Deer, a visitor from another tribe. He wishes to marry her, but must prove his strength by fighting in battle. Before leaving he gives her a magic fish, promising to return when the fish is full grown. The magic fish can only live in fresh water. Since there are no fresh water lakes or ponds nearby, Princess Scargo's father, Chief Mashamiapaine calls a pow-wow to seek a solution. The tribe decides to dig with clam shells a large hole in the shape of a fish, and rains fill the hole. Thus according to legend, Scargo Lake is formed in its present shape of a fish and Scargo Hill grew up from the dirt that the Indians piled while digging the lake. Princess Scargo's fish grew to a large size, signifying her lover's safe return from battle and their subsequent happy marriage.



Scargo Hill and Tower

From Marge Wheeler's Postcard Collection

