

# The Sudbury Chronicle



Sudbury Historical Society, Inc.

Spring 2015

## From the Executive Director



That “History is at the Heart of Sudbury” there can be no doubt. The months since my hiring have confirmed what I have known since joining the Board of Trustees in 2013 - that the Sudbury Historical Society is an extraordinary organization. It is extraordinary, not just because of the interesting artifacts in its holdings or the array of educational programming offered, but it is special because of its people. The SHS has got great people. The SHS has “heart.” It has been that way since its incorporation in 1957 with spirited people leading the charge for the preservation of local history.

The SHS is appreciative of our members and friends who have continually supported our efforts over the years. Many accolades are due to the hard working volunteers who have built the organization into what it is today. They volunteer on Tuesdays, on Sundays — on any day. I feel that it is a privilege to serve on behalf of the SHS and I am extremely grateful as well to The Sudbury Foundation, which provided the grant to fund my position.

In all honesty, we have a big job ahead. We need to get our house organized, we need to generate community awareness and garner full support of our plans for the history center, and we need to raise funds. But who says we cannot also have a good time along the way?

I look forward to working hard with everyone to expand the Historical Society’s program. The SHS has something to offer everyone of any age. If one has a talent to share, a project can be found. Student internships and volunteer credits are available. We have openings on our Board of Trustees. We need your special skills. Time commitment varies. Our mission is to preserve and promote an understanding of Sudbury’s past and to make certain that the past plays an active role in Sudbury’s future. Join us. I look forward to seeing you soon.

—Sally Purrington Hild, Executive Director

### Got Yarn ?

The SHS is working on a project and could use any extra or unused yarn you may have to donate. All types welcome. Please call 978-443-3747 or email [director@sudbury01776.org](mailto:director@sudbury01776.org).

### June Program: Sudbury Schools 1639-1900

Presented by Stewart Hoover, SHS President, and Brenda Musser Castino  
Reference/Local History Librarian at Goodnow Library

On Sunday June 2nd at 2 PM

The Sudbury School System is a product of 375 years of evolution, starting from the first settlement to the school system we know today. The story of this evolution especially up to 1900 tells us a lot about Sudbury and how both the schools and town grew from a small Puritan Village to the Sudbury that we know today.



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### Keeping the Spirit of Sudbury's Past Alive

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### SHS Hours

### & Location

The Sudbury Historical Society is located on the second floor of the Town Hall.

The SHS is open most weekdays from 9am-5pm or by appointment.



Dear Members and Friends,

Sudbury seems to be investing in the future. We are planning to spend \$3 million this year for conservation land. In March, a plan to build a community center was presented with a price tag of \$30 million and the repurposing of Town Hall could be more than \$10 million.

Now, all of these projects have merit and will add to the town, but, as president of the Sudbury Historical Society, it is my hope that the history and culture of Sudbury will also get funding support in the next few years. When Town Hall is

repurposed, the SHS will need a new home. For the last year we have been working with the Town to develop plans to turn the Loring Parsonage into a History Center and Museum. Part of the plan include public spaces like a Visitor Center, exhibit areas, and a meeting facility.

As the town center is being revitalized, there needs to be a starting place for enjoying all that lies ahead. The Town needs a place where visitors and residents can come and learn what Sudbury has to offer and where events of interest can be held. We need a place where the talents and works of our townspeople can be shown. In the April 2nd issue of the *Sudbury Town Crier* there were photos of art from students at the Curtis Middle School. These young artists have shown such talent, but to see this art, a trip to the State Transportation Building was necessary.

The Historical Society has a great collection of art by people who have lived in Sudbury and left their legacy behind, but they are stored away where no one can see them. There are so many ways the story of Sudbury can be told using our collections but they remain hidden from public view. We like to think of Sudbury as an historic town that played an important role in the bigger story of this country, but where and how do we keep our story alive? As the Town contemplates how we invest in the future, don't let the history and culture of this community be treated as a second-class concern.

Sincerely,

Stewart Hoover, President

### Sudbury History Collaborative Forms

The Sudbury Historical Society has formed The Sudbury History Collaborative to gather together other history-minded groups in town. The goal is to create a forum for sharing ideas and to promote a greater awareness of the work being done to promote history and culture in Sudbury. If your organization would like to join, email Sally Hild at [director@sudbury01776.org](mailto:director@sudbury01776.org).

### Founders Circle Reception Celebrates Rex Trailer

The Sudbury Historical Society recently received an extraordinary gift for its collection – a suit and map belonging to a beloved Sudbury resident, Rex Trailer, star of an educational children’s television show, Boomtown. The donation was made in December 2014

The gift was donated by Mr. Trailer’s daughter, Jillian Trailer-Rollock. The suit was worn by Mr. Trailer on a journey he took on horseback from Boston to Philadelphia in the winter of 1957 as part of a publicity effort to open a new Sheraton Hotel. The map is of the 365-mile route which recreated Paul Revere’s Ride, telling the news of The Boston Tea Party.

At a reception at the Hosmer House on April 8, 2015, more than 65 Founders Circle Members enjoyed an exhibition of Trailer’s work in television and of his time spent with the Sudbury Minute and Militia Company. The SHS is pleased to have had the opportunity to show the items and tell the story of Rex Trailer and his famous ride.



Rex Trailer’s suit was custom-made by Brooks Brothers.



Sudbury’s Ana Salort of Edible Creations by Ana created these cupcakes with miniature tricorn hats, boots and fondant flags.



Michael Bavaro, producer of a documentary about Rex Trailer, and Jillian Trailer-Rollock chat with a Rebecca Cutting at the Founders Circle event.

### SHS Event Recap Winter - Spring 2015

**March:** Henry Ford’s Cooling Plant Program

**April:** Red Cross Blood Drive  
Sudbury’s Road to Revolution Program (below)



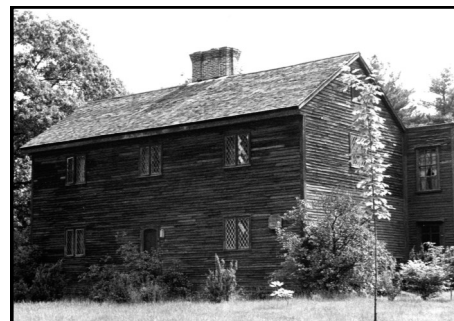
Above, reenactors aiming in April’s Revolutionary War Program, with SHS President Stewart Hoover.

Below, Audience gives approval



### May: Home & Hearth Tour

The Leonard Goulding house, c. 1720, one of the tour stops on Concord Road. For more pictures of the Home & Hearth Tour, see Page 6.





### Membership Form

Please complete your form and mail with a check made payable to the Sudbury Historical Society, 322 Concord Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. Be sure to list your name as you would like it to appear in our records.

Name(s):

Address:

Town, State, Zip:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Check your membership category:

- \$15 Student (age 21 and under.)
- \$30 Individual
- \$50 Family

Founders Circle:

- \$100 Peter Noyes Supporter
- \$150 John Nixon Champion
- \$250 John Goodnow Sponsor
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- \$1,000 Israel Loring Benefactor

I am interested in volunteer opportunities.

I would prefer not to join at this time, but here is my contribution for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help preserve Sudbury history.

Memberships are good for one year and are fully tax deductible. If you need our tax ID number, please call 978-443-3747 or send an e-mail message to: [shs-membership@sudbury01776.org](mailto:shs-membership@sudbury01776.org)

### Spotlight on SHS Volunteer: Suzana Chilaka

#### 1. How long have you been volunteering at the Sudbury Historical Society?

February 2015-April 28, 2015.

#### 2. What is your background?

I am a graduate student from Simmons College. I just finished my first year there. I had to complete a 60-hour internship for an archives class I was taking and I was matched with Sudbury Historical Society. My last day as an intern was Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

#### 3. Can you describe your work and interests outside the SHS?

I am currently a part-time Archives Assistant at the Institute Archives & Special Collections at MIT and this summer I will be a temporary full-time archives assistant in the Manuscript Reading Room at the Library of Congress. Outside of SHS, I enjoy history, baking, and Netflix binge watching!

#### 4. Do you have a favorite SHS project or program?

I worked on the L. Roy Hawes Family Collection and really enjoyed learning about his life in Sudbury and all the work he was involved in on a national and international level. As my internship was quite short, I didn't get a chance to fully experience any of the SHS's other projects or programs. I think it is wonderful how invested Sudbury is in its history and its citizens and how dedicated the volunteers at SHS are in preserving and sharing Sudbury's history.



### Annual Fund Donors from January 1, 2015 to Present

**Josiah Haynes Patrons** (\$500 - \$999)  
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Nancy Grellier  
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### **SHS Civil War Collection to get Digitized by the Boston Public Library**

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, experts from the Boston Public Library visited the Sudbury Historical Society to scan documents from the George Moore Civil War collection. Digitization services are available through the Library for the Commonwealth program sponsored by the Boston Public Library.



Danny Pucci, Lead Digital Projects Librarian, Jake Sadow, Statewide Digitization Project Archivist, and Jim Moore, a Moore family descendant, look over the SHS collection of The George Moore Civil War letters.

Digitizing services will support Digital Commonwealth's goal to make cultural heritage materials widely available online. These materials are held by Massachusetts libraries, museums, historical societies, and archives. We will keep you updated when our Civil War Collection is available online.

### **Sudbury Monument Restoration Project to Continue**

With Sudbury Community Preservation funds, eight of Sudbury's 10 monuments are going to be getting a face lift this spring/summer as part of The Sudbury Monument Restoration Project. The project began almost two years ago with the goal of (1) restoring and preserving all Sudbury monuments to properly honor those who have served their country; (2) to increase awareness and to highlight the monuments as historic treasures; and (3) to establish an annual inspection and maintenance program to preserve the monuments for generations to come.



Jeff Buccaccio restoring the Civil War Monument at the Goodnow Library in 2013.

#### **Monuments to Be Restored**

- Wadsworth Monument
- Training Field Monument
- Militia (currently in storage due to town center renovations)
- World War I Monument
- World War II Monument
- Korean Conflict Monument
- Vietnam Conflict Monument
- September 11th Memorial

Already restored: The Civil War Monument and the Revolutionary War Monument, thanks to a generous donation by Jack Bradshaw.

The restoration project is expected to begin this spring/summer and will be completed before the next snowfall. The first step will be to remove all the overgrown plants around each of the monuments. Once the plantings have been removed, the restoration work will begin and will consist of cleaning, repointing, plaque refurbishment, and metal work. The restoration work was recently awarded to Jeff Buccaccio of Milford, MA. Jeff has extensive sculpting and restoration experience on completing large-scale projects in Metro West and Boston, including the 2012/13 restoration of Sudbury's Civil War Monument and Revolutionary War Monument.

Most recently, Jeff has been working on restoring a fountain at the Boston Marathon starting line in Hopkinton as well as restoration work on the sculptures and plaques on the Longfellow Bridge in Boston. Jeff knows the Sudbury monuments well and is excited to continue his work in town. Once the work is completed later this year, an annual inspection program will be organized that will insure the monuments are maintained and preserved as historic treasures. The project has been spearheaded by Rachel Goodrich, an 18-year resident of Sudbury, who is active with HOPEsudbury, Sudbury Military Support Network, and the September 11th Memorial Committee.

## Hershfield Map Donation

The SHS was recently given a very generous donation by Nancy and Rob Hershfield of Sudbury. They donated 11 beautifully framed maps of historical Sudbury (examples above and below), a hard-to-find 1889 *History of Sudbury* book by Alfred S. Hudson and a 1926 *Home & Garden Builder Magazine* featuring Henry Ford and the Wayside Inn. These lovely gifts will become a cherished part of our growing collection. It is because of gifts like these that we are able to continue to preserve Sudbury's history for future generations.



### Photos from the First Annual Home & Hearth Tour

Top: Hal Cutler in period costume at the Leonard Goulding House.

Center: Peg Whittemore, Tom Friedlander, and owner Michael Ladd in the garden of the Bent-Parmenter House.

Right : Homeowner Ruth Claff on the porch of the Bent-Parmenter House.

## A Former Board Member's Passing

Former Sudbury Historical Society Board member John Velie passed away in April 2015. He will be missed by all at the Society. His wife, Helen, asked that in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the SHS. To date, the SHS has received many donations in John's name. We appreciate the donors' generosity as well as the Velie family's thoughtfulness.



## Sudbury Through Time Continues

Every year since 2008, Sudbury Center has seen a brief visitation by approximately 350 third-grade students visiting the ancient days of Sudbury. First they are greeted by a Native American complete with headdress, drum, and chants (photo, right). Then at Loring Parsonage they visit Mrs. Loring and briefly discover the multitude of tasks that are essential with a large household in the 17th century, such as fire building and cooking over an open fireplace. They walk over to First Parish, where the students meet Rev. Loring and hear about five-hour sermons, feather ticklers and bell ringing.

Back across the street they proceed to the Pound and are informed by the poundkeeper of the need to enclose wayward cows and pigs. Finally they tour the Revolutionary cemetery and discover the grave of a freed slave and several graves of Revolutionary warriors and their families during the early days of Sudbury.

These stories are repeated four or five times per day, once to each class, over four days, by four reenactors playing the roles described above. The students are accompanied by at least four volunteer guides per day, teachers, and parent chaperones. For a week in late May it was possible to see large groups of children and adults enjoying the various buildings in Sudbury Center and receiving a special introduction to their hometown.





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as of May 13, 2015

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**Spotlight on Community Partner:  
Boston Design Guide  
Melanie Perillo**



I have always felt blessed to have had the chance to live in a small New England town with so much history, and I joined the Historical Society in Sudbury for this very reason.

Last year, I purchased a 1790s antique home, and feel honored to now live in the historic district near the town center of Sudbury. This home is my dream: an antique Cape with a barn, a white picket fence, and a rustic stone wall bordering the property. I love the crooked walls of this home, the uneven floors, the fireplaces that accent each room, and even the sound of the old radiators clanking through the night. I have entertained more in my dining room here (which evokes the Wayside Inn Tavern Room), than I ever did in my old dining room of 26 years. In a way, I feel as if I am a steward of this old home. I believe it is my job to love, maintain, and preserve it for its next owner.

Listening to the nearby church bells ringing and to the sounds of cars passing by, I feel the pulse of this town and I feel connected. This is one of my favorite things about my new home. I never anticipated how much I would

enjoy sitting out on my porch at night; simply watching and listening to people go by. I look forward to my first summer here, where I can relax on my beautiful screened porch and even enjoy the 4th of July Parade from my doorstep. I also look forward to continuing my 25-year tradition of walking and running my dogs around the Wayside Inn area. To this day, I am in awe of the beauty and history of this wonderful spot.

I am thrilled to be part of the Home & Hearth Tour and to contribute to the fundraising for the Loring Parsonage, hopefully the Historical Society's future home. I am excited for visitors and residents to learn more about Sudbury's great history, and to support the Historical Society in the process.

Sudbury is a unique and special place unlike any other. Let's all embrace this town and the history that comes with it. In a world that is moving at the speed of light, there is something calming in reflecting on the simple things of days gone by.

Melanie Perillo

Editor/Publisher | Boston Design Guide



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**Sponsorship Opportunities**

If you want to sponsor this newsletter or a program put on by the SHS, please contact Sally Hild at [director@sudbury01776.org](mailto:director@sudbury01776.org).

## Volunteer

### at the Sudbury Historical Society!

We have jobs of all shapes and sizes. You can work an hour here and there or a little every week. Here's our wish list:

- Assist with organizing collections; exploring what's in boxes and listing the items.
- Label collections by putting numbers in our collections database.

- Assist with events: Be a tour leader, help with Tag Sale, do event set up and clean-up; work the bake or sales table.
- Create exhibits - Veteran's Day unusual objects, postcards, or your own idea.
- File newspaper articles.
- Create an index of programs by going through files.
- Do data entry into the computer.
- Make minor carpentry repairs.
- Organize and store photographs.

We have lots of fun looking into the past, researching where something came from, and sharing what we learned with others.

To sign up as a volunteer, contact [director@sudbury01776.org](mailto:director@sudbury01776.org).

### June Programs and Events

**Sunday, June 7** — PROGRAM “**Where They Were and How They Grew**” a look at Sudbury schools from early days to the present - preceded by the SHS annual meeting.

**Tuesday, June 23** — Whole Foods in Wayland (317 Boston Post Road) has awarded the Sudbury Historical Society a **5% Shopping Day** where 5% of that day's net sales are donated to a local nonprofit or educational organization. Our community is fortunate to have such a generous business in our midst and the SHS is lucky to have been selected for the benefit.

**Thank you for attending our events!**

**Stay tuned for our listing of Fall programs in the Fall Newsletter.**

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