

2021

# SUDBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



A YEAR IN REVIEW



## A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

*Rachael Robinson, Executive Director*

After much anticipation and many setbacks, we were finally able to open our doors to the public on July 26th, 2021. We have welcomed guests into the renovated Loring Parsonage to view our exhibits, and learn more about the rich history of Sudbury. We have been so pleased by the positive reaction from guests as they leave, quite often hearing how they never knew so much happened in our small town.

Opening our doors officially was a momentous occasion for us, that was many years in the making. We would not be where we are today without our wonderful volunteers, members, and benefactors, for whom we are so very grateful.

We hope to see you all at the History Center and Museum soon in person, and we encourage everyone to visit safely when you feel comfortable doing so.

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# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

## *Hartley Johnson, President*

For the Sudbury Historical Society, 2021 has been a year of change and new beginnings. Projects put in place before the long-lasting COVID-19 pandemic have slowly come to fruition. The most obvious new adventure for the SHS has been the completion and opening of the Sudbury History Center & Museum. The re-purposing of the Loring Parsonage took decades of planning, years of construction, and months of final touches. I am proud of all those involved in helping us get to the finish line in less than ideal, pandemic circumstances. If you have not yet visited the galleries and gift shop, make time to do so. I think you will leave most impressed!

Our traditional in-person lectures and events have been slightly altered for many months as we grasp the reality of the small group, indoor settings, and how it relates to the spread of COVID-19. Thankfully we have been able to host several virtual events, outdoor activities, and even now, some small, indoor events at the Parsonage. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to navigate the ever-changing world around us.

We couldn't have gotten to this point as an organization without your help! I further invite you to support us by renewing your annual membership, giving to our annual appeal (details on the insert of this newsletter), or by linking your Amazon account to our Amazon Smile profile. Another great way to support the SHS is by simply spreading the word about the new Museum and gift shop. Bring your friends and family by and shop local for the holidays!

Best,



Hartley

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# GARDENS IN BLOOM

*Marilyn Ellsworth and Diana Cebra*

## Gardens at the Museum

SHS board members have been interested in developing gardens since the idea of a museum was discussed. We have gotten support from Marilyn Ellsworth since the beginning. She wrote below about how her support came to be:

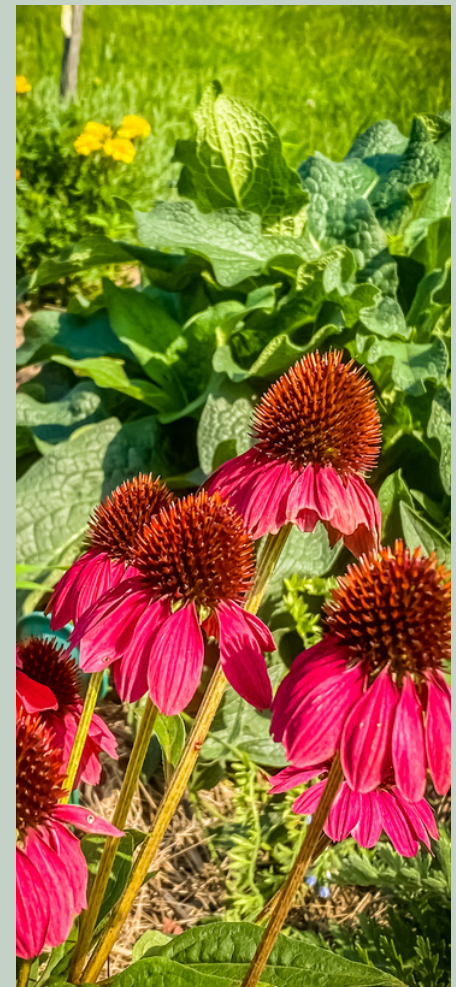
"It has been an exciting time to be a part of Sudbury's history over the past few years. I became very interested in the possibility of a History Museum when the League of Women Voters sponsored a study to determine if there was interest in a museum among the town's several historical groups. It seemed there was a lot of interest and positive energy. I wanted to honor my parent's love of gardening and help the museum. Growing up on 10 acres of good farmland, meadows, marshes, and woods at the foot of the White Mountains gave me an appreciation of a life in tune with the seasons and a realization of the hard work of New England Farmers. My Dad had the best vegetable garden in town every year. My mother raised annuals from seed and took care of many perennial gardens. She was also a professional florist and filled the house with vases of arrangements throughout the seasons. I am happy to remember them now when I visit the museum's Herb and 3 Sisters gardens designed by Diana Cebra, Beth Gray-Nix, and Steve Greene."

## Three Sisters

The "Three Sisters" garden is a term given to a style of gardening associated with companion planting. It refers to the Wampanoag tribe planting of corn, beans and squash and was fertilized with a local species of fish known as an alewife. The corn supports the beans and the squash covers the ground to shade the roots from the hot summer heat. This year we planted the "Three Sisters" at the south west corner of the Parsonage. We received more than ample rain this summer and the garden has produced several stalks of heirloom corn, Vermont Cranberry beans and small orange pumpkins. Hopefully, we will be able to incorporate this gardening style in our educational programs next year.

## Herb Garden

The "Medicinal Herb" garden was initially started in 2017 by Marilyn Ellsworth and Diana Debra, but due to the renovations at the Loring Parsonage the project needed to be restarted this season. New fertile soil was provided by the town and the garden was reconstructed at the back of the property alongside the stone wall. A variety of herbs that would have been used during Colonial times such as Lamb's Ear, Sage, Lavender, Borage and Monardria were donated and planted in the new space. Next year, we hope to partner with Native Plant Trust and develop an area for plants that are native to New England.





# THE 01776 GIFT SHOP

*Elin Neiterman, Vice President*

**The 01776 Shop is OPEN!**

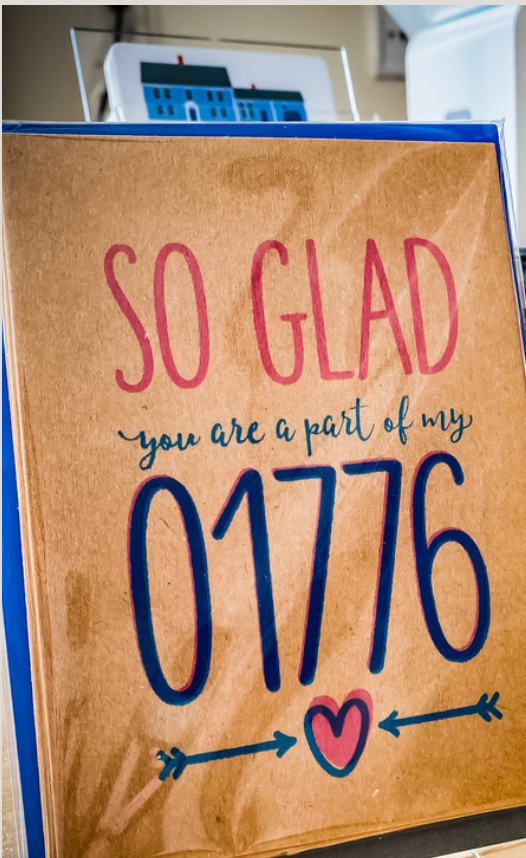
We are happy to announce that our gift shop, The 01776 Shop, is open and we invite you to visit. Our shop is the perfect place in town to find unique Sudbury related gifts or souvenirs. We carry Sudbury mugs and glassware, maps, candles, tote bags, pillows, tea towels, books and so much more.

We are also proud to partner with The Sudbury Art Association and carry a large collection of their artists work from jewelry to prints and art work. We also carry a collection of books written by Sudbury authors.

If you are unable to stop into the shop, we offer on-line shopping on our website. We offer curbside pickup, local delivery and shipping of most items.

This November and December we will be adding many holiday themed items to our ever-growing offerings. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and emails for listings of these new and exciting products.

Don't forget, your purchases help support the Sudbury Historical Society. Funds allow us to continue with our preservation of our collection of Sudbury's history.





# 9/11 MEMORIAL AND EXHIBIT

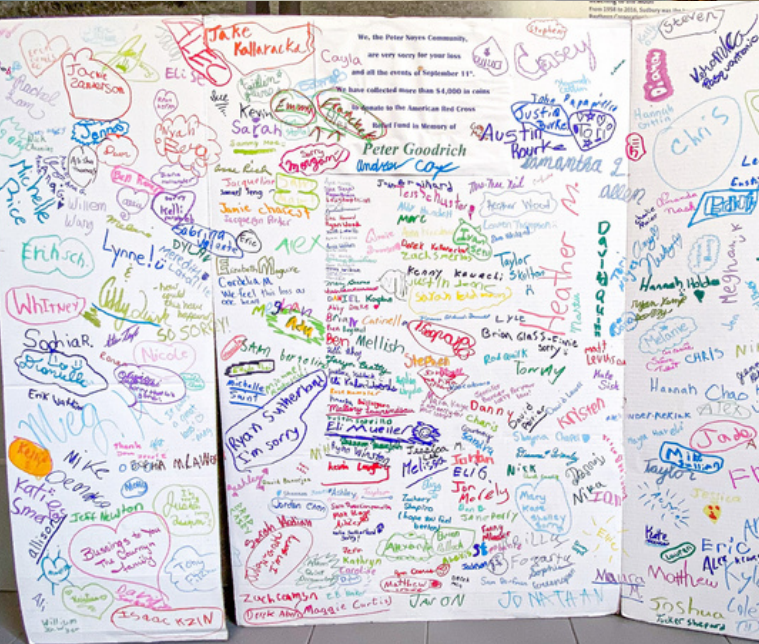
*Rachael Robinson, Executive Director*

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. We had the opportunity to partner with the Sudbury 9/11 Memorial Garden Oversight Committee to commemorate the Sudbury lives lost on that tragic day. On Saturday, September 11th, 2021 we gathered and paid our respects to Cora Hidalgo Holland, Geoffrey William Cloud, and Peter Morgan Goodrich.

As the Sudbury Fire and Police Departments raised the flag, and Jessica Newman sang the Star-Spangled Banner we remembered how the world changed 20 years ago. Beautiful words were spoken in remembrance by Kristen Roopenian, Charles Russo, Henry Hayes, and Beth Farrell. The bells of First Parish rang out at 8:46 to mark the moment of the first attack, as wreaths were laid by the families around the garden stone.

Afterward, guests were welcomed to the History Center and Museum for outdoor refreshments and to see our new exhibit "Remembering 9/11 - 20 Years Later." The exhibit features objects on loan from Rachel Goodrich, which show how the community in Sudbury, as well as people from around the world, sent her support. There is also a piece of glass on loan from the Sudbury Fire Department that was from the Twin Towers and gifted to them by a former employee, Gregory Lynch, during the Ground Zero clean-up.

A film about the 9/11 Memorial Garden created by Stuart Beeby plays in the gallery for visitors to watch. A quilt on loan from the Goodnow Library created by the Wayside Inn Quilters to honor 9/11 hangs on the wall entering the gallery. The exhibit will run through the end of November.





# OUR COLLECTIONS

*Beth Gray-Nix, Archivist*

## SHS RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE SUDBURY FOUNDATION

In July 2021, The Sudbury Foundation awarded the Sudbury Historical Society \$5,000 towards the publication of a book: *Broadacres Legacy: The Story of Honora Haynes*. Broadacres, a horse farm on Morse Road, was purchased by the Town to preserve open space. But, the current Broadacres also has a special history: It was bought, developed as a business, and sustained for nearly half a century by Honora Haynes, a single woman, a scholar-entrepreneur, and a role model for all the youth and adults who came in contact with her.

In 1954, Honora purchased 74 acres in Sudbury that had been a working farm at least since the 1800s (as part of a much larger area that had been subdivided). It was bisected north to south by a dirt road named for Calvin Morse, who had lived in a large home (no longer standing) on the estate. It was also bisected east to west by the Framingham-Lowell railroad, a single track on which light passenger and freight traffic ran since around 1870 (now part of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail).

There are in fact two Broadacres in the story of Honora Haynes. In Vassalboro, Maine, the first Broadacres was a renowned farm established in the 1790's and nurtured by generations of the Sturgis family. Under Honora's great-grandfather, Ira Sturgis, and his family, the Vassalboro Broadacres was known widely for scholarship (the science of breeding stock), and the education and training of future "science farmers."

In Sudbury, Massachusetts, the second Broadacres would also become renowned—for scholarship as well as education and training—this time for the breeding, selection, and development of horses based on research, and education and training of riders to national standards, also based on research. In the 1950s, Honora named her new farm for the Vassalboro estate: Broadacres.

When Honora died at the age of 95 in 2019, the Historical Society received from her estate documents, photo albums, awards, a set of chisels, items she made, and dolls. For her memorial (at the Wayside Inn, one of Honora's favorite spots), Alice Sapienza put together a short biography, with illustrations. Building on that effort over nearly 2 years, she wrote the book to be published by the Historical Society.

Honora and her family had a remarkable background. Like her Maine Sturgis relatives, Honora exemplified the scholar-entrepreneur. She was also an incredibly strong woman and a model of the good teacher (leading by supporting), good neighbor (honest, fair, giving), good manager, and good friend. There is much we don't know about the place and its people, the history and the travails.

But, what we do know about the life of Honora and the Sudbury Broadacres is indeed a very interesting story... and we are grateful to The Sudbury Foundation for helping to keep that story alive.





# OUR PROGRAMMING

*Elin Neiterman, Vice President*

## MOUNT WADSWORTH CEMETERY COMES TO LIFE

**OCTOBER 2, 2021**



The Sudbury Historical Society held its fifth annual walking tour of Mount Wadsworth Cemetery on Saturday, October 2nd. Society VP, Elin Neiterman, led the tour and shared the history of the cemetery, how it came to be, and how it has evolved to the beautiful local landmark it has become. Personal stories were told by re-enactors who portrayed some of Sudbury’s legendary residents.

Pictured below, from left to right, Jim Moore as his ancestor George Moore, a local farmer and Civil War soldier, Helen Marie Casey as famous local artist Florence Hosmer, Hartley Johnson as local farmer and abolitionist, Israel How Brown, Hal Cutler as his Goodnow and Cutler ancestors, members of Sudbury’s founding families, Betsey Cutler as Jerusha Howe, the Belle of Sudbury whose ghost haunts the Wayside Inn, Tony Howes, as a local militia soldier from the King Philip War, Jeff Klinger, a Veteran of the Vietnam War, represented WWI Veterans, and Joe Bausk, a Veteran of the Korean Conflict represented Korean War Veterans. Richard Turner, not pictured, a Veteran of the Vietnam War, represented Vietnam War Veterans.

If you are interested in a private tour or would like to learn more about Mount Wadsworth Cemetery, please contact Elin Neiterman at the Sudbury Historical Society.



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