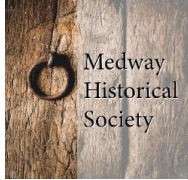


The Medway Historical Society

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 2025



Coming off a very successful 2024 Holiday House Tour
we would like to thank the **CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
and our favorite musician **DALE FREEMAN**
for their participation in this event!

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Also, a huge Thanks of Gratitude and Appreciation
to all of those who opened their homes and were so generous with their time
and efforts to make this 2024 House Tour such a wonderful success.

These annual events and the support of the area community is very much
appreciated and we are already in the beginning stages of the 2025 Holiday
House Tour.

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BAKERS LIGHT

Another opportunity that we are very excited to share will be a raffle for a weekend away on July 11-13 in an Assistant Lighthouse Keepers home on Bakers Island 4 miles off the coast of Salem. The getaway will include the roundtrip boat ride, other surprises and goodies for the winner of this raffle. Coming SOON! Keep an eye out for this on our web site and Facebook page!

"ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISE IN"

We are working on some exciting events for 2025. You will see the return of a car show to Medway after an almost 20 year hiatus. The "Endless Summer Cruise In" will take place September 20th and we are already receiving many positive responses from state and local car clubs as well as significant support from many area friends and businesses. This will be a very exciting weekend for everyone with Show Cars, Food Trucks, Vendors and much more. Keep an eye out for more details on this event as we move forward.

AND THERE'S MORE!

Our Curator, Chuck Waldron and Treasurer Kathy Waldron are spending a great deal of time cataloging, archiving and building a large database utilizing specialized software made specifically for historical museums to be able to fully document all of the important artifacts from Medway's history. This effort takes not only a significant amount of time for our volunteers but also comes with significant expenses for software, technical equipment, storage, security and so forth.

And speaking of historical artifacts an original painting of the Rev. Dr. Jacob Ide, circa 1870 is in need of cleaning and restoration to ensure it's preservation for many years to come. President Sheila Dubrawski has been reaching out to regional museums and art galleries for recommendations on who is capable of handling this most delicate process. This is a very lengthy and expensive process and we are currently awaiting estimates prior to moving forward with this project. Additionally, another original painting is also in need of cleaning and possible restoration so the research continues to insure that these items with significant relevance to Medway's past are protected for future generations.

A new addition to the Medway Historical Society will be a Medway High School student who will be working with us on training and improving our website to make it more interactive, easier for event ticket purchases, donations and eventually to have videos and potentially live streamed events on our website.

Speaking of videos we will soon be kicking off our own YouTube Channel on which we will be posting events from the distant past such as parades, one showcasing a specific video showing the operation of an antique hand crank victrola. This will also provide the opportunity to stream live events as they occur, stay tuned.

We are excited as 2025 will bring many changes, upgrades, opportunities for community involvement and support and we will be reaching out in the near future for volunteers to help us out on some of these upcoming ventures. We appreciate everyone's continued support and hope to hear from you all as we progress into the New Year.

The Ide House and Society Museum remain closed awaiting repairs and upgrades to our facilities. We apologize for this inconvenience and endeavor to host events at various locations in the town during this time. We will keep you posted.

Any questions, comments or suggestions
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