

Grafton Historical Society Newsletter

Fall 2013

Mission

- To foster interest in Grafton's past.
- To collect and preserve Grafton artifacts and memorabilia.
- To provide research resources for Grafton's past.

MUSEUM HOURS

Open Sunday

Afternoons

(except holidays)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

One Grafton Common
Lower Level

Board of Directors

Officers

Linda Casey, President
Barbara Bryant, Vice President
David Therrien, Treasurer
Jayne Wilson, Secretary
Joe Schilke, Curator

Directors

Helen Blazis
Maureen Clark
Rachel Costello
Michael Curewicz
Young Farwell
Evelyn Guillette
Carolyn Jakubiak
June Lufkin
Nancy Therrien



Another Successful Antiques and Arts Fair

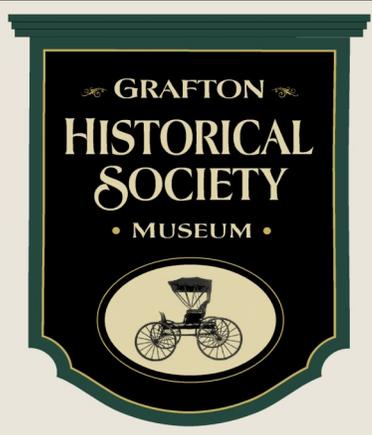


The weather proved to be a star attraction at the Historical Society's 46th annual Antiques and Arts Fair on June 15. Skies were sunny and clear as hundreds of visitors came out to the Common to browse for antiques, see historical crafts demonstrated, and enjoy live music by the Kelly Clark band. Historical Society members, Kerry Simmler and Joe Schilke, reprised their successful roles in organizing the event again this year – Kerry as Show Manager, and Joe as Coordinator. Volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 107

and other society members pitched in with set up, manning the gates, and performing the many tasks that contributed to the success of the fair. Proceeds from the fair will be used to help maintain the museum, preserve the collection and to fund historical society programs. The Antiques and Arts Fair is our major fundraiser. We are grateful for the support received from many local businesses and residents.



The Society Gets a New Exterior Sign



The Grafton Historical Society has unveiled a new exterior sign hanging on the Worcester Street side of the Town House near our entrance! Featuring an image of an antique carriage, the sign makes clear that the Historical Society museum is located at One Grafton Common. With this information now clearly visible, the Society hopes to draw in more visitors on Sunday afternoons. Designed by Creative Signs of Millbury, the new sign is nine square feet and has been approved by the Grafton Historic District Commission as appropriate for this historical area.

*Historical Society Yard Sale - Sunday, September 22
Donations wanted. Call (508) 839-0000 for information*

What's Happening at Your Historical Society

Old Townhouse Storage Vault Restored



The Historical Society recently completed extensive renovations to the vault that once served the Town Clerk's office when town offices were located in the Town House. The vault is a two story brick structure that was added to the back of the building in

the late 1930's and includes two large rooms with metal shelving still in place from those early days. The renovations included the cutting of an access door to the basement level into the museum space. Other improvements will enable critical temperature-controlled storage for the growing number of artifacts in the museum collection, preserving the history of Grafton for generations to come. This project was funded through the Grafton Community Preservation Committee.

June Lufkin and Joe Schilke Receive History Awards at Annual Meeting

June Lufkin and Joe Schilke were the recipients of the 2013 Grafton History Awards presented at the Grafton Historical Society's Annual Meeting Dinner at the Grafton Inn on Friday, April 26. The two long-time board members were recognized for their many important contributions to the society over the years. The society also presented Volunteer Awards to Board Members Barbara Bryant and Jayne Wilson. The meeting concluded with a presentation by Richard Gardner on the Rev. William G. Scandlin, a Grafton hero of the Civil War.



Grafton History Day Celebration and Costume Ball

History in Bloom -A Collaboration with the Grafton Garden Club



Grafton Garden Club members find inspiration in historic artifacts from the museum.



Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Qualey of North Grafton at the Costume Ball.



13th MA Volunteer Infantry camped out on Grafton Common.

Your membership is very important to us. Please join today!