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Founded 121 years ago on January 1, 1889, by thirty-eight residents of the Town of Danvers, Massachusetts led by the **Rev. Alfred Putnam**, the Danvers Historical Society's mission is "to educate present and future generations of the public about the history and development of that geographical area encompassing the original Salem Village and the Town of Danvers, Massachusetts, by preserving materials and information relating to such history through such activities as allowed to a non profit corporation under Massachusetts law, including but not limited to, the maintenance of a Museum, the acquisition, maintenance, and preservation of collections of objects, artifacts, documents, and significant Danvers structures and properties, and the conducting of educational and publication programs, lectures and other events".

In its 121 years, the Danvers Historical Society has become the main steward of Danvers history through the preservation of:

- 14,000 catalogued artifacts in its collections at its Museum building, Tapley Hall
- 75,000 documents in its collections, on permanent loan to the Danvers Archival Center at the Town's Peabody Institute Library
- and 5 properties:
 - Glen Magna Farms with the National Historic Landmark Samuel McIntire Tea House
 - The National Register General Israel Putnam House
 - Tapley Memorial Hall and Shoe Shop
 - Page House (Society Headquarters)
 - Endicott Cemetery.

The Society carries out its mission through the donation of the time and services of dozens and dozens of volunteers who oversee and work with the full time grounds restoration manager, 7 part time employees, and a number of independent contractors in effectuating its mission, programs, events, management of its collections and offices, and the labor intensive preservation of its nine buildings and the eleven acre historic landscape and formal gardens of Glen Magna Farms. **The Essex Harmony**, an acapella choral ensemble, are our artists in residence at the Society.

In furthering its mission, the Society is a member of *American Associations of Museums*, *American Association for State and Local History*, *New England Museum Association*, *The North Shore Chamber of Commerce*, *North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau* and proud partners of the *Essex National Heritage Commission*.

Information regarding volunteering can be obtained by calling Operations Manager Cathy Gareri 978.777.1666.

Membership information and applications can be obtained at the Society headquarters, 11 Page Street, by calling 978.777.1666, or online at dhs@danvershistory.org.

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Financial donations to the Society are vital to the Society's continuing its work and can be made by check payable to "Danvers Historical Society", P.O. Box 381 Danvers, MA 01923. Please contact the Treasurer, Wayne Eisenhauer, at 978.777.1666 or E-mail: treasurer@dhs@glenmagna.org for information regarding annual and monthly pledging, corporate matching gifts, donations of securities or other assets, testamentary gifts, corporate sponsorship (events, programs and properties) and other forms of gifting to the Society. — **Wayne Eisenhauer**

Musings from the quill of the President.



To all: My wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

As we begin this new decade the Danvers Historical Society is embarking on a campaign of renewal and refurbishment.

We are in the process of repairing and refurbishing all of our properties so as to make them more self-sustaining as far as cost and income generation is concerned.

This campaign should then allow this society to move forward with the cataloguing of our present artifacts and hopefully acquire others in the future for the preservation of our ongoing history here in Danvers.

This endeavor does require your help however in the form of volunteerism and sharing knowledge of various aspects of planning, construction, data entry, sales and financial support acquisition.

If we all work together we can make this the decade to remember for the Danvers Historical Society.

Again I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Wayne A. Comeau, D.C.

Thoughts from the Office.



Happy New Year Members,

With the holidays behind us it's time to think Spring and to go green. Just what does that mean for the Society? The Society is on a mission to go electronic. We will be sending the newsletter and updates to you by E-mail. We realize some of you do not have a computer and will continue to send regular mail to you however for those of you who can opt to have the newsletter sent to you by E-mail please send us your E-mail addresses to dhs@danvershistory.org and help reduce the postage costs.

We continue to streamline operations with the installation of new computers, server and software paid for in part with a generous donation from the **General Israel Putnam Homestead Trust**.

Dues are due! Membership renewals have been sent to you. Please consider a gift membership for someone and help us to grow. Membership support is the foundation of the Society.

Mark your calendars for our next members meeting Wednesday February 24, 2010. We will celebrate Chinese New Year with food, decorations and fun! This is a fundraiser. For a \$10.00 donation, come and sample cuisine from **Hong Kong Café, Sawasdee** and more! Reservations a must to 978.777.1666.

As always, thank you for your continued support,,

Cathy Gareri
Operations Manager

Cover Story:



Long term Society member and Major Benefactor, Miriam Peters, died on October 29, 2009.

In 1990, Miriam, along with her brothers, John and, the late Edward, donated to the Society, the National Register General Israel Putnam Homestead, at 431 Maple Street, with all its centuries of accumulated contents from the family's continual occupation of the homestead from the 1600's to 1990, along with an initial contribution of \$100,000 for the homestead's support.

The Society is deeply grieved by Mrs. Peters passing but inspired by her, and her brothers', example of selfless dedication to the preservation of this National Treasure that speaks not only of the life of national Folk and Revolutionary War Hero Israel Putnam, but also, through the homestead's contents, of the lives and times of each successive generation of

Putnam relatives for which the Homestead was home.

The following is an excerpt from an article published in the Danvers Herald written by Myrna Fearer with assistance from Town Archivist and Society Trustee Richard Trask:

Miriam Putnam Emerson Peters, 100, of 81 Fox Farms Rd., Northampton, M.A., was a descendent of Gen. Israel Putnam, of Danvers, who commanded the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Richard Trask, archivist for the town of Danvers, had occasion to meet with Miriam Emerson Peters many times in the past. He also kept up a correspondence with her through the years.

"She was a lovely, elegant lady who had a very strong sense of family and history," Trask said. "Miriam lived in the Gen. Israel Putnam House in Danvers in her early childhood and attended the Danvers schools along with her brothers, John and Edward."

Miriam Emerson Peters and her last living brothers, John and the late Edward, donated the general's house, with its entire contents, including furniture, clothing, papers and land, to the Danvers Historical Society in 1992.

"This gift is one of the most significant donations ever made in Danvers," Trask said. "It is on par with George Peabody's gift to the town in the late 1850s. The gift, including the papers from the 17th century to the 20th century, and artifacts and documents are the history of the Emerson family. The gift is one in which all of the parts are more significant as a whole history. They are the entire contents of one family."

Born in Amesbury, M.A., in 1909, she was the daughter of the late Susan Mabel Hood and George Waldo Emerson. In 1931, she received a

Diplome Superiver from the Alliance Francaise in Paris, France, a Certificate d'Etudes from the University of Grenoble and a degree Superior with honors from the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1932, she graduated from Smith College, cum laude, and began teaching at the Bolton School in Westport, Conn. She next taught at the Emerson School in Exeter, N.H. From 1937-1940, was the head of the Howard School in West Bridgewater, M.A.

In 1937 she married Macdonald Peters, who died in 1970.

From 1940 to 1958, Mrs. Emerson Peters was associate head of the Mary A. Burnham School in Northampton and also, from 1943-1950, director of studies at the Stoneleigh School in Greenfield. In 1958, she became head of Burnham and when that school merged with Stoneleigh School in Greenfield in 1968, she served as co-principal of the Stoneleigh-Burnham School for two years before retiring and serving as a trustee.

She was a co-founder, in 1950, of Burnham-by-the-Sea, a summer school for girls in Newport, R.I., and helped conduct that school from 1950-1958.

Mrs. Emerson Peters was a member of the Headmistresses of East and the National Association of Principals of Schools for Girls and her name was listed in Who's Who in America.

She was the co-author of "The Emerson Years, 1938-68, in the Mary Burnham School".

A member of the Edwards Church, she had served as trustee and deaconess. After 50 years of membership she became an honorary

In Memoriam

member of the Monday Afternoon club. Mrs. Emerson Peters was a member of the Board of Directors of the Lathrop Home on South Street, Northampton, serving as president from 1978-1980. She also served on the Board of the Lathrop Community in Easthampton. She had been a volunteer at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. From 1990-1997, she was president of the Tuesday Bridge club and belonged to the Friends of Forbes Library.

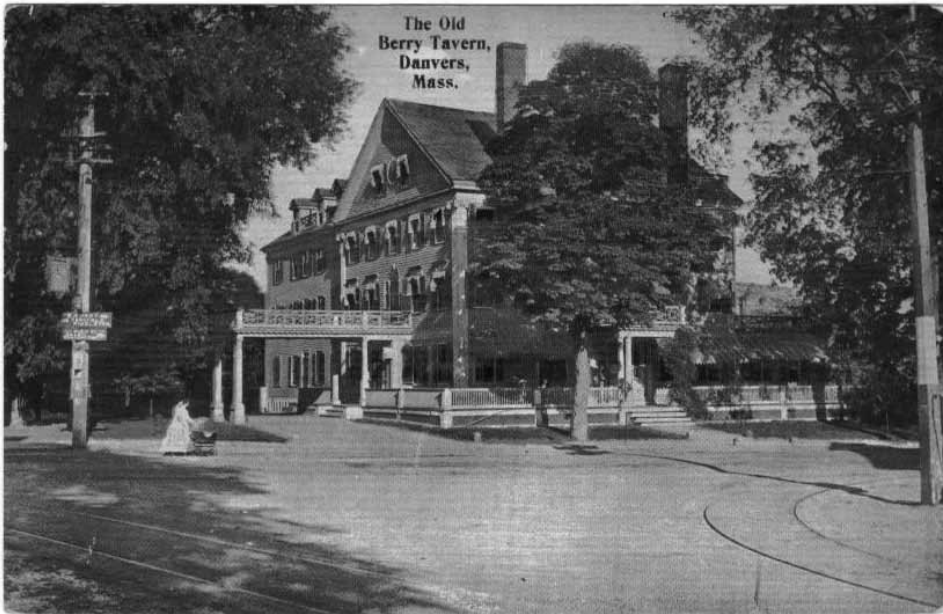
She enjoyed traveling and visited over 40 countries. She was also an avid bridge player. Mrs. Emerson Peters was a member of both the Danvers Historical Society and the Northampton Historical Society and one of the group who acted to preserve the Manse on Prospect Street in Northampton.

She is survived by a brother, John Endicott Emerson of Northampton, with whom she made her home, and also by 11 nieces and nephews, including Galo Emerson of Danvers, and several grandnieces and grandnephews. Three brothers and two sisters died earlier.



Did You Know...

By John Call



The following is an excerpt taken from *Chronicles of Danvers, Old Salem Village*, by Harriet Silvester Tapley, written in 1893, and published in 1923.

"The old tavern --

... certainly as early as 1745, and no one knows how many years before, there was a tavern at the corner of High and Conant streets. At this time the house was capped by John Porter, who probably built it. It was a good location in the early days for a hostelry, on account of the large amount of travel over the Old Ipswich Road, providing entertainment for all who chanced to pass that way. And as the population in the vicinity increased, the tavern became the common resort of the villagers. Here all

the questions of the times were discussed, the public affairs of the colonies in the "times that tried men's souls." This was also the place for the celebration of public events, where important meetings for the welfare of the town were held, and still later, where many and varied entertainments and dances contributed to the social life of the community.

This old tavern site was sold by Col. Jethro and Timothy Putnam at the beginning of the 19th century (1804) to Ebenezer Berry, who came from Andover. It passed into the hands of his son, Eben G. Berry, who, in 1838, sold the old building and erected the present one, which was remodeled in 1898. It is now the property of Lewis Brown.

The use of liquor in the early days was not confined to any class or condition. Everybody used it to some extent. New England rum was always present at house raisings, and at the celebration of any event, civil or religious. No ordination of a minister was complete without a generous supply. The town fathers could transact no business unless the town provided the "grog." At first the moderate use of such stimulants did not prove an evil, but after the revolution distilleries began to spring up in this country, flooding it with liquors of all sorts and of doubtful quality. Drunkenness began to be common, and during the first quarter of the 19th century the evil was widespread. The first temperance society in this country was formed in Massachusetts (1812). Three Danvers men joined it, Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth, Judge Samuel Holten and Joseph Torrey, and the next year these men formed the first temperance society in Danvers and named it "The Danvers Moral Society." At first its members were not required to pledge themselves to total abstinence. This would have been too strict a rule to enforce at that time, but they did have permission to post in a public place the names of common drunkards. Such a custom did not remain long in effect. The early pioneers in the temperance caused a strong fight and succeeded in stamping out in large measure the excesses of the times."

SEEM Holiday Party

Fun for All



After months of hard work the time finally came to enjoy pizza, a Yankee swap, music, ice cream and good company. The SEEM Vocational students, and their job coaches, who volunteer regularly at Glen Magna Farms with Grounds Restoration Manager, Zach Navarro, and at the Page House and Tapley Hall campus with Operations Manager, Cathy Gareri, received a festive treat on December 8th. The students have spent countless hours assisting in the office as well as working the grounds at Glen Magna Farms, and now it was time for fun.

The morning started off with a spirited Yankee swap that provided many laughs. The Papa Gino's pizzas disappeared almost as quickly as the desert; fully loaded sundaes kindly donated to the sixteen students and their job coaches by Putnam Pantry Ice Cream. Everyone felt the cheer, and lunch and a tour in the Glen Magna mansion raised spirits to an all-time high.

From all of the staff at the Danvers Historical Society I would like to thank the SEEM Vocational School staff and students who helped us make another successful year. My personal mantra

has become, "I couldn't do this without you guys!" From planting lilacs to fall cleanups, the SEEM students worked hard for our day of celebrations. We look forward to working with them again in the New Year and wish them all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Zachary Navarro

What's Been Doing

Some of the happenings since the last newsletter:

FALL PROGRAMS

It's been a very busy time at the Society since the last newsletter.

As the second part of the Society's participation in the Essex National Heritage Commission's Fall Trails and Sails, the Society hosted on September 25, **History and Harmony**, a program of guided tours of the Glen Magna Farms gardens followed by an exquisite concert by the Society's Artists in Residence, the **Essex Harmony**, under the direction of Maestro **Glenn Mairo**. This event had the second largest attendance among the more than one hundred Trails and Sails events.



On Saturday, October 17, the Society celebrated, in conjunction with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, **Massachusetts Archaeology Month**, by presenting, under the direction of **Glenn Mairo**, an **Atlal Weekend**, demonstrating the "primitive" skills of the native Indians by which they flourished over the centuries. Attendees came from as far away as Ashland as well as New Hampshire and Maine to see not only demonstrations of these skills but also practice these, sometimes, very advanced skills.



A few days later, on October 21, our indefatigable Trustee, Glenn Mairo, presented the Society's program ***Gone but not forgotten, the Indians Who Lived in What is Now Danvers*** to a standing room only audience in Tapley Hall.



On November 18, the Society presented its ***"Is There Value in Your Old and Rare Books?"*** program at Glen Magna Farms with guest appraiser, **Ken Gloss of the Brattle Book Shop** with practically every attendee lugging a sack of books to be evaluated. Many small treasures were discovered!



November 21 and 28th were the dates for the first "Parade of Trees" fundraiser for the playground at Endicott Park. The Society offered to hold the event in Tapley Hall. Chairperson Aldonna Linares of Celestial Nails enlisted the help of the downtown businesses and 6 trees were decorated with gift certificates and various presents. Our entry was "A Partridge in the Endicott Pear Tree" and was well received. Raffle tickets sales were brisk and the Downtown Improvement Committee vows to hold this event again next year! Congratulations to the Society's Coloring Contest Winners: **Lucas Rotker, Katie Ellen Appel, Jack Armstrong, Kylie Nash, Kali Sheppard** and **Trevor Hathaway**.

Each will receive a gift certificate to our Museum Store, a gift certificate to the Glen Magna Farms plant sale and a **Goodies Ice Cream** gift certificate.

at the Society.

Then in December there were the two important fundraisers: the annual Holiday Soiree and, two days later, the Christmas Tea. See the articles on pages

The Fall Program Series closed out on December 12, with a Holiday Concert, by the **Essex Harmony** (thank you Glenn Mairo and your choral members) followed by refreshments (Kudos to Heather King, Cathy Gareri and Kathy Sheridan for their quick thinking in providing refreshments for 85 attendees of whom only 30 had made reservations).

Treasurer's News

COMPUTERIZATION

In December, the Society finished Phase 1 of its computer modernization project by the installation of a central server in Page House, new equipment in Page House, Tapley Hall and Glen Magna, numerous software upgrades, and new back up systems funded by the Board voting \$8000 from the investment portfolio, a generous donation by the **Putnam House Family Trust** of \$2,000, and the donation of approximately \$2,500 in equipment and donated professional services by **Scott Bronstein**, of SRB Associates of Peabody, who implemented Phase 1.

Phase 2 is to the installation of equipment, costing approximately \$1,000, which will allow two or more persons to access the network simultaneously which is essential for full and efficient use of the new server and equipment. The Danvers Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs have offered to help with this cost.

BERTOLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS COLLABORATION

Through this collaboration the Society was fortunate to receive at the end of this Fall semester two most helpful reports. From Professor Jain's Information Technology class, the Society received a most comprehensive and valuable evaluation of its antiquated computer systems along with proposals of various strategies for modernizing the computer systems.

From Professor Saverio Manago's Statistics Class, the Society received and in depth analysis of the Society's finances in comparison to comparable other Essex County non profits.

Both reports have been and will continue to be great aids in improving the Society's managerial systems.

TAPLEY HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Society has received Town approval for the installation of an unisex rest room on the first floor of Tapley Hall (to be located where the present kitchen is) to serve the entire building. Further study of Tapley Hall by Architect, and Past Society President, **Bob Farley**, established that a kitchen area next to the unisex rest room is not feasible. Bob is presently working on plans for a small kitchen area to be located in the closet area to left of the Tapley Hall stage. These improvements will leave the architectural integrity of the Lyceum Hall intact.

Christmas Tea, Fashion Show & Boutique, 2009

On Sunday, December 6th our Christmas Tea was held at Glen Magna Farms.

Ray Johnston from **Vinwood Caterers** did a fabulous job with the food. We began with mimosas and ended with delicious desserts donated by **Kelly Delaney** from **Cakes for Occasions**.

Jeanne Hennessy of **Lorraine Roy Designer Collection and Bridal Boutique** and her assistant **Amanda Smith** did a wonderful array of wearable, lovely clothes that could be mixed and matched. The ladies loved the different ideas presented.

John Archer, again, graciously donated his talent on the piano. Definitely the music set a perfect tone for enjoying the afternoon. It had snowed so Glen Magna looked even more beautiful with all the Christmas lights glowing.

Many thanks to **Sandy Sears, Janet Delande**, and **Mary Kelly** for their generous support selling raffle tickets and helping with necessary details. My sincere appreciation to **Cathy Gareri, Robin Perry** and **Heather King** for ALL their help. Thanks ladies!

Without the support of volunteers none of these events could take place. My sincere appreciation.

Sharon Taskey
Chairperson

Annual *Holiday Soiree* 2009

December 4th was our Annual Soiree. It was an elegant affair at Glen Magna Farms. The Mansion was beautifully decorated by our talented Private Events Director, **Heather King**. The garlands, roping and wreaths set a warm inviting welcome. Everyone commented on how lovely the entry was into such an elegant foyer. Many thanks to our dedicated **Lois Goodnow** and the plant sale volunteers for the exquisitely decorated tree in the small parlor which once again, truly delighted patrons.

Our friend and supporter, **John Archer** and his **Just In Time Band** entertained us royally. Guests sang and danced and mingled with one another. Our use of smaller tables (6 people rather than 10 people) allowed easier movement among our guests. The result was more socializing and a happy time was had by all.

Ray Johnston of **Vinwood Caterers** (Ipswich) did an outstanding job with delicious food choices. We used various food stations through out the Mansion. The result was wonderful food and easy flow of guests going from room to room.

All our thanks to our generous raffle donors. **Dr. Scott B. Clark, Beverly, Artist Brother Edward Rice, CFX, Malden, Comeau Healthcare Associates, Coco Key Water Resort, Kappy's Liquors, Merchants Liquors, Lorriane Roy Designer Collection and Bridal Boutique, Northern MA Telephone Workers Credit Union, Putnam Pantry Candies, Sandra Sears and the Danvers Historical Society Trustees.**

Thank you to my the wonderful committee: **Sandy Sears, Harriet Chihlas, Janet Delande, Nancy Guinivan, Sheila Moulton-Kelly, Mary Young and Joe and Carolyn Joslin** for their ideas and help.

A HUGE thank you is in order for my fellow trustees. They came out in force to help with getting raffles, selling tickets and being there when needed. A sincere credit of thanks to **Cathy Gareri** for her positive support during the entire process of running the Holiday Soiree and the Christmas Tea.





Christmas at Danvers, 1920

By Miriam Putnam Emerson Peters,
Putnam House, Danvers

Seven stockings hang over the big fireplace in the dining room. Edward's is the largest, for he is fifteen and somewhat disdainful of childish ways. Yet he too is caught up in the excitement of the occasion. Elizabeth's stocking is longer than Miriam's as she is much taller than her sister. Galo and John are the inseparable pair. Galo the red head is eight and John the tow-head is six. Eunice the dark haired little four year old, is pretty and dainty. Here at the end is baby George's tiny stocking for he is only two, a golden haired angel of a child.



In the dutch alcove stands the tree which is not very tall because the ceilings in the homestead are low. Garlands of popcorn and cranberry wind their way around fragrant branches. Multi-colored glass balls gleam amidst the green boughs. The spun glass angel quivers at the top.

On Christmas Eve Mother plays (Christmas) carols on the piano and young voices join in the singing of "Joy to the World", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and always at the end "Silent Night". The Daddy reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas" reading from the same book which is still in the house today.

The customary bedtime must be observed, but before going upstairs Santa's snack is left by the fireplace. Mother brings a piece of pie and a square of cheese on a plate with a glass of milk and places them beside the fireplace. This is what Daddy likes before retiring, so we assume it must be Santa's favorite as well.



Galo and John have conspired to stay awake to see Santa, but their well laid plans fail to materialize as they fall asleep and do not awake until six o'clock on Christmas Day with the others

Meet the Trustees: Sharon Taskey Gozewski



Sharon has been a resident of Danvers for the past 45 years. She is the Mother of five children and the proud grandmother of twelve young happy people!!!!

She is a recently retired history teacher from St. John's Prep after nearly 30 busy years. Always one to be involved in the Prep community, from social committees, environmental awareness, to faculty formation committees...it was a wonderful profession. In conjunction with teaching she is also a past member of the Civil War Round Tables.

A long time member of the Danvers Garden Club she served as president along with various other committees. Sharon is a member of "Just Friends" ladies social organization that donates to local Danvers causes.

Love of history is the main reason for becoming a trustee of the Historical Society. Having taught American and World history she is now learning much more about local history. Having been born, raised and educated in Ohio it is interesting for her to investigate early American Danvers history.

Sharon lives in Danvers with her husband Conrad.

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Welcome *New Members:*

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Welcome New Business Members:

The Trustees have instituted a new business membership category this year. Additional benefits include listing in our quarterly newsletters and annual report. Cost for a one year business membership is \$250.00. We encourage you to support the businesses that are supporting us! We welcome their support and partnership. Please call the office at 978.777.1666 or E-mail to dhs@danvershistory.org if you would like to see your business listed here.

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ANNUAL APPEAL

It's Annual Appeal time again and, despite these tough economic times, I ask you to support your Society by contributing to the Annual Appeal for Fiscal Year 2010 ending June 30, 2010.

Your contribution is most important for two reasons:

First, your contribution provides operating funds allowing the Society staff to carry out more fully the Society's mission; and

Second, your participation in the Annual Appeal, as a contributor, gives proof, to potential major donors and grant makers, of the strong support the Society enjoys from its members.

Thank you.

Wayne Eisenhauer, Treasurer

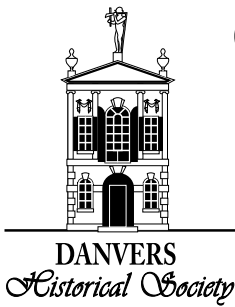
Singers **WANTED**

Are you a closet vocalist who sings like Caruso in the shower or like Streisand in your car? Did you ever sing in high school or college or at a place of worship? Are you the type of person who can't pass up a chance to attend Karaoke Night at the local club? Does the idea of combining early American history with choral music appeal to your curiosity and spirit of adventure?

If your answer to any or all of these questions is "Yes" - The Essex Harmony is in need of your talents. We are an acapella choral ensemble that sings the American music of the singing school period of 1770 to 1820. We are the artists-in-residence of the Danvers Historical Society. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. To 8:30 P.M. in Tapley Memorial Hall. The Essex Harmony has an ambitious performing and recording agenda for the 2009-2010 season. We have recently entered into a collaborative performing venture with the historic Old South Meeting House in Boston.

You do not need to be proficient in sight-singing. A basic knowledge of musical intervals and the ability to stay on pitch are much more important. All music is provided. There are no member "dues" charged. Though many of the texts are based on religious writings; we are a secular ensemble open to all.

Please feel free to contact The Essex Harmony's founder and director: Glenn Mairo at (978) 580-9437 or gmairo@hotmail.com for additional information.



Calendar 2010

For updates on all programs and events please visit our website at www.danvershistory.org
For rental information on Glen Magna Farms please visit our website at www.glenmagnafarms.org

February, 2010

Wednesday, February 24 **FUNDRAISER:** "Celebrate Chinese New Year". Customs, decorations and cuisine served by Hong Kong Café, Sawsadee and more! Tapley Hall, 13 Page Street, 7 PM. \$10.00 per person, reservations please so we'll know how much food we'll need and tables to set up. 978.777.1666.

March, 2010

Wednesday, March 24 **PROGRAM:** In honor of Women's History Month, Dan Tremblay presents "Women's Roles in the Revolutionary War". 7 PM Tapley Hall, 13 Page Street. Light refreshments. Free to members, \$5.00 not-yet members.

April, 2010

Wednesday, April 21 **PROGRAM:** Glenn Mairo presents "Richard Skidmore, Danvers Patriot, Danvers Legend". Re-live the life of Richard Skidmore, drummer of the Alarm List through Glenn's portrayal. Tapley Hall, 13 Page St. 7 PM. Free to members, \$5.00 not-yet members. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend to join the Society. Reservations to 978.777.1666.

May, 2010

Saturday, May 1 Opening Day of the annual Glen Magna Farms plant sale. Perennials, herbs and more. Mon, Wed and Saturdays 9-12, Thurs. 4-6 PM through June 19.

Wednesday, May 19 Garden Tours with boxed lunch tours start. Every Wed. through October 13, 2010. Join Grounds Restoration Manager Zach Navarro as you tour the historic gardens, National Historic Landmark Derby Summerhouse and the Colonial Revival Mansion and enjoy a boxed lunch catered by Affairs Caterers. \$20.00 p/p rain or shine. Reservations to 978.774.9165. Minimum of 10 persons required to run these tours.

Wednesday, May 19 **PROGRAM:** Salute to our Veterans. 7 PM Glen Magna Farms. Free to members, \$5.00 not-yet members. Light refreshments. Reservations to 978.777.1666.

Saturday, May 22 **PROGRAM:** Essex National Heritage Commission presents a "Photo Safari" at Glen Magna Farms and Endicott Park. 7 AM-Noon. Photographers at all levels will expand their skills and broaden their horizons with unlimited use of high quality photo equipment. Reservations required to essexheritage.org. \$33. For Explorers, \$48. For non-Explorers.

June, 2010

Thursday, June 3 **FUNDRAISER:** "Fashions in the Garden" Our annual fashion show luncheon fundraiser for preservation held in the historic Old Fashioned Garden at Glen Magna Farms, Ingersoll St. Danvers. 11:30-2:00. Details to follow. Support the mission of the Society and enjoy a fabulous afternoon.

Wednesday, June 9 Society Annual Meeting and Dinner. 6:30 PM cocktails, 7:00PM dinner. Glen Magna Farms, Ingersoll St. Danvers. Election of officers, awards and more!

Monday, June 21 **FUNDRAISER:** "History, Harmony, Hot Dogs and Hits". Our annual event during Family Festival Week, 5:30-8:00. New this year, music by Britannica and TC and The Torpedos. Enjoy rock, blues and oldies played from the verandah. Vintage baseball 1860's style will be played in the activity field adjacent to Glen Magna Farms. Bring a chair or blanket, no coolers or pets please. Hot dogs, popcorn, drinks and our famous root beer floats will be sold.

Monday, June 28 Rain Date for History, Harmony, Hot Dogs and Hits.



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