

# Danvers Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with regret that the board accepted the resignations of Joe Joslin as president.

Thanks to the vision of Richard Gilmore, Bob Farley, Chris and Tony Patton and other proactive members of the Society in 1991, we purchased the office building at 7-9 Page Street. While much needed at the time of purchase it has become apparent in recent years that it has outlived its usefulness to the Society. Subsequently it was sold this past September. Most of the money has gone into our investment account but a "good chunk" will be used for capitol improvements at Page House, Tapley Hall and the Glen Magna cottage roof. If anyone is interested in the details, please contact me regarding the improvement schedule and Larry Raimondi in reference to the current investment strategy. We have also been in contact with the Emerson family to ask them to relieve us of the stewardship of their family home, the Putnam House.

For the first time in many years the Board of Trustees has voted a balanced budget. The budget includes the hiring of a part time curator and engaging a grant writing service. The Personnel Committee has started a search for the curator and any input from the community will be appreciated. Our management people at Glen Magna continues to produce excellent results. Please visit the site and see the sparkling house and grounds. Our events team are positive and enthusiastic about the future use of the property.

You might have noticed through Charles Wilson's efforts, we have a monthly column in the Danvers Herald. If you are interested in contributing to this ongoing series of articles, please contact Charles. We still hope to publish and distribute our book of essays on Danvers history in time for the holidays.

Our hopes and dreams are high for this year and encourage you, the society members, to urge their friends and neighbors to become members so that we can continue to preserve and promote our precious history.

Joe Younger  
Board President

### Nominating Committee News

In August the board accepted with regret the resignations of Joe Joslin, our President and Steve Vesey, our treasurer. Since our vice-president Richard Warren was unable to take on the duties of president this year, Joe Younger agreed to be our president for the remainder of the year. (Thank you, Joe) The revised slate of officers for the remainder of the year is as follows:

Joe Younger, President  
Richard Warren, Vice President  
Jennifer Flewelling, Secretary  
Larry Raimondi, Treasurer

The two new board members appointed at the September board meeting are **Richard Moody** and **Erin Conner**. Other board members are Sharon Clark, Bobbie Gifford and Richard Gilmore, Jr.

*Maryann Kowalski*

## HOLIDAY SOIREE

The second annual Holiday Soiree will be held **Friday, December 3 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Glen Magna Farms.** The cost is \$50 per person.

John Keohane and his staff will be serving their delicious free-flowing Hors d'oeuvres. Open bar. A new twist this year will be a sampling of your favorite soups and stews. Delicate pastries and famous ice cream bon bons will complete the buffet.

**EXTRA! FIVE SPECIAL AUCTIONS ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

A note from our event chairman Bobbie Gifford: "Remember girls, feel free to make your fashion statement at our Holiday soiree!"

Please make your reservations early as the event sold out two weeks in advance last year.

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## The APPLE

The PUTNAM RUSSET APPLE was the most popular fruit in Salem Village for one hundred years. Gen. Israel Putnam introduced these fruit trees to Pomfret, Ct. in 1786. Grafts from those trees were transported to Marietta, Ohio by Israel Putnam III, set by Rufus Putnam, and sold to the Lynd family who remain in the apple growing business today.

## NEW CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FOR 2004

Each year for the past four years, the Danvers Historical Society has chosen a holiday ornament that reflects Danvers History. This year we have chosen to honor the **Putnam Apple** to add to our collection of the Danvers Half-long Carrot, the Onion, the Endicott Pear and the Shoe to honor that town industry.

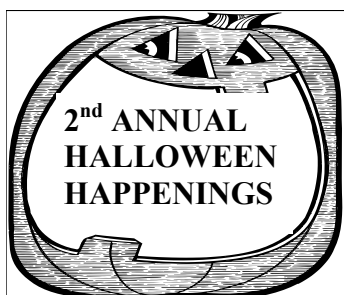
Through research it was discovered that the Putnam's have been growing apples since around 1648. In his will in 1682, Thomas Putnam leaves to his beloved wife and his son Joseph "all that my farm that I now live on both upland and meadow orchards". Both the "meadow orchard" and the 20<sup>th</sup> century orchard on the south slope of the hill up to Putnam Lane were within sight of the Thomas Putnam homestead. It is interesting to note that John Putnam, Jr. was sent to the nearby farm of Governor Endecott (now Glen Magna and Endicott Park) "to learn the science of agriculture".

The Putnam Russet Apple was the most popular fruit in Salem Village for about one hundred years. Fourth generation Major General Israel Putnam introduced these fruit trees to Pomfret (now Brooklyn) Connecticut in 1786. Grafts from those trees were transported to Marietta, Ohio 1796 by Israel Putnam III and set by Rufus Putnam who had emigrated there earlier.

Further research took us to the Lynd family who arrived in Ohio from Cookstown, N. Ireland in 1803.

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# INSIDE NEWS



**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 30,  
11 – 2 P.M.  
GLEN MAGNA  
FARMS**

Halloween is just around the corner, and so is our 2nd annual Halloween Happenings to be held Saturday, October 30th, 11-2PM, at Glen Magna Farms. Bring your children and grandchildren in costume for a great fun family day. Everyone from pre-school through Grade 5 is welcome. Last year's was very successful and we expect this year's to be even bigger!

## EVENTS:

Costume Parade	Story Telling (Tony Toledo)
Games	Pumpkin Decorating

## REFRESHMENTS

- \* Hot Dogs-Cold Drinks
- \* Pop Corn
- \* Goodies Ice Cream

Come early because the first 50 kids can register for Pumpkin decorating (grades 3-5 only). Register for the parade at 11:00—Parade at 12:30.

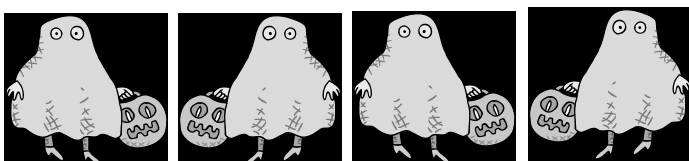
Don't forget your costumes! There will be a prize for 1st place costume in the parade.

ADMISSION: \$5 per family (non members)  
\$2 per family (members)

See you there!

**Bobbie Gifford**

*Bring a chair or blanket so you can be comfortable.*



## A NEW EVENT! A HOLIDAY TEA

Our first Holiday Tea Party will be held on **Sunday, December 5th, from 2-5PM at Glen Magna Farms.** It promises to be an afternoon jam packed with great activities.

Along with a wonderful Tea prepared by Vinwood Caterers, the afternoon will feature holiday frocks from *Lorraine Roy*. In addition, *Imaginations*, a new business in town, will be showing their line of elegant clothing for children. There will be, for your convenience, a few select boutiques to give you a head start on holiday shopping.

The Danvers Art Association will be showing some of their beautiful pieces of art for your pleasure and John Archer will be providing background music.

- \* Bring your best friend, your mother or grandmother
- \* Make this a gift to someone special on your Holiday gift list—it will be a real hit!!!

Be sure to circle Sunday, December 5th on your social calendar. Seating is limited—***Please book by November 21.*** Call 978-777-1666 for reservations. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Hope to see you there!

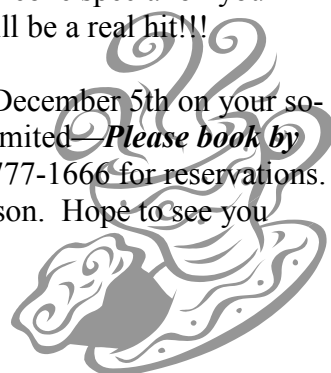
**Bobbie Gifford**

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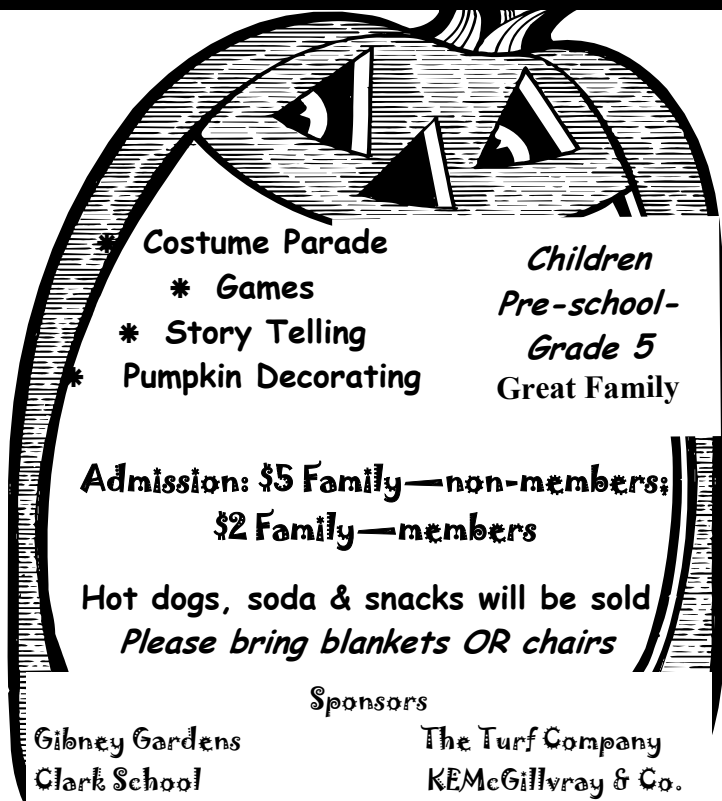
According to the Lynd family history they purchased apple trees from Rufus Putnam and seven generations later the family remains on the land and in the apple growing business.

The OHIO CULTIVATOR of 8/1/1846 lists 22 varieties of apples then grown in Ohio and places the Putnam Russet Apple at the head of the list in popularity.

(The above information comes from *The Putnams of Salem Village* by Harold Putnam and *Great Moments in Apple History* by John Mitchell Lynd.



# Halloween Happenings at Glen Magna Saturday October 30, 11-2 PM



- \* Costume Parade
- \* Games
- \* Story Telling
- \* Pumpkin Decorating

*Children  
Pre-school-  
Grade 5  
Great Family*

**Admission: \$5 Family—non-members;  
\$2 Family—members**

Hot dogs, soda & snacks will be sold  
*Please bring blankets OR chairs*

**Sponsors**  
Gibney Gardens      The Turf Company  
Clark School      KEMcGillvray & Co.  
Ira Toyota

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 31**

## Danvers Historical Society Calendar 2004

### October

#### Halloween Happenings

**Saturday, October 30, 11-2,  
Glen Magna**

Enjoy some Halloween fun! Costume Parade-Ghost Stories-games—for children 4-10. *Small Admission*

**New**

### December

#### Holiday Soiree

**Friday, December 3, 6:30-10:30 Glen Magna**

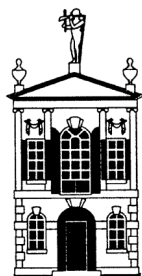
Come catch the holiday spirit! Meet your friends and neighbors at this popular event. Dancing music provided by "Just In Time; Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres by Henry's. RSVP early; this event sold out last year. \$50. Per person

#### Holiday Tea

**Sunday, December 5,  
2-5PM, Glen Magna**

Take time off from the hectic pace of the holidays, and come to our Holiday Tea—catered by Vinwoods of Ipswich. There will be a fashion show, entertainment, and boutiques! Reservations required. \$25.00 per person.

**New**



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