



# Verses

Bringing you the news of the people,  
collections, properties and programs of  
the Danvers Historical Society

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## Society Matters . . .

### Preservation Matters!

We have stories to share and properties to preserve. Our Sustaining Fund needs your contributions. Please donate now by reviewing [these options](#) and sending your pledge to Danvers Historical Society PO Box381 Danvers, MA 01923

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## Christmas at the Endicott Mansion

*A weekend not to be missed! See the full schedule of events below.*

### *It's a peach!*

The 2014 Society Ornament is in honor of the Miriam Cooper Peach Orchard. read the full story. See all [ornaments](#).



## Upcoming Events

visit full listing at [DanversHistory.Org](#) for current details

### We Make History Fun!

#### Historic Properties

Every 2nd Friday, through November 14th, 2014

Time: 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

1:00 PM film at Tapley Hall: Colonials and the British  
\$15 at the door for all four properties.

Location: Page House, Rebecca Nurse Homestead, Judge Samuel Holten House and Tapley Memorial Hall, 13 Page St. Danvers. Learn more at DCAT Intern Productions [here](#)

#### Onion Town Variety Show - see [details of performers](#)

Every 2nd Friday, through November 14th, 2014

7:00 to 9:00 P.M. \$5 for non-performers.

Please visit the list of Danvers Access Shows at [DCAT](#)  
Tapley Memorial Hall, 13 Page St. Danvers.

#### Speaker Series: Soup Kitchens

Thursday, November 20th 7:00 P.M.

Tapley Memorial Hall, 13 Page St. Danvers.

Brian O'Loughlin presents a talk on the Soup Kitchen and its role in the community throughout history. Reservations appreciated to help with hall set up. ***Please bring canned goods for the***

***People to People Danvers Food Pantry.***

Parking on Page St. or in the Community Lot at the corner of Page and Elm Streets. RSVP to 978.777.1666 or E-mail to [dhs@danvershistory.org](mailto:dhs@danvershistory.org) . FREE and ALL are welcome!

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## With a Cup o'Tea

Verses has a new look and will be a monthly E-newsletter with a quarterly print version sent via U.S. Post to current Members. **Please note: the links and color within this newsletter is viewed when you receive via email.** We welcome comments on content and format. [contact](#) us.

## We need your Email Address.

Be assured, we never share our address lists. Sending newsletters and event updates by Email saves the Society money and gets the info to you quickly. If you did not see Verses in August or October, please check your spam folders. Say [hello](#) to us.

## Members in the News

Richard Trask reads the original church record of the Rev. Samuel Parris, which describes the witch trials in vivid



detail. [Full Story](#)

## Initiatives:

### Danvers Community Access

**Television** has been recording many of our events. Please visit the list of *Danvers Access Shows* at DCAT to view Richard Trask's presentation "[Historian on the Set](#)" and the Society's most recent "[Onion Town Variety Show](#)".

**Holiday** plans at Glen Magna Farms are underway. Contact Cathy at 978-777-1666 to become involved. Our goal is to raise funds for property preservation while providing the community with unique experiences.

**Dedication Programs** offer unique

## Parade of Trees: Dec 3rd through 6th [event details](#)

**Become involved**, please decorate a tree or wreath.

See [details](#) and [guidelines](#).

Wednesday, 3rd: Preview Party 5:30 - 8pm

FREE for tree & wreath donors. \$10 general admission.

Thursday, 4th: 1-8pm FREE admission.

6:30pm: Theatrical reading of the Polar Express, [details](#)

Friday, 5th: 1-5pm FREE admission.

Saturday 6th: 10am-5pm FREE admission.

3:30-4:30 Roaming Magician: [Jay Fraser](#)

Saturday: 5:15pm all trees & wreaths raffled to lucky winners!

## Christmas at Glen Magna Farms



Fri-Sun Dec. 5th - Dec. 7th. [Full Developing Details](#)

The Society and The [National Association of Women Artists](#) are celebrating their 125th Anniversaries!! Local florists will deck the halls of the Endicott Mansion. This weekend of events is not to be missed!! Candy Shoppe on site, featuring [Harbor Sweets!](#)

**Gala Celebration:** Friday Dec. 5th [tickets](#) sure to sell out!

**National Association of Women Artists Art Show:**

Sat. 6th 9am-3pm & Sun. 7th 10am-5pm

**High School Chamber Chorus:** Sat. Dec. 6th 1pm at Art Show

**Meet The Artists:** Sat. Dec 6th, 3-5pm.

**Gilded Harps:** Sat. Dec. 6th, 3-5pm at Reception

**Tea at Endicott Mansion:** Sun. Dec. 7th, 11:30am

[tickets](#) sure to sell out!

## Holiday Concert: The Essex Harmony

Sunday, Dec. 14th 3:00 P.M. Tapley Memorial Hall, 13 Page St.

The Essex Harmony, Artists-In-Residence of the Society, will perform. This mixed media, acapella concert is directed by Tom Carmody. More about [The Essex Harmony](#).

Donations encouraged. Proceeds benefit the ongoing preservation mission of the Society, including supplies for our Artists-In-Residence. Reservations appreciated to help with hall set up. Parking on Page St. or in the Community Lot at the corner of Page and Elm Streets. RSVP to 978.777.1666 or E-mail to [dhs@danvershistory.org](mailto:dhs@danvershistory.org).

FREE and ALL are welcome! Donations encouraged

**Speaker Series** - check our [website](#) often for details

Feb. 19th, David McKenna, **Native Americans in Danvers**

March 19th, Dana Smith, **Underground Railroad**

April 21st, George Saluto, **Photography Past to Present**

## **News - Making History!**

### **Boston Globe Weekend**

What's it like living in Danvers, [full story](#)

### **Coastal Home Magazine**

Coastal Home Magazine features the Endicott Mansion and the Designer's Holiday Show House held in December 2013.

[Learn More](#)



ways of honoring a loved one. Rose bushes, garden benches, trees and shrubs can be sponsored to enhance Glen Magna Farms' gardens, providing a beautiful and serene retreat to all who visit. Contact Cathy at 978-777-1666 for more information.

## Did you Know?

Please [submit](#) your stories about Danvers history for publication. Be a part of our new *Verses* E-Newsletter. Your comments and concerns are always welcome to develop this newsletter.

## Current Exhibits

Creating, Learning, Playing  
Native American Artifacts  
The Anne L. Page Legacy

## From the Collections, Name This Image:



Please reply by Dec. 1st to [dhs@danvershistory.org](mailto:dhs@danvershistory.org), with your contact information. The winner will receive a gift certificate to the Page House Museum Store, 11 Page Street. **Last issue's winner was Kevin Riley!** He correctly identified the Old Fashioned Garden at Glen Magna Farms.

## Our Mission

*"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."*

*Adopted January 1, 1889  
Restated June 10, 2009*

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## Onion Town Variety Show 2nd Season, 2014



L to R: belly dancer, [Josephine Boon and Michael Bloom](#) in the Halloween spirit; [PACO](#) the crooner; David McKenna with Viola D'Amour; [Donna Landry](#); Karen Raneri; [Greg Guba](#) and Karen. And so very many more we cannot include here!

Shall we start Season 3 in February or March? Please [vote](#).

**Heritage Films** - NEW RELEASE: Dan Tremblay, Topsfield Fair Trustee and Danvers Historical Society Member, has prepared a 2.5 hour film of this year's **Topsfield Fair, America's Oldest Country Fair**. It would make a wonderful keepsake gift, especially entertaining for the elderly who could not attend, and reflects the wonderful Essex County annual event we've all witnessed. Order your DVD thru the Danvers Historical Society. \$19.95. Allow 4 days to process. [Learn more](#).

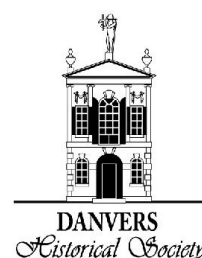
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