



Milton 350th Anniversary Committee

February 2012 Newsletter

Celebrating the Beauty of Milton

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Milton is a beautiful town. As we go about our daily lives rushing from place to place to keep up with our 21st century lives, sometimes it's a good idea to stop, look around, and appreciate what a lovely place we live in. Our 350th Anniversary year had a great kickoff in January with a reception for the inspiring exhibit at the Milton Public Library of artwork by Milton artists featuring familiar places around town. The title of the exhibit is "A Celebration of Milton's Beauty." Even with the snow, we had a great turnout. Please stop by the Library to see the artwork through the end of February.

Plans are coming together for a lot of great events this year. Our next featured event is sponsored by the Forbes House Museum, a Milton treasure, which is having its annual Lincoln Day this weekend. There will be some additional events there this year that are sure to prove entertaining and educational for old and young. A special concert follows at Pierce Middle School. More information is in this newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

12th (Sunday) 1-4 pm Lincoln Day at the Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams Street Milton, Massachusetts 02186 • (617) 696-1815 • info@forbeshousemuseum.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the 350th Anniversary Celebration. There will be infantry drills, demonstrations and exhibits by the Salem Zouaves, the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the 7th Tennessee Company G., and the United States Sanitary Commission Boston Branch (the 22nd Massachusetts ladies civilian group). First Lady, Mary Todd Lincoln, will make a guest appearance, inspecting and addressing the troops. For the first time in decades, the Dorchester Banner, used in a rally in support of presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln in 1860, will be on display in the Museum for visitors to see. The FHM Lincoln Cabin will be open to visitors. Hot chocolate will be served in the tradition begun by Mary Bowditch Forbes in 1924. Suggested donation for Lincoln Day is \$5 per family.

12th (Sunday) 4:30 pm, Civil War Concert - Pierce Middle School Auditorium, Central Avenue, Milton. The Lincoln Day celebration at the Forbes House Museum includes a concert of Civil War music with Dixon's.

16th (Thursday) Milton High Alumni Reunion
Events Planning Meeting – Contact Janet Christensen 617-698-7752
christensenjanet@yahoo.com for more information.

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We have some exciting updates in this newsletter including the final parade Route, tickets for the Ronan Tynan/Pauline Wells concert and more.

Again, please help us spread the word and share this newsletter to friends and family.

Sincerely,

Lynda-Lee Sheridan
Milton 350th Committee Chair

Thank you to more sponsors since our last newsletter!

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Forbes House Museum

More sponsors listed on our website.

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FEBRUARY-MAY

Mayor of Milton Campaigning – Please watch out for opportunities to vote for your choice of Mayor of Milton. Ballots will be available at outlets throughout Milton. Candidates will host their own fundraisers as well. Stayed tuned for more!

A Brief History of Milton

by Brian Doherty, Chair, Milton Historical Society

Milton was first settled in 1640 as a village of the town of Dorchester. It was called Unquity from an Indian name, Unquity-Quisset, which meant where the head-waters of the Neponset River met the tidewaters of the bay. Some of the earliest mills in New England were built along the river here. Ship building and farming were among the other major occupations of the early settlers. In 1662 the inhabitants of Unquity received permission from the Massachusetts General Court to separate from Dorchester and Milton was incorporated as a Town on June 11 of that year. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries the mills of Milton grew and the town prospered greatly. One of these mills, the Walter Baker Chocolate Company, was established in 1764 and operated in Milton and Dorchester for two hundred years. Many of the mill owners and other wealthy elite of Boston came to Milton to build their stately mansions along Adams Street, Canton Avenue and Brush Hill Road. ...Read more on our website.

Milton350thanniversary.org. Click on the History Tab.

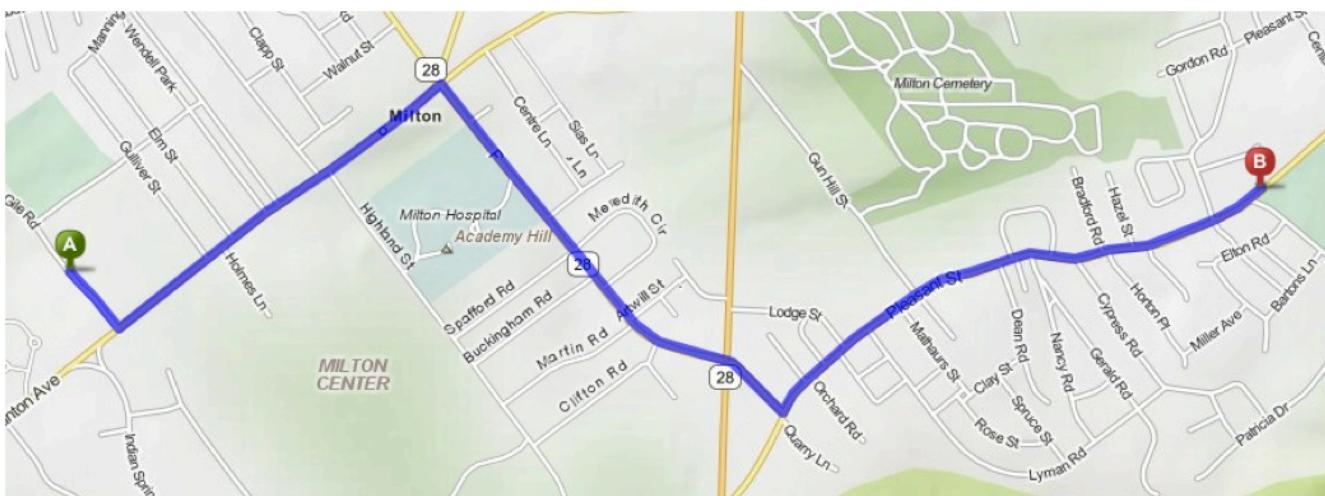


Big Event Committee

Pat Desmond, Chair, themiltontimes@gmail.com

The Big Event Committee is planning a spectacular weekend beginning **June 8**. Friday, June 8, at 9:15 there will be **fireworks** outside Milton High School, Gile Road. Parents and students from the PTOs (Parent Teacher Organization) and FAME (Friends and Advocates of Music Education) will offer a cookout before the start. (Rain date is June 16)

The next day, **June 9**, our 350th celebration **parade begins at 2 p.m. at the high school** with The Boston Gaelic Column, the Woodland String Band from Philadelphia (Mummers), the Milton High School Marching Band and 11 units of Shriners. (Rain date is also June 16) The parade will go along Canton Avenue to Reedsdale Road, Pleasant Street and finally Edge Hill Road, ending at Cunningham Park. After the parade, there will be a band concert at the high school and exhibits and activities for adults and children alike. Forms for floats and marching groups will soon be available on our website or by contacting Pat Desmond (see above).



Parade Route starts at Milton High School (A) and ends at Cunningham Park (B)

On Sunday, **June 10**, there will be a **town wide picnic** on the Town Green followed by an interfaith choir concert. Of course, birthday cake will be served! Please contact Emma Jean Moulton emmardon@aol.com or 617-698-3200 about activities on June 10.

On **June 11**, the actual date of the incorporation in 1662, there will be a **Milton History Bowl** at the high school.

Please check back as we get closer to the date. We will need volunteers to help with all events - especially the parade. If you or your organization would like to help with our plans, we welcome your input! Please contact Pat Desmond.



Mass Memories Road Show

Dan Haacker, 617-698-575 or dhaacker@ocln.org

SAVE THE DATE!

The Mass. Memories Road Show comes to Milton:

When: Saturday May 12, 2012 from 10 AM to 3 PM

Where: Milton Public Library, Keys Community Room

Join everyone in celebrating Milton's 350th anniversary and become part of a permanent digital historic record of both Milton and Massachusetts. This free event is open to anyone who resides, once resided, works in or has any connection to Milton.

What do participants do?

- Bring up to 3 photos that illustrate your life. These can be historical or more recent photos of your home, family, community, or neighborhood. The choice is yours.
- Items will then be scanned and immediately returned to you.
- You will be given the opportunity to contribute to an oral history video project and tell the story of your photos.
- You will also learn how to preserve, identify and date your photos.

For more information and/or to volunteer contact Dan Haacker at the Milton Library at 617-698-575 or dhaacker@ocln.org

The Mass. Memories Road Show in Milton is an official event of the year-long 350th Anniversary of Milton and is sponsored by the University Archives & Special Collections, the Joseph P. Healey Library at UMass Boston and Mass. Humanities. Partnering organizations in Milton also include: the Milton Historical Society, the Friends of Milton Library, and the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association.

Please be sure to catch "**It's All Write With Suzette**," featuring information and a "demo" by Milton residents for the Mass Memories Milton Road Show. The show started Wednesday, 2/8 and will run for two weeks, until Tuesday, 2/21/2012. It airs only in Milton. Schedule: **Wednesday, 7 pm, All Weekend, 8:30 pm Tuesday, 11:30 am. Channels are on Milton Cable Access TV Comcast Channels 8, 10, 22, RCN Channels 3, 13, 15.**

Program Book Committee

We are planning on creating a program book to offer the weekend of the fireworks and parade, June 8th and 9th. We are looking for someone to lead the effort to put that together. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lynda-Lee Sheridan llsheridan@hotmail.com.



Memorabilia

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Joanne Trifone, Sales Coordinator, milton350thstore@gmail.com

We are looking forward to having our table at the Forbes Museum this Sunday, 2 to 4 pm and then going to the Pierce School for the Civil War Music Concert where we will again have our table. We continue to sell at the library afternoons during the 350th Art Exhibit through February.

If your organization is having an event, we would love to have a table there to sell our memorabilia. Please contact Joanne Trifone at milton350thstore@gmail.com if you'd allow us to sell at your event. Thank you!

Here is a list of our current memorabilia:

- **Milton Roundel** - \$40
- **T-Shirts** - \$15
- **Milton Mugs** – \$20
- **2012 Calendars** - \$10
- **Commemorative Plate** - - \$55 signed, \$45 unsigned.
- **Mug and T-Shirt Combo** - \$30

Our memorabilia items can be seen on the [website](#). You can buy memorabilia at the Selectman's Office, Town Hall 8:30 am to 5 pm. If you'd like to order something, please email our Sales Coordinator, **Joanne Trifone** at milton350thstore@gmail.com. Joanne is coordinating volunteers to sell at all our events as well.



Glataea Sterling Silver "Entering Milton" bracelets, charms and pendants - We are excited to announce that Glataea of Milton Village, 60 Adams Street, 3d Floor, Lower Mills, will be offering special "Entering Milton" jewelry and for a limited time, 10% of all their charm sales will be donated to the Milton 350th Anniversary Committee to help support our year-long celebration. Also available in gold by special order. See [Glataea's website](#) for pricing and other details.

Fundraising

Mary McLaughlin, Co-Chair, MaryMGM@comcast.net 617-794-9644

Kathy Fagan, Co-Chair, kfaganlaw@comcast.net

Concert with Ronan Tynan and Pauline Wells – May 5, 2012, 6:30 – 10 pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy. **Tickets are now available** for the **350th Concert** to commemorate our anniversary. \$50 general admission tickets include a 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception with Cash

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Bar. \$150 VIP ticket includes general admission plus dessert and gathering with the performers following the concert. The concert is sponsored by the Copeland Family Foundation and proceeds will go towards a legacy gift to the Town of Milton. Free parking. Tickets are available at the Town Hall in the Selectman's Office from 8:30 am – 5 pm, M-F, at the Milton Times, 480 Adams St. or by emailing Joanne Trifone at milton350thstore@gmail.com and putting "Milton350th Concert Tickets" in the subject line or leave a message at 617-698-3442. Tickets ordered through Joanne will be held at the door.

Mayor of Milton Campaign - In 2012, Milton will have the first, ever mayoral race to raise money for Milton's 350th Anniversary celebration and legacy gift. This is not an official position with any real powers. It's a fun way for a few good sports to show their love of Milton and its rich history. The candidate who raises the most money wins and gets to be Mayor of Milton for a day and ride in the parade on June 9th.

Candidates will raise money through parties, raffles or other creative methods. Candidates "earn" one vote for each dollar they raise. Candidates will be featured on the Milton 350th website. The nominating period ended on February 7 and the committee will be announcing the candidates next week. Stay tuned!

We have extended the Mayor campaign period to end on May 5th. The winner will be announced once all the "votes" are counted. For questions about the campaign, please contact Brian Kelley at brianpfs@gmail.com or 617-615-9249.

Wine Dinner at the Marketplace Café – We had a fabulous time at the Wine Dinner sponsored by the Fruit Center on January 26. Chris Douglass, of Tavolo and Ashmont Grill in Dorchester, created a special colonial inspired meal that featured an entire roast pig. Tim Paulus of the Fruit Center, was our wine expert for the evening and educated us all on each wine served with the four course meal. We got an extra helping of dessert when the Fruit Center gave the 350th Committee a check for \$10,000 to support the anniversary events and a legacy gift to the Town! We can't thank them enough for such a fabulous night. Fruit Center's website fruitcentermarketplace.com Tavolo's website tavolopizza.com. Ashmont Grill's website ashmontgrill.com.



Connie Spiros, Chef Chris Douglass, Beth Neville and 350th Chair Lynda-Lee Sheridan

Legacy Gift to the Town – We are planning on giving a legacy gift to the town as a tribute to the 350th anniversary. If you have a great idea, please contact us.



Archive Committee

Wallie Sisson, Chair, ArchiveCommittee350th@comcast.net 617-696-2709

For those of you who are wondering why the Archive Committee exists, we are responsible for documenting the entire 350th Anniversary celebration of our town. By our doing so, future generations will be able to look back on the planning and events of this festive year and share some of the excitement that has started and will continue throughout this year. The Committee is seeking those volunteers (professional or amateur) that will assist by recording these events by taking pictures or videos. Not only will you gain valuable experience but, as being part of our committee, you will get a "behind the scenes" experience and will have preferential viewing positioning at the events! If you don't have a camera, we may be able to provide one. If you are interested finding out more about how you can participate, please email: ArchiveCommittee350th@comcast.net with your name, email and other contact information.

Milton High School Reunion

Janet Christensen, Chair, christensenjanet@yahoo.com, 617-698-7752

MILTON HIGH ALUMS TO CELEBRATE 350TH!

Special events for MHS grads are in the works for the June 10 to 12 anniversary weekend. A 60s' party is planned for the evening of June 12th at the Milton Hoosic Club while 50s' and 40s' grads will celebrate at another Milton venue. The reunion extravaganza for MHS grads of every year will be held in the Field House at the High School at a yet to be finalized date and time. Representatives of the graduating classes of 1970 to 1989 are caucusing and gathering steam for a variety of gatherings and events.

We need contacts for each graduating class, so please be in touch and give us your name and year and others who may keep the contact lists for your class. Street addresses are good but we love email addresses! We do not have many names for the "younger" classes of 90s' and upward so please email us likely contacts for these movers and shakers of MHS nation.

Whether you were a WildCat, Whizz Kid or earlier MHS alum, we need your name. Please contact us at christensenjanet@yahoo.com and if you like, attend our **next planning meeting February 16th**. Please note, we are also on a mission to raise some alumni contributions for our Milton High School. More on that later.



Historical Committee

Brian Doherty, Chair, bdoherty@townofmilton.org

The Historic Committee is excited to announce a series of lectures by Anthony Sammarco, noted historian and author of more than forty books on the history of Boston and surrounding cities and towns. All events will be held in the Keyes Room at the Milton Public Library.

Here is the schedule:

Monday April 2, 7-8 pm, "Milton Businesses and Industries", sponsored by Friends of the Milton Library.

Monday May 7, 7-8 pm, "Milton: From Town to Suburb", sponsored by Milton Barber Shop

Monday June 4, 7-8 pm, "Milton Neighborhoods", sponsored by the Forbes House Museum.

Ongoing Events Committee

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info@forbeshousemuseum.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the 350th Anniversary Celebration. This is a yearly event with additional activities in honor of Milton's 350th Anniversary. There will be infantry drills, demonstrations and exhibits by the Salem Zouaves, the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the 7th Tennessee Company G., and the United States Sanitary Commission Boston Branch (the 22nd Massachusetts ladies civilian group). First Lady, Mary Todd Lincoln, will make a guest appearance, inspecting and addressing the troops. For the first time in decades, the Dorchester Banner, used in a rally in support of presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln in 1860, will be on display in the Museum for visitors to see. The FHM Lincoln Cabin will be open to visitors. Hot chocolate will be served in the tradition begun by Mary Bowditch Forbes in 1924. Suggested donation is \$5 per family.

Forbes House Museum will distribute colorful mementos from Fuller Village in Milton coordinated by Fuller Village resident, Myrtle Flight. From the Forbes House Museum - "Mary Bowditch Forbes, the last generation of the Forbes family to live in the Forbes House Museum was an avid Lincoln and Civil War memorabilia collector. Each year on Lincoln's birthday she held gatherings to celebrate his life and veterans of the Civil War. We continue that tradition today as we invite, reenactors to join us in celebrating Lincoln's birthday!"
forbeshousemuseum.org

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Civil War Concert - February 12 (Sunday), 4:30 pm, Pierce Middle School Auditorium, Central Avenue, Milton. The Lincoln Day celebration at the Forbes House Museum includes a concert of Civil War music by Dixon's Gold. The band will perform with mandolin, mandocello, string bass, penny whistle, clarinet, banjo, and guitar along with vocals. The audience will be encouraged to sing along.

Tickets are \$10 per person for adults; \$8 per person for members; \$25 for a family of four; \$20 for a member family.

Events Update

There were two big events in January in honor of the 350th – The reception for the art exhibit at the Milton Library and a fun family bowling party at Cunningham Park.

Milton Artists Exhibit at Milton Public Library – We had a wonderful opening at our first 350th event at the opening of the exhibit of 24 Milton artists in the Wotiz Gallery at the Milton Public Library. Not even an unwelcome snow storm could stop us. Thank you to the Milton Garden Club (MGC) for providing art inspired arrangements to complement some of the

pieces it was like a mini “Art in Bloom” ala the MFA. Also many thanks to Ami Joiner who worked with younger attendees to create a “Milton Family Tree” in the Children’s Library. The exhibit will continue through the rest of February 2012. Most of the works were made available for sale. Many have already been sold but are still hanging for the duration of the exhibit. So get up to the Library before they’re all purchased!

An exhibit of photographs by *Clifton Lawrence Fasch*, a prominent 20th century Milton photographer and official photographer for the 300th Anniversary Celebration, will be on view throughout the entire year 2012.



At Left - Watercolors of First Parish by Judith Phakos (top) and Pine Tree Brook by Elva Proctor (bottom). Arrangement by Ingrid Beattie and Linda MacLean of MGC.



Family Bowling, January 29th, Cunningham Park, Sponsored by the Cunningham Foundation - The

Cunningham Foundation hosted a free family bowling day in Cunningham Hall. The lanes were filled with happy bowlers of all ages. Jini Connors and Dave Wahlgren of Cunningham Park made sure everyone got a chance to bowl. Thank you to Deborah Milbauer who was our photographer of the day. (Alas, the weather has been unusually balmy this year and we had to skip the skating portion of the day.)



Bowlers at Cunningham Hall.

Home Gardeners' Exhibition

350th ANNIVERSARY YEAR WILL REVIVE HOME GARDENERS' EXHIBITION!

It's none too early to start ordering seeds for home gardeners in Milton. And this summer, the **Home Garden Exhibition** will be revived! The exhibition of 1912 (100 years ago) is well documented in the archives at the Milton Public Library. In that decade, the exhibit was held in the Town Hall auditorium, and some years at the old Milton High School at Central Ave.

This 350 anniversary year, the plans are to have the exhibition and awarding of prizes at the Milton Farmers' Market in **Milton Village in the town park on Wharf Street**. The date set is **Thursday, August 16th**.

One hundred years ago, there were categories at the exhibition for children as well as adults. In 1912, what was the Home Garden Committee of the Milton Education Society reached the children through the schools, "trying to encourage a desire for planting and care of home gardens." It seems that plans were downsized in 1918 as World War I was underway. More details for the for home gardening exhibition will be covered in the next 350th newsletter. Meanwhile, start planning for the 2012 Home Gardening Exhibition and Contest! If you would like to join the 350 agriculture & garden committee, please contact us at the 350th anniversary committee. Janet Christensen christensenjanet@yahoo.com, or 617-698-7752.



Community Outreach Committee

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The community outreach committee is charged with making sure every **school, neighborhood association, church, non-profit group or club in Milton**, knows about the 350th Anniversary plans. There are many ways to get involved. You can sponsor your own event, have your group volunteer at one of our big events or just spread the word by distributing this newsletter. We are working to contact as many groups as we can. Please contact us if you represent an organization and would like to be on our contact list.

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We are now tweeting! Find us on Twitter at Milton350th.

Newsletter – If you'd like to help produce the newsletter, please contact Mary McLaughlin at marymgm@comcast.net. Writing and graphic skills are necessary. Thank you.

To Contact the 350th Committee

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