

**The 2008-2009 Program Year:  
Programs Galore!**  
*by Bob Colt*

The Winchester Historical Society had a truly memorable program year as it celebrated its 75th Anniversary along with the 100th Birthday of the Sanborn House Historical and Cultural Center. The Fall 2008 program year kicked off with a well attended illustrated talk and exhibition of *Artists from Winchester's Past*. Ellen Knight, author of the Society's publication, *Artists of Winchester*, brought an intriguing selection of the Society's own art collection together for the first time from the various offices of the Town. This collection offered a view of Winchester through its art and artist community.

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**WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT**  
(September 2008 to June 2009 Program Year)

This edition of the Black Horse Bulletin includes the first annual report of the Society. It covers September 2008 to June 2009, the Society's program year. The Society's Financial Report covers the tax year, January to December 2008.



November, 2008: The community of Winchester celebrates the 100th Birthday of the Sanborn House. Copyright Mark Flannery.com

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**2009-2010**

**Officers**

<i>President</i>	Robert Colt
<i>Vice President</i>	Nancy Schrock
<i>Treasurer</i>	Douglas Marmon
<i>Secretary</i>	Jean Herbert

**Directors**

Elizabeth Cregger	David Stirling
Carol Keller	Robert Stone
Susan Keats	Paula Swartz
Michael Manzo	Robert Tedesco
Lauri Minniti	Candace Van Aken
Nancy O'Herron	Peter Wild
Thomas Sevigny	

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The November 2nd 100th Birthday Celebration of the Sanborn House was a fitting showcase for the great strides in the tasteful renovation of the House. The overflowing assemblage reveled in fine food, interesting tours and lively speeches by Channel 7 Anchor Kim Khazei, Town Manager Mel Kleckner, Selectmen Tom Howley and Roger Berman and longtime Sanborn House resident, 94 year old Edward Downes and niece Bonnie Leonard. The Winchester Board of Selectmen, the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the State Senate honored the Winchester Historical Society and the Sanborn House with beautiful proclamations (see page 7).

The Annual Holiday Party of the Society was complete with the melodic sounds of the Winchester-based Alcyon Chamber Ensemble, complete with delectable food and the art collection illuminating the walls. The artist's reception for noted Winchester landscape artist John McConnell on February 12th was a cultural success as an appreciative Winchester crowd admired the recent paintings of this popular artist.

*The Black Horse Village during the Revolution* program brought out the history buffs on an April evening for a view into the life and turbulent times of the American Revolution. In full regalia, Michael Bonislowski, history professor and Field Commander of Gardner's Regiment, and Winchester native and militia Sergeant Christopher Hurley reenacted the local historical highlights of Black Horse Village and surrounding towns.

The Annual May meeting of the Winchester Historical Society saw author Diane Rapaport, author of *Naked Quakers and Other Forgotten Americans*, engage folks with *True Crimes and Controversies A Lively Look at Colonial Times*. She presented a feisty, unruly and irreverent life from court cases of colonial New England.

A dedicated group of Society members and Board of Directors scrubbed, polished and repaired during the May 30th Sanborn House Work Day. The House sparkled for the Winchester Historical Society's *Second Annual Strawberry Festival and Classic Car Show*. Hundreds of Winchester residents enjoyed the trolley ride to the Sanborn House from Town Day activities on the Common, and relished the strawberry shortcake on the veranda, tours of the House and the vintage cars on display. Town Day also included a lively Winchester Historical Society booth in the center of Town dispensing Society information and tickets to the always-popular guided historic trolley tours.

The program year was a varied and exciting one, with more and more people taking part in the activities at the Sanborn House Historical and Cultural Center and providing a backdrop of anticipation for the next year of new programs being planned by the Winchester Historical Society.

## The Society's Business Supporters

The Winchester Historical Society would like to thank the local businesses that have generously supported both the Society and the renovation of the Sanborn House this year. This support comes through memberships, donations, or in-kind services. The Society needs and appreciates this support and encourages the Society membership to patronize these businesses:

A.J. Martini, Inc.  
 Bistro 5  
 Book Ends  
 Boston Tree Preservation  
 Century Bank  
 Children's Own School  
 Comcast  
 Mark Flannery Photography  
 Fells Hardware  
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 Harrison Mulhern Architects  
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 Johnson Fuel Co./Johnson's Motor Sales  
 La Patisserie  
 Mary McKenna & Associates  
 Masa  
 Nick's Painting Services  
 Red Hawk Studio Architects  
 Starbucks  
 Stone & Company, LLC  
 Whole Foods  
 W. Allan Wilde & Son Insurance Agency  
 Winchester Art and Frame  
 Winchester Cooperative Bank  
 Winchester Savings Bank  
 Wine Country

## Society Board of Directors Adds Top Talent

by Bob Colt

The Winchester Historical Society continues to attract highly talented members to its seventeen person Board of Directors. New Board members this year are well-known Winchester residents Jean Herbert, Elizabeth Cregger, Thomas Sevigny, Robert Tedesco and Peter Wild.

Jean Herbert will be serving as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Jean is Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education at Tufts University and is active in Winchester League of Women Voters.

Elizabeth Cregger is on the Planning Board for the town of Winchester, has served on the Board of Selectmen and is on the Steering Committee of the League of Women Voters.

Thomas Sevigny comes to the Board of Directors having just finished being President of the Rotary Club of Winchester and having served as a Trustee of the Griffin Museum.

Robert Tedesco is a partner in the Law Firm of Tedesco & Twomey, specializing in real estate law and has been active in a number of community groups.

Peter Wild is President of Boston Tree Preservation and has been involved in Street Trees for Winchester among other groups.

These five community leaders join a Winchester Historical Society Board of Directors deeply involved in the major renovation of the Sanborn House Historical and Cultural Center and are already fully involved in all aspects of the Society.

## Society Poised to Hire Executive Director

The Winchester Historical Society is at an exciting juncture in its 75 year history. In 2006 it signed a lease with the Town of Winchester to manage and restore the historic Sanborn House as an historical and cultural center and as its headquarters. Today the Sanborn House is open and operating, and restoration work has begun. The Society is now prepared to hire its first Executive Director to work with an active Board, enthusiastic volunteers, and a supportive community to move the organization and the Sanborn House Historical and Cultural Center forward

### *Job description:*

The Winchester Historical Society seeks a dynamic professional to serve as Executive Director. The successful applicant will be responsible for overseeing the operations of the historical society, including coordinating development efforts; membership services; management of the Sanborn House; maintaining and developing community relations; assisting in writing grants; and supervising volunteers. This is an opportunity to grow with a multi-faceted local nonprofit organization and work with the Winchester community.

The Executive Director reports directly to the Society's president, maintaining accountability for operations, making regular reports, and serving as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Winchester Historical Society. The position is half-time for nine months with extension dependent upon funding.

*Qualifications:* BA or MA in American history, historic preservation, museum studies or related discipline. Experience in fundraising, marketing, and project management for a non-profit organization. Strong organizational and communication skills. Knowledge of the Winchester community is an asset.

Please email resume and a cover letter summarizing your suitability for the position to: [jobs@winchesterhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:jobs@winchesterhistoricalsociety.org) or mail to Search Committee, Winchester Historical Society, P.O. Box 127, Winchester, MA 01890.

## Gifts to our Home and Collections

The Society continually receives gifts for the Sanborn House and its collections. Thanks go to Harry and Mary Werlin for an oriental rug for the library; Nancy and Richard Schrock for a Louis Prang lithograph by Annie Nowell, which hangs in the dining room; George and Susan Vrotsos for the trompe l'oeil painting for our front entrance; Marycliff alumni for their yearbooks and memories; and Neil MacArthur for artifacts from the Winchester Fire Department.

**Winchester Historical Society  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION\***

ASSETS as of December 31, 2008		
Cash / checking - Society	\$6,089	
Investments - Society	\$28,289	
		\$34,379
Cash / checking - Sanborn House	\$6,329	
Investments - Sanborn House	\$63,849	
		\$70,178
MONETARY ASSETS		\$104,556
Contributions receivable	\$14,631	
Furniture and fixtures	\$6,340	
Leasehold improvements	\$125,964	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$251,491</b>
REVENUE for year ended December 31, 2008		
Membership dues	\$10,430	
Program income	\$566	
Sales	\$556	
Rental income	\$8,840	
Contributions - Society	\$6,201	
Contributions - Sanborn	\$44,631	
Interest income	\$3,140	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$74,364</b>
Pledges received	\$13,100	
EXPENSES for year ended December 31, 2008		
Educational Programs	\$8,111	
Publications/Outreach	\$5,173	
Administration	\$2,677	
Sanborn House operations	\$32,793	
Sanborn House improvements	\$11,950	
Fundraising	\$18,383	
Depreciation	\$1,071	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$80,158</b>
Cash to leasehold improvement	\$88,665	

\*As reviewed by the accounting firm of Stone and Company, LLC and submitted to the IRS

**Thank You to Former Members of  
the Board of Directors  
by Bob Colt**

The Winchester Historical Society has been fortunate to have so many tremendously gifted individuals who have served on its Board of Directors. We are most grateful for the dedication of Donna Patalano, Nancy Kilker, Gail Sjo, Drew Bottaro, and Patrick Hall who have finished up their terms on the Board and are involved volunteering in other areas of the Historical Society and the Sanborn House Cultural and Historical Center.

Donna Patalano finished her term as Secretary of the Society, where she brought the record keeping to a new level, utilizing her legal background. Donna continued her efforts as Chair of the Development Committee and has hosted meetings this summer planning fundraising efforts for the Winchester Historical Society.

Nancy Kilker finished her term in May, but continued her yeoman's work for the Society organizing the *Second Annual Strawberry Festival and Classic Car Show* at the Sanborn House. Nancy frequently is in the Sanborn House volunteering her time and was a dynamo during the Sanborn House Work Day.

Gail Sjo has long been involved in the Winchester Historical Society, having served as President and Vice President of the Board of Directors for multiple terms. Gail has truly done it all and has been one of the most stalwart leaders in the history of the Society.

Drew Bottaro finished his term on the Board of Directors where he was chair of the Finance Committee. Drew continues

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## A Picture Says a Thousand Words

Past issues of the *Black Horse Bulletin* have told you about all that has been done to restore the Sanborn House and make it a center of activity for the Society and for the community of Winchester. Here is a sample photographs from our scrapbook. Look for more on our redesigned website this fall!



**October 2008: Work on installing a new roof begins on the Sanborn House.**

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his long service to the Town of Winchester as an active member of the Planning Board.

Patrick Hall put forth his legal talents on the Winchester Historical Society Board of Directors. Pat was always available to give legal advice on many issues and continues to offer his advice and counsel whenever needed.

These individuals have given above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that the Historical Society and the Sanborn House continue to grow by leaps and bounds. We are all most thankful for their conscientious dedication and their ongoing contributions to our Town and the Winchester Historical Society.



**November 2009: Society members enjoy the 100th Birthday Party of the Sanborn House (from left, Jane Graham and Jack Motor, Candace Van Aken, Laurie Minniti, Robert Stone, honored guest Edward Downs, and Nancy O'Herron). Copyright Mark Flannery.com**



**July 2009: Marycliff Academy (original Ambrose School) alumnae tour the Sanborn House with guide, Nancy Schrock, Vice President of the Society.**

### Grants Help the Society

The Society was the recipient of several generous grants. The En Ka Society gave a grants for workshops on archiving local records of non-profits in 2008 and for kitchen upgrades in 2009. The Cutural Council provided assistance with the costume collection. Rotary provided AV equipment for presentations and funded materials for Tom Swanton' Eagle project, a sign board for the front of the Sanborn House.

## TOWN OF WINCHESTER

100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE SANBORN HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Sanborn House is one of the few surviving grand estates in Winchester and is under the stewardship of the Winchester Historical Society

WHEREAS, the Sanborn House, designed in the beaux-arts style by architects Clinton M. Hill and Thomas M. James, was completed in 1908 for Oren Sanborn, younger son of James Sanborn, and co-founder of Chase and Sanborn Coffee.

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanborn and his wife Lorena lived in Winchester since 1901 and were prominent Winchester citizens

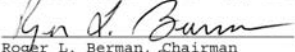
WHEREAS, the Downes family, who founded the Downes Lumber Company of Boston, owned the house for two decades and the Sanborn House was later purchased by the Town of Winchester in 1969 from the Archdiocese and all cared for the ongoing preservation of the house for many years

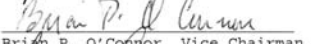
WHEREAS, in 1981 the Sanborn House was one of the first properties in the Town of Winchester to be placed on the National Historic Register

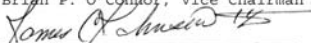
WHEREAS, in 2005 the Massachusetts Historical Commission recognized the Sanborn House as a significant and endangered property and the Winchester Historical Society, which was granted a long-term lease of the house by the Town of Winchester, began the planning process for restoring the house

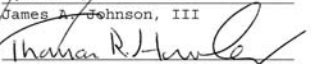
NOW, THEREFORE, the Winchester Board of Selectmen do hereby present this proclamation in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of the Sanborn House. The Town of Winchester and the Winchester Board of Selectmen congratulates the Winchester Historical Society on their preservation of the Sanborn House and looks forward to continued success in their restoration project.

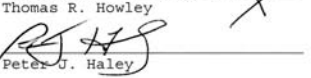
IN WITNESS THEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2008

  
Roger L. Berman, Chairman

  
Brian P. O'Connor, Vice Chairman

  
James R. Johnson, III

  
Thomas R. Howley

  
Peter G. Haley



## Volunteers Support the Society

The Society has received the wonderful assistance of many volunteers throughout the year. This support allows the Society to reach its many goals and help make Winchester such a special community. Thanks go to the 2008-09 volunteers:

Margo Attaya, Randy Bairnsfather, Charlene Band, Hanne Beck, John Clemson, Dave Cregger, Diane Donovan, David Feigenbaum, Kate Fitzgerald, Emileanne Hoehnlein, Ellen Knight, Pat Maguire, Mary Ann Marmon, John Minniti, Diana and Jim Obbard, Bill O'Connor, Cecily Parkhurst, Jane Rutherford, Jan Santaniello, Richard Schrock, Gail Sjo, Jenn Swope, Jean Twitchell, Susan and George Vrotsos, Linda and Jim Whitehead, Courtenay Williams.

## The Society Grows Each Year!

More members join the Society each year. The Society would like to acknowledge new members who have joined in 2008 and 2009:

Century Bank  
Steve and Donna Addezio,  
WineCountry  
Mark and Cydney Ambrose  
Priscilla Bauman  
Roger Berman  
DeVallon and Suzanne Bolles  
Nicholas Boulas, Nick's Painting Services  
Glen and Carol Burdick  
Dot Butler  
Werner Carlson  
Susan Clark  
Joseph and Lauren Costello  
Kevin Cronan  
Donald and Carolyn Demita  
Bridget DiBlasi  
Michael Emerald  
Walter Finneran  
Peter Haley  
Christopher Hurley  
Margaret Lowry  
Susan and Matthew McPhee  
Wendy Jo and Douglas New  
Leopold O'Donnell  
Chris Potts, Frank H. Duffy, Inc.  
James Sahakian  
Carol and James Savage  
Dave Smith, Winchester Art and Frame  
Thomas and Susan Turpin  
Annette Voorhes  
Allan Wilde, W. Allan Wilde and Son Insurance Agency, Inc.

## 2008 Annual Appeal

The names of the donors to the Winchester Historical Society 2008 Annual Appeal appeared in the January-March 2009 and the April-June 2009 Black Horse Bulletins. One name needs to be added, Susan Williams.

Past editions of the *Black Horse Bulletin* can be found on the Society Web site: [www.winchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.winchesterhistoricalsociety.org). The Society would like to thank all donors for their generous support in this difficult economic environment.

The Massachusetts General Court



Resolutions

RECOGNIZING THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND SANBORN HOUSE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CENTER ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE SANBORN HOUSE'S ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON NOVEMBER 2, 2008.

WHEREAS, THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHICH HAS STEWARDSHIP OF THE SANBORN HOUSE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CENTER, IS CELEBRATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY OF THE SANBORN HOUSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS COMMITTED TO RESTORING THE BEAUX-ARTS STYLE HOME'S PHYSICAL STRUCTURE AND DETAILS; AND

WHEREAS, THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MISSION IS TO TRANSFORM THE SANBORN HOUSE AND ITS GROUNDS INTO A VIBRANT COMMUNITY CENTER AND CELEBRATE HERITAGE, ARTS, CULTURE AND BEAUTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE COMMUNITY OF WINCHESTER IS ALREADY UTILIZING THE BEAUTIFUL FACILITIES OF THE SANBORN HOUSE UNDER THE CAREFUL SUPERVISION OF THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND FESTIVE EVENTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE SANBORN HOUSE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PROPERTIES IN WINCHESTER TO BE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION HAS RECOGNIZED THE SANBORN HOUSE AS A SIGNIFICANT AND ENDANGERED PROPERTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BEEN DILIGENT IN ITS EFFORTS AND LEADERSHIP TO CARE FOR, RESTORE AND RENOVATE THE SANBORN HOUSE; AND

WHEREAS, THE WINCHESTER COMMUNITY AND THE TOWN'S GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN A COMMITMENT TO THE SANBORN HOUSE RESTORATION; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT HEREBY HEARTILY CONGRATULATES THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE SANBORN HOUSE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE TRANSMITTED FORWORTH BY THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO THE WINCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER.

SENATE, ADOPTED, OCTOBER 30, 2008.

Handwritten signatures of Therese Murray and William F. Walsh with their titles: THERESE MURRAY, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; WILLIAM F. WALSH, CLERK OF THE SENATE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ADOPTED IN CONCURRENCE, OCTOBER 30, 2008.

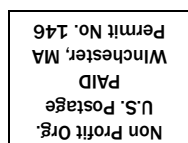
Handwritten signatures of Salvatore J. Dimasi and Steven T. James with their titles: SALVATORE F. DIMASI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; STEVEN T. JAMES, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

OFFERED BY:

Handwritten signatures of Patricia D. Jehlen and Paul C. Casey with their titles: SENATOR PATRICIA D. JEHLLEN; REPRESENTATIVE PAUL C. CASEY.



- Meetings** Board meetings are held in the Sanborn House on the third Tuesday of the month (September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15). The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.
- Programs** Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. - noon, *Workshop on Managing Archival Records* for Winchester Non-Profits, Sanborn House
- Wednesday, October 7, 10 a.m. - noon, *Workshop on Managing Archival Records* for Winchester Non-Profits, Sanborn House
- Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:00 PM, *What's It Worth? Treasures in the Attic* with Skinners Antiques, Sanborn House Historical and Cultural Center
- Saturday, October 24, 2009, *Sanborn Open House and Apple Orchard Dedication* with Girl Scout Troop 1474-5
- November, date TBA, *Winchester, Medford's Lost Suburb* with Dee Morris



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