

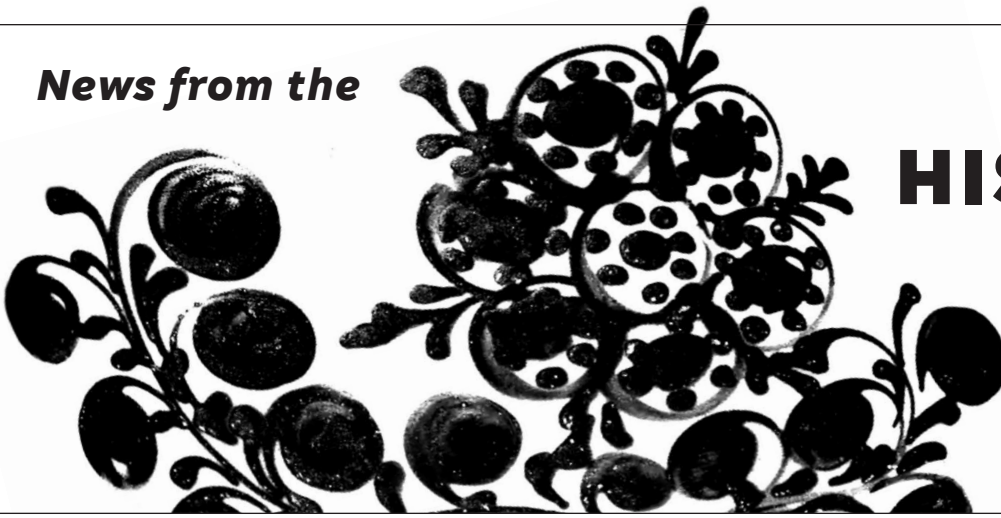
News from the

WHATELY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

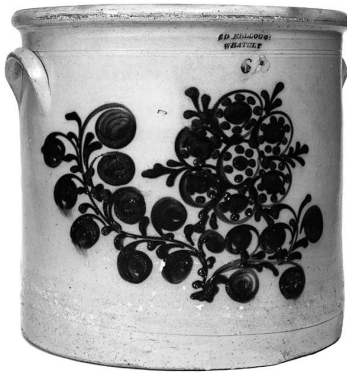
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In Town Hall, 194 Chestnut Plain Road,
Whately, MA 01093 • May 2023



NEW ACQUISITIONS • Private donations enabled the Historical Society to add a massive **six-gallon crock by S.D. Kellogg**, c. 1851-53, to its collection this spring (WHS 2023.098.001).



The crock's heavily detailed plant and blossom decoration complements existing holdings in the WHS collection. Come take a look during your next visit to the Museum!

John Pease, Whately-born but now living in Hatfield, has just donated a marvelous collection of more than 100 **photographs** and WWII V-letters inherited from his father, Marshall Ross Pease, Jr. (1920-2006). V-mail, free for members of the military, was microfilmed and reduced to ¼ original size, requiring a magnifier to read.



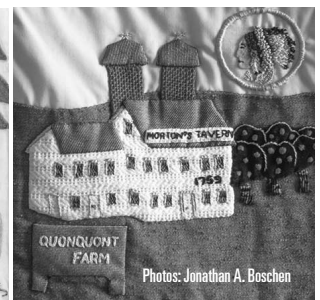
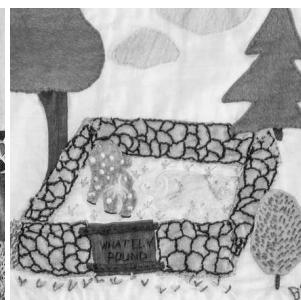
CHANGING OF THE GUARD • Sara Cooper, newly elected WHS Treasurer, succeeds Bill Saunders who ably served for 15 years, overseeing growth in WHS resources through wise investments, acting as fiscal agent for the Friends of Town Hall throughout a highly successful fundraising effort (2013-18) and negotiating the leasing contracts with the USPS for the Whately Post Office after WHS inherited the building from Gertrude Bardwell (1916-2009). Thank you, Bill, and welcome, Sara!

WHATELY MILITARY SERVICE • Six new bronze plaques honoring Whately residents who served in times of war and peace will be dedicated in the Veterans Memorial Park following the Whately Grange's Memorial Day parade on Sunday, May 28, at 11 a.m. The new plaques recognize 345 men and women who served between the French and Indian War and 2023, complementing the existing plaque that recognizes service in the two World Wars, Korea and Vietnam. Historical research and present-day documentation has been a team effort by Dereka Smith, Jim Ross, Larry Ashman and Neal Abraham. Funding for the project has been provided by the Community Preservation Act, the Town of Whately, and the Whately Veterans Committee.

Marshall Pease, Jr. and friends serving in Egypt during WWII.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Whately's beautiful 1971 bicentennial quilt (WHS 1999.186.002), which includes 35 individually designed squares, is now hanging in the Town Hall Auditorium next to the 250th anniversary quilt of 2021. Do you know who made these three squares? Contact Adelia Bardwell at (413) 665-3837 or adeliafred@comcast.net.



Who made these 3 quilt panels? The left one is signed "G.I.L.". Center one is signed "B.S.". Right one is signed "QUONQUONT FARM".

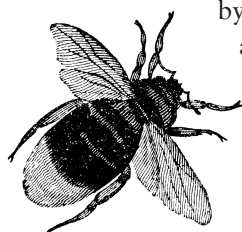
UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Festival • Sunday, May 28, noon–3 pm,
Town Hall lawn • Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, education, and good food!

• **Food** by Tom's Long Hot Dogs, including hamburgers and chili

• **Music** by Westhampton-based country-rock band, the Lonesome Brothers (with support from the Whately Cultural Commission and Massachusetts Cultural Commission)

• **Woodworking!** Whately's own Dan and J.P. Kennedy will demonstrate traditional woodworking tools and techniques, featuring augers, drill presses, planes, mortise-and-tenon joint making, plus a shingle splitter and shingle shaper. Samples of different local wood will be on display, and stools, tables, and benches by these craftsmen will be available for sale.



Pollinators! Local bee expert Fred Morrison will explain the critical role of insects in the life of our flowering plants. He'll have

mounted bee specimens, posters, a stereoscope, nets and other collecting equipment—and perhaps a few live bees that will visit nearby flowers.

• **Free ice cream** from Snow's Dairy, Greenfield.

Roaring Brook exhibit explores history, geography, flora and fauna of Whately's famous Whately Glen and Roaring Brook and its waterfalls. Roaring Brook feeds the Great Swamp and the Mill River. Two impoundments provide water for South Deerfield. Whately Glen attracted students, tourists and artists including the Hatfield-based Kingsley brothers. (Allison Bell, Maida Goodwin, and Donna Wiley, curators)



Family History exhibits with photographs and memorabilia of the Sanderson/Bean family of West Whately and the Zaniewski family of East Whately. (Adelia Bardwell and Jane Grybko, curators)

Both exhibits will be open Tuesday, 9 a.m.–noon; 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m.–noon; and during the Spring and Fall WHS Festivals.

Support the Historical Society

Offer Materials • We're always looking for items that illustrate the past and complement our holdings. Call for an appointment to bring materials to Town Hall. Our archivist and curator will review all offers to decide which to add to the collection.

Volunteer • We always need help maintaining and documenting the collection, social media, and planning and supporting events. Call Adelia at 665-3837 or email info@whatelyhistorical.org.

Contribute & Become a Member • Join others who care about the history of our town! Receive notices about all public programs and invitations to special activities. Donations to support our work of preservation, documentation and expansion of our museum collection are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Individual donors of at least \$10 become one-year members; higher annual contributions are encouraged: Supporter \$40, Sponsor \$75, Patron \$150. Donors of \$500 or more become five-year members. Make your check out to: *Whately Historical Society*. Send it with name, address, phone number and email address to Whately Historical Society, P.O. Box 7, Whately, MA 01093. You may also pay with a credit card or via PayPal at www.whatelyhistorical.org.

The Whately Historical Society was founded in 1966 to preserve the town's history and to educate townspeople and others about Whately's past. The Society sponsors programs, research and activities about the history and culture of Whately and the region; maintains a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

The Whately Historical Society is incorporated as a charitable organization in the Commonwealth of Mass. and has been designated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the IRS.

Explore www.whatelyhistorical.org to learn more about our collections, access resources about Whately history, learn about future events, and purchase Town histories, historic postcards and note cards, T-shirts, or sweatshirts.

Officers

Neal Abraham, President
Adelia Bardwell, Immediate Past President
Larry Ashman, Vice President
Sara Cooper, Treasurer
Gretchen Bechta, Secretary
Dereka Smith, Archivist
Jane Grybko, Curator
Maida Goodwin, Webmaster



The WHATELY SCOOP

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20 Year and going strong. Thanks to you!

WHATELY MAY BE RECOGNIZED AGAIN! What's up with possible Postal Changes

By Lynn Sibley

*HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE
WHATELY, MA 01093 AS YOUR
ADDRESS? IT CAN BECOME A
REALITY.*

Every resident in the Town of Whately has likely had a bad experience with the mail service and zip code situation in Whately. West Whately 01039 residents get their mail through the Haydenville Post Office. East Whately residents get their mail through South Deerfield 01373. This situation has resulted in many difficulties.

1. Have you had a difficult time explaining to UPS or Fedex that you live in Whately, and they say that your address doesn't exist?

2. Have you called Comcast or Eversource to have the service installed and they said your address doesn't exist?

3. Have you tried to get a real ID at the RMV and have nothing that has your Whately address?

4. Have you registered to vote using your mailing address which resulted in your voter registration going to Deerfield and is rejected?

5. Have you looked up your voter registration status on the State Voter website using your



Mailing Address zip code and found you don't exist and thought you had to reregister?

6. Have you received a motor vehicle excise tax bill from Deerfield because the RMV used your mailing address rather than your physical address as the garaging location?

7. Did you have a difficult time answering your federal census because they said your address didn't exist?

8. Have you had mail "returned to sender" because you used the Whately 01093 address which they said didn't exist?

9. Have you become best friends with the Deerfield resident that has the same address as yours on River Road or North Street?

Well, the postal service may have a solution to these issues. In a meeting with the United States Postal Service and Congressman Jim McGovern's office, we explained the difficulties that people were having, especially with Real ID's and the postal service felt confident they could resolve these issues. The proposal is that each resident will be able to use their Street address with Whately, MA 01093 as

250th Anniversary tee-shirts, Yankee Candles, and etched milk bottles are still available. These items will be for sale at the Whately Historical Society Spring Festival on Sunday, May 28.

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their address and the postal service will direct the mail internally to the correct post office for delivery. Your mail will be delivered by the same delivery system that you have now. Those that are using a Whately post office box will not need to make any changes.


In order for this change to be facilitated, each resident who currently uses the 01039 or 01373 zip codes will need to make address changes with the Post Office (which can be done online) and with all the companies with which you do business. Your forwarding order will be in effect for one year so that it gives you time to get all your address changes completed. This inconvenience in the beginning should result in smooth mail and package delivery in the future. Whately will get its identity back!

Let us know how you feel about this change by going to either the Town of Whately Facebook page or Whately.org under news and answer a quick survey. It is expected that if the Selectboard votes for this change, it will take affect July 15th.

Watts up! - Report from the town energy committee

By Paul Newlin, Energy Committee Chair


1) **The UMass Clean Energy Extension Service** (UMCEES) will be tabulating the results from the energy survey that was mailed to everyone this spring to assess



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Whately's (and other nearby towns) potential generating potential from photo-voltaic (solar) panels. This will help us develop a solar action plan, which would help the town and residents decide how to best develop our solar potential. (Survey and assessment conducted by UM faculty and grad students at no cost to the towns.) Our current timeline:

- Survey results to be presented the week of June 5th.
- UMCEES will develop community action plans for delivery to town by June 23.
- Town Solar Planning Committees will review the UM community action plans over the remaining summer weeks.
- Forums will be held late August into September where UM personnel will meet with individual towns and residents to discuss and finalize the solar assessment draft plan.

2) **Frontier Energy Advisory Committee** is a recently formed group of concerned citizens from the four towns who have recently come together to help FRHS achieve maximum energy efficiency. Consideration is currently focused on a "deep energy" audit of the buildings in order to pinpoint the most promising conservation and efficiency measures. Contact paulnewlin@comcast.net if you are interested.

Whately received a **Municipal Vulnerability**



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FINANCING OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Preparedness (MVP) action grant for a total of \$304,778 (August 2, 2022) plus matching funds (\$23,066) coming from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. It was decided to use the grant to fund a solar array on the roof of the town offices with a battery storage system, which would prevent freezing of the wet-sprinkler system in addition to keeping the building functional during power outages.

News from the Whately Church

By Rev. Cynthia Harrington

As is the custom, we will be hosting 10 am worship on Memorial Day Sunday May 28th, and we will get you out in plenty of time to join the parade. We enjoy having the veterans and community and service organizations at this service as we pay tribute to those service members who have gone before.

After a long (covid) hiatus, we are resuming our Strawberry supper to be held on Thursday June 22. *This will be take out only.* To reserve your meal, please call LaSalle's at 413-665-2653.

In July (and August) we journey to the West Whately Chapel for worship at 10 am as we enjoy the summer breezes.

In the meantime, we worship every Sunday at 10 am. All are welcome no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.



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News from the Whately Library

By Cyndi Steiner, Director

Happy Summer from all of us here at the Whately Public Library.

We will be closed for the following Holidays:

Monday - June 19 Juneteenth

Tuesday - July 4 Fourth of July

Are you interested in Friending the library? We are looking to grow and expand our Friends Group. For more information, please contact the library.

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Program is "Find Your Voice". This year's Summer Reading program is open to all. We have several incentives for those who participate. Check our website whately.org/library or our Facebook Page for more information and Upcoming Events. Funding for this year's program comes from the Whately Cultural Council.

Did you know that we have a monthly email newsletter? Have you signed up yet? If not, visit the library's website and sign up today.

Please check our website library@whately.org or our Facebook Page for updates and upcoming events.

Off-cycle CPA applications are due by June 13 By Judy Markland for the Community Preservation Committee

The deadline for submission of CPA applications for funding at a fall special town meeting is Tuesday, June 13 at noon at Town Offices. Email submissions to townclerk@whately.org are acceptable as long as the date and time on the email meet the deadline. These applications must be for time-sensitive projects that cannot wait for funding at the 2024 annual town meeting. The applicant must be prepared to explain why the project is time sensitive.

\$10 off every \$50 Mon-Tue-Wed, Whately Residents only



193 Chestnut Plain Road, Whately Center, 413-665-3044

The Community Preservation Committee considers applications for funding for eligible projects for community housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation. The CPC encourages applicants to discuss their projects with the Committee prior to the application deadline and to have received the approval of the relevant town committee(s) (Ag Commission, Conservation Commission, Housing Committee, Historical Commission, and Recreation Commission). Information on project criteria and eligibility and a link to the application form can be found via the CPA Project Application tab on the CPC page at whately.org.

Please contact a member of the CPC if you have questions about a project's eligibility.

Watermelon Wednesdays Concert Series for 2023

The schedule below represents *currently* booked shows for this, the 24th year of Watermelon Wednesdays. I am still booking concerts for both the summer/fall season at

ANNOUNCING 2023 SHOWS

- The Jacob Joloff Band | June 7
- Maeve Gilchrist & Bruce Molsky | June 21
- Kyshona Armstrong | July 5
- Ball in the House | July 12
- Missy Raines & Allegheny | August 9
- Fogo no Trio | August 16
- Solomiya Ivakhiv | August 30
- Kalos | October 27

+ more to come!

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the Chapel as well as winter shows in the Town Hall, so check back often for updates and newly added shows. Also, be sure to purchase tickets well in advance, as most shows sell out.

Tickets and more information are available at www.watermelonwednesdays.com or call me, Paul Newlin, at 665-3741

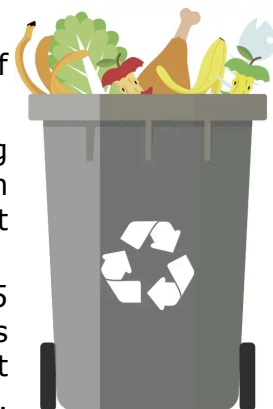
Composting

By Becky Jones for Board of Health

The Whately Spring Festival is coming up soon and with it another great opportunity to compost!

You will see labeled 5 gallon buckets around, as well as bins ready to accept your food and paper waste. We are encouraging the vendors to offer compostable cutlery, cups, plates and bowls. If it's food, paper or on the signs, you can put it in the compost bins.

Composting is an essential part of mitigating climate change, supporting a healthy environment and fostering the cradle-to-cradle lifecycle of the products we use. When food is thrown out with the trash, it ends up in a landfill or incinerator where it increases greenhouse gases. We need to redirect food waste back to the earth, where it contributes



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to healthy soil, fixing carbon and retaining water.

Of course, festivals aren't the only place where you can compost. Start a composting practice by keeping food scraps out of the trash, and set up a compost pile at home or bring your food waste to the transfer station (where they accept pretty much anything that comes from an animal or a plant, including meat scraps, bones, egg cartons, and much more).

Come to the Board of Health table to learn about composting best practices.

Thank you for participating in this groundbreaking (and ground-making) project!

From the Town Moderator

by Nat Fortune

One of the tasks of the town moderator is to appoint new members to the planning board and finance committee as openings occur. Some of our town's longest serving members on the planning board plan to retire as their terms expire over the next couple of years. If you are interested in stepping up to serve the town on one of these committees, I encourage you to get in touch with the committee chair / members to discuss what is required and why they find it rewarding, then drop me a line (nfortune@protonmail.com or 413-665-6739) to let me know you'd like to be considered for the position. Thank you for your interest!

Town Clerk News

Amy E. Lavallee

The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday June 13, 2023 at the Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane, from 10:00a.m. - 7:00p.m. The election ballot will include the votes for Elected Town Officials. Registration of voters for the Town Election will be held June 2, 2023 from 9am - 11am and 3pm - 5pm at the Town Offices. Early in person voting will be held June 5 - June 8, 9am-1pm. Absentee Ballots will be available starting May 23 for those who will be out of town, physically unable to make it to the Town Offices, or have religious reasons for not being able to vote that date. Mail in applications for absentee ballots must be received by Tuesday June 6, 2023. However, keep in mind that you must allow for the return of the ballot to the Town Clerk before the close of polls on Election Day.

You can vote absentee in person up until Noon on Monday, June 12th in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. A copy of the warrant for this election will be posted at the Town Offices, Post Office, Library and the Town of Whately website Town Clerk's page at www.whately.org by June 7, 2023.

Below is a **list of candidates** appearing on the annual town ballot

- Moderator, 1 Year - Nathanael Alexander Fortune;
- Selectboard, 3 Years - Joyce Palmer-Fortune;
- Town Clerk, 2 Years - Amy E. Lavallee;
- School Committee, 3 Years - Henry M. Frechette III,
- Assessor, 3 Years - Melanie Chorak;
- Library Trustees, 3 Years - *two Vacancies*;
- Cemetery Commissioners, 3 Years - one Vacancy;
- Board of Health, 3 Years - Rebecca M. Jones;
- Water Commissioner, 3 years - Georgann Dufault;
- Elector Under Oliver Smith Will, 1 year - Keith E. Bardwell

Dog Licenses – This is a reminder that dog licenses need to be obtained by June 1, 2023. If your dog is not licensed by June 1st a late fee of \$50 will be applied to each dog.

There are 4 ways to license your dog(s):

*If a current rabies certificate is on file:

1. O n l i n e :

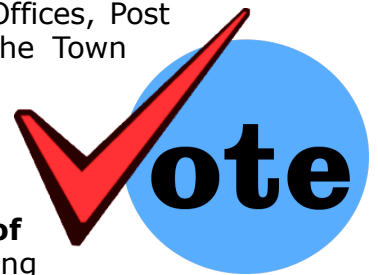
www.whately.org - go to Pay bills

2. Drop-box: Located in the parking lot outside of the Whately Town Offices

3. In Person: Cash, check, and/or credit/debit. Checks - payable to the Town of Whately

4. By Mail: Please make check payable to the Town of Whately for the correct amount.

Fees are: Spayed females and neutered males \$10.00 each; Unaltered females and males \$15.00 each.





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Weather warms from day to day
And now it really looks like May
With green adorning many trees,
The nights, though cold, avoid a freeze.

Windy April, very cool
But trees and flowers are hard to fool
Blossoms bloom and bring us glee
We honor every flower and tree

And working outside in the sun
Makes gardening a lot of fun

And soon we'll gobble summer fruits
And even don our bathing suits

So even though the wind does blow,
Summer's coming, that we know,
With thunderstorms and lots of heat
And yummy things for us to eat.

Hugs with family coming soon!
A splendid piece of summer's boon,
To celebrate the month of June,
And sing together all in tune.

The Whately Scoop

*Cost for printing and mailing the Scoop was provided by
the businesses who placed ads within. Please patronize our local businesses!*

If you misplace your copy of The Scoop, do not despair! You can always find it on the resources page at www.whatelyhistorical.org.

The closing date for submissions to the May 2023 issue of the Scoop is **Wednesday Aug 30 2023. (For mailing Sept 5)**

Please email your our literary contributions to jpfortune@comcast.net before that deadline. Also use this email if you want to be on the reminder list and get an email from me about 3-4 weeks before the deadline, or if you would like email delivery of the scoop.

Business card sized ads are \$100 for 1 year (4 issues) and a mention in a box on the front page is

\$50/year. Please make checks out to: The Whately Scoop and mail to 152 Westbrook Rd RFD So. Deerfield, 01373

*Like the Scoop? Want to see it continue?
Here's what you can do:*

- 1) Volunteer to write articles*
- 2) Volunteer to help prep the scoop for mailing*
- 3) Volunteer to help on mailing day*
- 4) Ask your favorite local businesses to place an ad*
- 5) Make a donation to help us cover costs*

If you are interested in any of those please call or email Joyce at 665-6739;

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