

News from the

WHATELY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Lois or Lucy Crafts, 1915
(WHS 2020.076.001)

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In Town Hall
194 Chestnut Plain Road
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WHS FALL FESTIVAL • Join us for fun, music, food and drink on Sunday, September 29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at Whately Town Hall.

• **Hidden History Hunt**—a self-guided tour reveals stories from Whately's past.*



• **Cider Making Demonstration** with an antique-style press and apples from Quonquot Farm

• Display of **Clothing and Memorabilia** from Lois Bean's 1955 stay in Japan

• **WHS Museum Exhibits**

• Music by Whately's **Chestnut Serenaders***

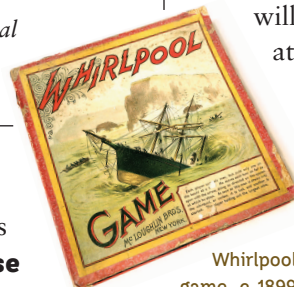


• New food vendors! **Masa Mexicano** from Florence—masa bowls and cool drinks and **P'frogi** from Northampton—Irida's homemade pierogi, golumpki, and fresh fruit pie

• **Free ice cream**—thanks to Maple Valley Creamery of Hadley and **chrysanthemums** for sale—thanks to Mill River Farm of Deerfield

*Sponsored by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council through the Whately Cultural Council.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS • Our collection of farm equipment was enriched this year by Tim Nourse's generous gift of a **Nourse plow** (WHS 2024.167.001). The original cast-iron plow, a vast improvement from the wood plows in common use at the time, was based on principles of Thomas Jefferson and designed by Joel Nourse and his son Joel Nourse Jr. of Worcester in the 1840s.



Whirlpool game, c. 1899
(WHS 2024.062.001)

A private donation made possible the acquisition of two splendid examples of early 19th-century Whately stoneware. *The Man in the Hat*, a two-gallon jug made by S.D. Kellogg (1825–1906), shows a man in profile, painted in the cobalt blue typical of the period. He wears a feathered cap and a buttoned jacket that may be a Revolutionary War uniform. The second acquisition, a three-gallon jug made by Thomas Crafts (1781–1861), depicts a bird that turns its head to look over its shoulder. Few Whately pots were incised, as is this one.



Stoneware jug
(WHS 2024.169.001)

UPCOMING EVENTS all in Whately Town Hall Auditorium, 194 Chestnut Plain Road

• **Thursday Sept. 12, 3:00 p.m.** in Whately Town Hall • **“Creating Inviting Gardens for Birds.”** Naturalist and birder Dan Ziomek, manager of Sugarloaf Gardens, will offer practical advice about using plantings to attract birds. Co-sponsored with Valley Neighbors.

• **Sunday Oct. 6, 2:00 p.m.** **“Toys, Games and their Makers, 1880–1950.”** The current WHS exhibit includes many toys and games, every one with a story. Ann Lomeli will tell some of these stories, followed by a stroll through “Childhood in Whately” in the Museum.

• **Sunday November 17, 7:00 p.m.** **“Beavers in the Valley.”** Naturalists Allison Bell and Laurie Sanders (Co-director, Historic Northampton) explore the dramatic history—and future—of these fascinating animals, with photos and video of their busy lives.

2024 EXHIBITIONS

Childhood in Whately 1771-1950 • How did Whately children work, play and learn in times past? Enjoy our array of photographs, games, toys, books, and costumes through the mid-20th century, and learn about the challenges of childbirth and infant mortality in the 18th and 19th centuries.

A tiny headstone in Center Cemetery marks the grave of Harry, who lived for 4 months and 4 days in 1871. His family name remains a mystery, but he was clearly loved by those who marked his grave with the carving of a peapod above his name.



Family Exhibits with photos and memorabilia of the Fred (Twarog) Farrick family of East Whately and the Roote-Waite-Markland family of Town Center and North Street.

The WHS museum is open to the public May 26 to mid-December on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.; first and third Saturdays of each month, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; and during festivals and special programs.

Support the Historical Society

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; operates a museum of Whately documents, images and objects; and responds to inquiries about Whately history and genealogy.

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

How You Can Help

• Offer to donate items that illustrate Whately's past and augment our current holdings. Write to us for an appointment with our archivist and curator at info@whatelyhistorical.org.

RECENT VISITORS

We're always happy when we hear from folks with family ties in Whately, as we often learn as much from them as they learn from us! This summer has been no exception. Deborah Goodsite of New Jersey, has traced her roots to Englishman Philip Smith (1633–1685) of Hadley (which became Hatfield, then Whately) through Adna Smith (1760–1845), whose daughter Lydia was Deborah's 5th great-grandmother. Deborah helped untangle the complex history of the many Smith families in Whately and was pleased to see so many Smiths' names on the plaques commemorating Whately resi-



dents who fought in the Revolutionary War and joined the Honorable Shays's Rebellion. And Pam Williams of Colorado, whose 6th great-grandfather Adonijah Taylor (1728–1814) built the first mill in Whately, was delighted to find the records and photos of Whately Glen that we've collected.

A more recent Whately resident, Julia Ann Parzick Kokernak, returned to town after 60 years away in central Mass.! She grew up on her grandparents' farm, Laurel Acres, on Haydenville Road, and brought many mementoes and photos of her family's time here. Ann was valedictorian of her eighth-grade class at the East Whately School in 1954.

- Help to maintain and document our collection and to plan, market and organize our programs and events. Call Adelia Bardwell at 413-665-3837, email us, or drop by on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.–12 noon.

- Become a WHS member with an annual donation of \$10 or more. Larger contributions are essential to our ongoing operations, supporting the preservation, documentation and expansion of our museum collection. WHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Send your check, made out to: Whately Historical Society, with your 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.

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