

Hartshorne House Association
41 Church Street
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The Colonel James Hartshorne House Association
invites you to our

Annual Breakfast

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**West Side Social Club
Harrington Court
Wakefield, MA**

**Donation: \$12.00 per person for adults
\$5.00 per person for children aged 7-12**

Col. James Hartshorne House Association News



Spring, 2016

Our New England spring has finally arrived, and the buds are bursting into bloom in and around the Hartshorne House. At this time of year, the gardens are truly lovely. It's easy to forget that during the time of Colonel James Hartshorne, the grounds around the house were the home of outbuildings serving the family's shoemaking business. There was probably a 'kitchen garden' for vegetables and herbs, but it's unlikely that the family's land would have been considered a garden. In 1890, when the Hartshorne family land (which then included Hartshorne Cove, now Vets Field) was sold to an ice harvesting company, the use of the property was strictly industrial. The views of Lake Quannapowitt were masked by the large wooden icehouses that literally ringed the lake.

When the town first purchased the Hartshorne House and decided to restore it as part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' 300th anniversary celebration, the first task was to protect the structure itself, and its interior. After the Colonel James Hartshorne House Association was formed, it was the House 'hostess,' Mrs. Archibald Hume, who first recognized the potential in the outdoor space.

Grace and Archibald Hume were the very first House Residents. As an avid gardener, Mrs. Hume began tending to the house grounds and set out, little by little, to cultivate perennials and flowering plants. How pleased she would be to see the grounds today, as they flourish under the loving attention of today's House Residents, Ariel and Tyler Gaudet.

Over the years the gardens have been enhanced with flowering trees and plants, dedicated to the memory of past Hartshorne House Association directors and family. A new flagpole, patio and other donations help make the grounds more memorable. One of the latest additions is a striking 'historic' stone bench for the comfort of passersby to pause and enjoy historic Church Street and the view of the Hartshorne House and gardens. The bench, donated by a Wakefield business, Olde New England Granite, was fashioned from granite salvaged from the Longfellow Bridge.

The house's gardens make the property a perfect venue for gatherings, receptions, showers and weddings. If you are planning an event, please consider the Hartshorne House. The first floor and gardens are available for rental for a very reasonable fee, and all proceeds from rentals help to preserve and protect the old house that stands in the heart of the gardens. Rental details are available on our website, www.hartshornehouse.org.

At this time, we'd like to thank you for supporting the Hartshorne House. Your membership donations and contributions to our fundraising efforts are so important to us. One of our most important fundraisers of the year, the **Hartshorne House Breakfast**, is coming right up on June 7th. We hope that you can join us for this event. Tickets are available through the Directors, at Smith Drug, the Medicine Shoppe, Wakefield Un-Common Antiques or Christopher J. Barrett Realtors. We hope you can join us!

This summer, watch the newspaper and our website and facebook page for details of our second annual **Ice Cream Social!**

With your help, we are working to safeguard the Hartshorne House for future generations.

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**NEWSLETTER BY
NANCY BERTRAND**

Snapshots from the Annual Meeting

The new officers (top): Secretary, Jay Landers; Vice President, Jane Good; President, Cynthia Stone; (Not shown: Treasurer, Andrew McRae.)

In the photo below, members of the board and guests enjoy the meal: (left to right) Amy Salvatore, Kathy DeCosta, Martha Philbrick, Mary Sullivan, Erin Fopiano, Lois DeViller



In Memoriam



The family of long-time director Adele Foley joined us to help dedicate a flowering perennial to her memory. Devoted to the 'greening' of Wakefield, Adele added beautiful plantings throughout the town. A hard-working member of both the Hartshorne House Association and the Wakefield Garden Club, she will be greatly missed.



Annual Meeting

Hospitality was coordinated by Merry Eldridge and Marilyn Barrett (left). Merry and Marilyn have co-chaired the Annual Meeting's hospitality for many years. This year, as in past years, the results were beautifully executed ... and delicious!



Looking for just the right location for your celebration?



**Bring your special event to Wakefield's oldest home
to make the occasion unforgettable!**

The Hartshorne House is a popular location for weddings, anniversaries, retirement parties, showers, etc. and is rented at extremely reasonable rates.

All income from rentals goes directly toward the upkeep and maintenance of the House.

To make rental arrangements, please call

781-245-3935 or visit the Association's website: www.hartshornehouse.org.



Student Directors

Hartshorne House new Student Directors were present at the Annual Meeting. The Student Directors are high school students willing to help out at the House.

From left to right, they are Gillian Russell, Helen Salvatore, Leila Buonfiglio & Emma Hodzic. (Not shown: Kirbie O'Brien.)