

The Bullard Memorial Farm Association Newsletter



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Holliston, MA 01746
Since 1658

Happy New Year!

I just have to ask – where did 2015 go? Every year goes by faster and faster. Nonetheless, I hope your holiday season was filled with joy, and that 2016 brings even better things.

This issue of the BMFA newsletter contains highlights of the fall meeting on October 3rd, as well as recaps of events held between September and December, including a visit from "Abe Lincoln"!

As you have already heard, the BMFA Centennial Celebration will be held on July 23rd. The Centennial Planning Committee is organizing the event, which includes activities on the two days leading up to the big event. If you'd like to help with the planning of this momentous occasion, please send an email to Meredith Flynn at bmfaclerk@gmail.com.

As always, please feel free to send me any content for future newsletters at cemacd@maine.rr.com.

Cheers!

Fall 2015 Meeting



October 3 was a slightly damp, overcast, and cool day, but the barn was warm and dry and there was plenty of yummy food for the 38 attendees to enjoy!



The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by BMFA President Jack Hathaway, and a quorum was determined with 49 BMFA members represented, including proxies.

Meeting Highlights:

- **Suzanne McFarland** and **Phil Audier** are working with a few vendors to implement **Wifi access** at the Farm, which will be very helpful for meetings and guests.
- **Bullard Genealogy:** the system now needs to be updated with the past 10 years' data, and to see what opportunities there are to allow members access to the database. The membership owes a huge thanks to **Jack Kingsbury** for all of his work creating and maintaining the database all these years.
- Clerk **Meredith Flynn** reported that there are currently **12 Bronze** members, **22 Silver** members, and **93 Gold** members
- New Gold member **George Fiske** of Sherborn, MA was voted into the BMFA. Welcome George!
- The Clerk also announced the birth of **Charles Kingsbury Stewart**, born August 6, 2015 to **Esther Kingsbury Stewart** and **Eric Stewart** of Madison, WI.

Chip Thurlow, Phil Audier, and Doug Hathaway gave tours of the museum and outbuildings, while candle-making, yarn dolls, and the popular make-your-own kazoo took place in the barn. Melissa Audier led the candle making with assistance from Karen Leenhouts and Meredith Flynn. Tara Hathaway helped children make yarn and peg dolls, and James Hathaway taught the kazoo making. Tim and Bridgett, dressed in period costume, led a very informative discussion on heirloom plants, collecting seeds and how to dry and store them for planting the following season.



Also set up in the barn was a bake sale table with pies, brownies, cookies and homemade lemonade for sale in the barn. Liz Hathaway has become the official fresh squeezed lemonade maker, and it's always a popular treat.

This was the 6th year in a row the Bullard Memorial Farm participated in Holliston Farms Day!

"Abe Lincoln" at the Farm! *Submitted by Tara Hathaway*



On October 29, 2015, Abraham Lincoln visited the Bullard Memorial Farm!

Well, it wasn't *actually* Abe Lincoln but, rather, impersonator Steve Wood from Claremont, NH, who shared insights and understanding about the life and times of our Abraham Lincoln.

"Abe" described his early life in Indiana and Illinois, his commitment to helping the less fortunate, and, ultimately, his election to the Presidency. He described his devotion to his family, the loss of three of his four sons, especially the devastating loss of his son Tad in 1871.

"Abe" also described the challenges that he and his countrymen faced during the War between the States. He also corrected the myth that, contrary to previous reports, he did not write the Gettysburg Address while riding the train to dedicate the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. He prepared the original draft while in Washington and revised it while traveling to Gettysburg. "Abe" stated that his intent was to share his deep respect for the many sacrifices made by the soldiers from both sides of the conflict. His Gettysburg Address of about two minutes was decidedly shorter than the two hour delivery given earlier by Edward Everett. According to "Abe", Mr. Everett complimented him on the profound message shared in his brief speech.

Following his presentation, "Abe" answered questions from the guests who were fully enthralled with his presentation. He consented to having his picture taken with the Bullard Memorial Farm portrait of Abe Lincoln which hangs in the main staircase. The resemblance between "Abe" and our portrait of Abe is remarkable!



"Abe" shared that there is an organization of about 50 Abe Lincoln impersonators who give

performances around the United States and abroad.

This special event created a wonderful evening of insight and understanding into the challenges of our much revered 16th President. A special thanks to the BMFA Education Committee for planning such an interesting presentation and providing the snacks and cider refreshment.

About 10 guests were in attendance for the event, the interest would have been higher, but unfortunately, several other local events ended up being scheduled after we had publicized our event.

Plimoth Plantation Pilgrim Event ***Submitted by Tara Hathaway***



On Thursday, November 12, the BMFA Education Committee hosted a special presentation by Kristen Haggerty, Public Programs Coordinator at Plimoth Plantation: *The Living Museum of 17th-century Plymouth and the Wampanoag Homeland*. An historical role player and graduate student of Fashion Institute of Technology, Kristen recently finished her thesis entitled "In Modest Attire - Clothing the Pilgrims." It was a full house for this event, and guests included 3rd grade students who had just visited Plimoth Plantation with their class.

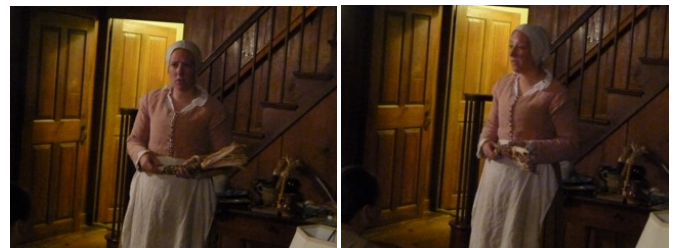
Kristen transformed from a modern woman into a 17th-century Colonist and shared the exciting stories of the Mayflower crossing and her life in Plymouth Colony. The audience had the chance to ask questions of either the historic Kristen or the modern Kristen.



Kristen spoke of the history of the pilgrims, a Separatist congregation, who were seeking religious freedom. She told the tale of the 66-day crossing on the Mayflower, and the unexpected problems of the ship, the Speedwell, which was supposed to be accompanying the Mayflower, but due to leaking issues, was not able to make the journey. The loss of this ship resulted in many families being separated, as they had to reduce the number of passengers making the crossing. Kristen explained that the original destination for the Mayflower was to settle near the Hudson River in New York. However, due to the dangerous shoals off Cape Cod, and the fact that it was so late in the year, the decision was made to remain in New England.

It was in Cape Cod Bay that the men on the ship signed the Mayflower Compact, which laid the foundation for the community's government. The Mayflower arrived in New England on November 11, 1620, and in Plymouth on December 16, 1620. They began building the town, while still living on the Mayflower. That first winter was very hard—many pilgrims died with only 52 survivors.

Kristen shared what life was like those first few years in Plymouth, how relationships grew with the Native American tribes, and the growth of the Colony as more people made the crossing from England. By 1627, there were about 160 people living in Plymouth Colony.



So where did the story of Thanksgiving come from? In the fall of 1621, the colonists marked

After the event, Kristen shared her education and interest in textiles, so we hope to have her return for a future event, possibly a presentation on the BMFA textiles. Kristen is also a potential resource as we begin the archiving project.



A photograph of three blue Adirondack chairs arranged on a grassy lawn. Each chair is decorated with a red poinsettia plant and two white candles. In the background, there is a white house with a blue roof and a stone wall.

This was the first workshop event that has been held at the Farm, but it was so well received that another may be scheduled in the spring. Please feel free to share ideas and suggestions for future events!



The Directors of the Bullard Memorial Farm Association enrolled the BMFA as an institutional member in the following two professional organizations. Both organizations allow for us to submit grant applications at free or reduced rates to these two and other organizations; attend conferences both online and at designated sites and to receive regular newsletters and notifications of information and events of interest to us.

All BMFA members are eligible for the services provided by these two organizations. If you would like to enroll in a course or access information on their respective websites, the contact information is below. If you chose to enroll in a course, please notify us of your plans and we request that you will provide the Directors and/or the relevant Committee Chairperson the contents of that information you received so that we may use that information in ways that would benefit the BMFA.

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)
1717 Church Street,
Nashville, TN 37203
615-320-3203

www.aaslh.org

AASLH Membership number: 410576
Membership Type: Institutional Contributing
Valid through: June 30, 2016 User name:
cthurlow
Password: aaslh

New England Museum Association (NEMA)
22 Mill St., Suite 409
Alington, MA 02476
781-641-0013

www.nemanet.org

NEMA Membership Number: 8472
Membership Type: Institutional
Expiration Date: June 1, 2016

BMFA Annual Campaign Recognition 2015

The 2015 Bullard Futures club: above \$10,000

The 1630s Bullards Arrive Club: \$5,000 - \$9,999

The 1652 Land Acquisition Club: \$1,000 - \$4,999

- Phil and Melissa Audier
- Joanna Hills, In memory of Alvan H. Bullard, Jr.
- Scott and Leslie Hills, In memory of Alvan H. Bullard, Jr.
- Albert and Jean Hood
- Peter Hood and Jen Parramore Hood
- Peter and Jennifer and MacDonald, In memory of Alvan H. Bullard, Jr.
- Peter and Joan Hood, In honor of Suzanne McFarland's many years of service
- Suzanne and Jay McFarland

The 1777 Old Homestead Club: \$600 - \$999

- George and Betsy Bollenbacher
- John and Tania Chandler, In honor of Daphne Stevens's many years of service
- Joseph and Cynthia Cristofaro
- Jim and Ginger Halverson
- Roger and Barbara Moulton
- Daniel and Suzanne Schaffer
- Mike and Daphne Stevens
- Ken and Carol Wood

The 1794 Expansion Club: \$200 - \$599

- Kathleen Adams and Ole Holter
- John Ferencz
- Doug and Tara Hathaway
- John Hood
- John and Mary Jensen
- William and Meredith Johnston
- Ned and Nancy Kingsbury
- John and Louise Kingsbury
- Allan and Amy Kruezburg
- Richard and Kathy Satter

The 1909 BMFA Found Club: up to \$199

- Kristen Balfour
- Ryan and Jane Brandt
- Beverly Carney
- Rob Emslie
- Dean Holden
- Margaret Holden
- Richard Kingsbury
- Virginia McGinness-Short
- Roger Taylor
- James and Sandy Tenaglia
- Ann Tomlinson
- Andrew Thurlow

The BMFA would like extend a special Thank You to **Dr. John (Jack) M. Kingsbury** for his donation of Bullard books, papers, and bookcases this year; in addition to his many years of service and dedication to the farm and its history.

And, thanks to all members who volunteer their time and expertise, including, but not limited to, educational events, committee participation, Farm work days and Farm sitting.

Save the Date: Centennial Celebration!

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**Join us for the Bullard
Memorial Farm Association
Centennial Celebration**
Saturday, July 23, 2016

The Centennial Planning Committee is considering making this historic celebration a three (3)-day event. Ideas being considered include:

- A Farm service day
- Field Trip to Sturbridge Village for group tour and reading of Bullard letters
- All day reunion/centennial celebration on July 23rd with cookout, band, games, and other activities

Here's what we need from you:

- Are you interested in attending this historic event?
- If so, are you interested in camping on the Farm grounds (providing a nice opportunity for connecting with your ancestral lands)?

Please respond to this Save the Date e-mail with your interest level, approximate number of people, and your interest in camping.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

Hopefully you all received the Centennial Celebration Save the Date and that you've had a chance to respond with your interest level and whether or not you'd be interested in camping. If you haven't done so, please respond to Meredith Flynn at bmfaclerk@gmail.com. For those of you who received the Save the Date card via regular mail, a survey and stamped envelope was included. Please mail it back as soon as you can.

If you would like additional information or are interested in joining the Centennial Planning Committee, please contact Tara Hathaway at tph322@verizon.net.

Welcome Liam Douglas Flynn!

BMFA Clerk Meredith Flynn and her husband Brian welcomed Liam on December 3, 2015. The family is settling in—baby Liam is happy at home and getting to know his big brother Rory who will be 3 in February.



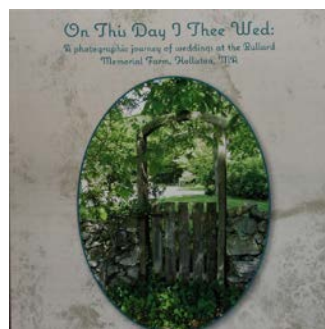
2015 Robert W. Bullard Award Recipient

In November, Marlene McIntosh sent me the announcement of the 2015 recipient of the Robert W. Bullard Award for Excellence in Physiology at the University of Indiana, School of Medicine, Alex Sieg.

Alex was born and raised in Bettendorf, IA, and attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL majoring in biochemistry and mathematics. In 2010, he graduated Summa Cum Laude and was inducted into the local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, followed by a graduate program in Chemistry at Harvard University. During his graduate program research, he realized he wished he'd gone to medical school, so he graduated early with a Masters degree from Harvard and applied to medical school at the University of Indiana.

Following graduation from medical school, Alex hopes to train as either a cardiologist or an oncologist. In addition to clinical duties, he hopes to also have the opportunity to utilize his background in research to become a physician investigator.

Get your copy of "On This Day I Thee Wed"



Don't forget to purchase your copy of Melissa Audier's photographic compilation: *On This Day I Thee Wed, A photographic journey of weddings at the Bullard Memorial Farm, Holliston, MA*. The book can be ordered by contacting Melissa, who will provide you with the Mixbook website link to order it directly. Hardcover is \$40 (including tax and delivery); softcover is \$30 (including tax and delivery). Melissa may be reached at bmfahouse@gmail.com.

Green Tip from Daphne Stevens

You've all seen those TV commercials about paper towels in which the most absorbent wins the prize. I'm sure the trees that gave their lives for both brands of paper towels didn't feel that way, not to mention all the carbon that was released into the air harming our planet. It's time to think twice before using paper towels.

Instead of paper towels, something we have done for years is use old dishcloths or cloth napkins. They're great to have on hand and you just throw them in the wash to reuse again and again (vs. tossing a paper towel in the trash). I used to use recycled paper towels, but I find the cloth is more absorbent and works better. I use them to wipe up spills and drying off vegetables after washing them.

Using cloth napkins instead of paper is another way to cut back on paper usage. We use cloth napkins for all meals, using different ones in the dining room from those in the kitchen. And, they don't take up a lot of space in the washer when it's time to do laundry.

Using old newspaper vs. paper towels to clean windows is another great way to go (or, even better, use a washable window scrubber with a squeegee).

How about using cloth handkerchiefs instead of paper tissues? It might take some getting used to, but they are more eco-friendly than paper, don't take up much space in the washing machine, and don't break apart in your pocket.

So, if you must buy paper towels, be prudent in your use of them and buy the ones made from recycled paper (i.e. the Seventh Generation brand). We keep paper towels on hand, but use them rarely (they are good for greasy foods and tasks—grease is tough to get out of cloth, as we all know!).

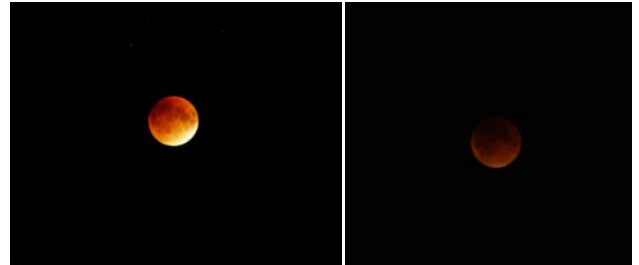
Calling all Bullards

Reminder: As always, please send any and all member news items and photos to Jean Hood. Be sure to include a date. She will include them in the BMFA scrapbooks. Jean's address is: 1 Oaknoll Court, Iowa City, Iowa 52246. *Thank you!*

BMF website

Be sure to take some time to visit our website: www.bullardmemorialfarm.org. Ken Wood updates the website frequently and encourages and welcomes any feedback to improve the site.

If you have any news items, photographs, etc., please submit them directly to Ken at: woodk@norwalkps.org



Photos of the Blood Moon on September 27, taken by Caretaker Tim Sanders.