

January 2021

Dear Friends,

We always appreciate your support but, perhaps this year more than ever, we are especially grateful for the steady support of our wonderful members. We have seen very little of each other since our last event in early March 2020, but we hope that the Walpole Historical Society can continue to count on your support as we begin this new year and prepare to welcome everyone into the museum and to events again.

We trust that you have been receiving and enjoying our weekly Wednesday emails - "The Walpole Heritage Museum comes to you..." These have presented vignettes, memories, photos, stories of new donations, and updates from the Walpole Historical Society, which we hope have been amusing, interesting, and thought-provoking. Please check your "spam filters" if you are not receiving these fun Wednesday communications.

During these quiet months, the board of the Historical Society has been preparing for the time we can offer in person exhibits and events. Interior spaces in our beautiful historic building have been repaired, painted, and cleaned. New display systems have been installed. These changes have been made so that we can display as much of our collection as possible, while carefully storing those items not on current display. Our hope is to be nimble in altering displays so that we can entice everyone into the museum for regular visits to our oft-changing exhibits!

Our exact plans for 2021 will, of course, depend on public health developments, but we would be delighted if we could open the museum for visitors in the summer of 2021 and follow with events in the fall. These events could include an in-person Annual Meeting, as well as possibly Speaker Series evenings and even a musical event with the restored Bellows-Alcott pianoforte.

We very much appreciate your interest and involvement in the Walpole Historical Society. As always, please let us know of subjects for exhibits or speakers that would interest *you*. For updated information, please consult our website walpolehistory.com and be in touch with us at walpolehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Thank you for your membership support. We hope to see you later this year in the museum and at our events!

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