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B R O A D S I D E

Hello Friends:

~ MESSAGE OF THE MONTH ~

We are beginning a new year, and in New England this year we have snow, hail and rain. This too shall pass soon, and April flowers will be bursting out. As we get our year going, with cleaning the house and barn, won't you think of us, and help us to get in shape. The Annual Meeting is upon us, March 16th. We are looking for a large turn out for afternoon tea and welcome donations for use of the hall. We are also looking for a lively group of volunteers for this year. We are going to have a real wedding at the museum in July, for which we are all very excited.

Jeannette Pothier, President j.pothier@verizon.net

Slate of Officers to be voted on: President, Secretary and Directors Matheson, Barber, McDaniel

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| <u>President:</u> | Sharon McDonald | <u>Director:</u> | Robert Slechta, 2009 |
| <u>Vice-President:</u> | Carol Hand | <u>Director:</u> | Pat Leiby, 2009 |
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| <u>Director:</u> | Connie Matheson, 2008 | <u>Director:</u> | Judy Barber, 2010 |
| <u>Director:</u> | Robert Dorer, 2008 | <u>Director:</u> | April McDaniel, 2010 |
| <u>Curator:</u> | Sharon McDonald | | |

NEW MEMBERS: June, Alex De Nadai, Newton

Come join old and new Friends at the
ANNUAL MEETING & COLONIAL TEA
First Church of Christ Congregational at 25 The Great Road
Sunday, March 16 2008 ~ Tea at 2:00 pm to 5 pm
Program: David Dooks, British Soldier, *The other side*

Please bring tea sandwiches, sweets, chocolates or nuts to share. We provide the tea, teapots, and teacups. We appreciate your efforts to keep it to a colonial tea, that is, no brownies, or such modern items.

The War of Independence

The Thirteen Colonies

The struggle by which the Thirteen Colonies on the Atlantic seaboard of North America won independence from Great Britain and became the United States.

Causes and Early Troubles

By the middle of the 18th century, differences in life, thought, and interests had developed between the mother country and the growing colonies.

War's Outbreak

April 19, 1775, shots had been exchanged by colonials and British soldiers, men had been killed, and a revolution had begun.

Battle of Lexington (as written by Stephanie Castillo & Vanessa Maldonado)

"It was 4:30 in the morning before the British appeared. About 70 American men stood dismayed while the 600 British soldiers in gleaming red and white uniforms with shiny brass buttons and buckles assembled into battle lines. "Stand you ground!" yelled Captain Parker. *If they want war, let it begin here.* And it did." It ended eight and a half years later September 3, 1783 with the Treaty of Paris.

Boston was under **British siege**, and before that siege was climaxed by the costly British victory usually called the battle of **Bunker Hill** (June 17, 1775) the Congress had chosen (June 15, 1775) **George Washington** as commander in chief of the **Continental Armed Forces**.

The British under **Gen. William Howe** and his brother, Admiral Richard Howe, came to New York harbor. After vain attempts to negotiate a peace, the British forces struck. Washington lost Brooklyn Heights, retreated northward.

And we will hear from one who portrays the life of a British soldier at our Annual Tea. Don't miss it. He is terrific!

Above mostly taken from <http://www.americanrevolution.com/>

SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!

GREETERS, TOUR GUIDES, GIFT SHOP ATTENDANTS AND CLEANERS

By Jeannette Pothier

Last year we made up a Sign Up sheet for Greeters and Gift Shop Attendants. It worked very well. More than one person can sign up for the same day.

This year it will be the similar Sign Up sheet and one for Cleaning for Opening, before Open House and events, and for closing up in the Fall. In our by-laws for the Custodian Services Committee, it states:

- * maintain the cleanliness and neatness within the house, and barn
- * refer needs for laundering of draperies, bedding, etc., cleaning of rugs and other articles, painting of rooms, etc. to the individual organizations which installed or donated them.

The chairman and one committee member of this committee shall have the knowledge of the access codes of the House/Barn.

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EVENTS:

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| <p>Annual Meeting: March 16, 2008, 2 pm-5 pm Spring Cleaning: April 26, May 3: 9 am- to finish</p> |
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The first cleaning of the year in April takes two days, not just 1 day. It takes a lot of time to clean and set up the Gift Shop, which Jeannette Pothier has had to do alone on Day 2 or 3. This would be nice if we get people to sign up our Volunteer lists. We will have the lists at the Annual Meeting and sent out immediately after, in our Broadside.

MAILING THE BROADSIDE:

We would very much like to have your e-mail, and also, please tell us if you would like your Broadside sent that way. Whether you want the Broadside on e-mail or not, would you please send an e-mail so we have your address, to: j.pothier@verizon.net.

Tea Etiquette

In order for one not to spill the hot liquid onto oneself, the proper way to hold the vessel of a cup with no handle is to place one's thumb at the six o'clock position and one's index and middle fingers at the twelve o'clock position, while gently raising one's pinkie up for balance.