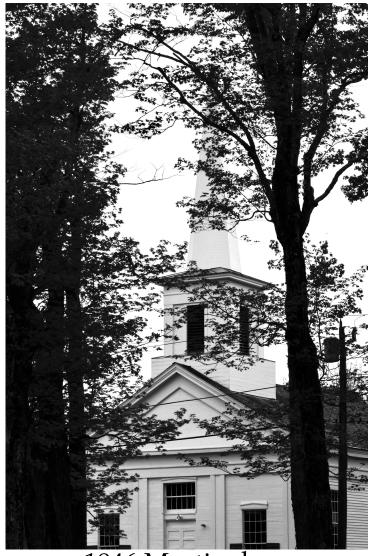
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Home of *The Sons and Daughters of Hawley*

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Sons and Daughters of Hawley 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these events.

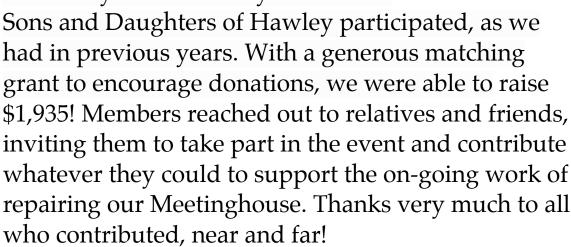
Event	Date	Location	Time
Board Meeting	10/18/18	Grove	5 pm
Apple Fest	11/4/18	Poudriers'	4 - 7 pm
		29 Pond Road	-
Illumination	12/9/18	Meetinghouse	4 - 5 pm
Party			-
Board Meeting	3/21/19	Location TBD	5 pm
		Shrimptons'	4 - 8 pm
Mud Party	3/17/19	12 Forge Hill	-
		Road	
Beautify	4/1 -	Pick up trash on	
Hawley's Roads	4/30/19	Hawley roads	
Board Meeting	4/18/19	Location TBD	5 pm
Board Meeting	5/16/19	Grove	5 pm
Musical	June date	Meetinghouse or	TBD
Gathering	TBD	Grove	
Tag Sale	6/15-16/19	Grove	
Board Meeting	6/20/19	Grove	5 pm
Board Meeting	7/18/19	Grove	5 pm
Hawley Day	8/11/19	Meetinghouse &	10 - 3
		Grove	pm
Harvest Dinner	September	Stump Sprouts	TBD
	date TBD		
No-Bake Bake	September	Online donating	
Sale	2019		
Board Meeting	9/19/19	Grove	5 pm
Pudding Contest	October, '19	Grove	

The Board of the Sons & Daughters of Hawley does not meet in November, December, January, or February.

Events of the Past Season

Valley Gives Day: May 1, 2018

Valley Gives Day was a 24-hour giving period that helped nonprofits in the Pioneer Valley raise funds. Valley Gives Day 2018 was May 1st and the



Doane Cemetery Workshop



The Doane Cemetery on Forget Road has been getting some much-needed attention over the past several years, including annual brush and debris cleaning sessions and the addition of a picnic table in a shady spot with a view extending to the mountains of New Hampshire.

Still, the gravestones and monuments are in need of repair. Many lean at odd angles and are broken, overgrown, obscured with lichen, algae, and dirt. But gravestone repair must be done carefully -- it is easy to do more harm than good.

On June 25th, several members of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley attended a day-long workshop led by Jonathan Appell, a specialist in gravestone conservation. It was paid for by a grant from the State Historic Records Advisory Board to support the work of cleaning and "righting" veterans' gravestones in the

Doane Cemetery. Working on-site, Jon passed out a non-toxic, biological cleaner that removed lichen, mildew,



and algae stains miraculously from gravestones . We were amazed at how quickly and well it worked -near-instant gratification! Many illegible stones became readable and, as we worked, those knowledgeable about local history shared stories of the founding families of Hawley.



In the process, the long-lost grave of Col. Edmund Longley, who fought under General George Washington, was found, face-down and hidden by vegetation. This was a grave that members of the Hawley Historical Commission had long been searching for.

In addition to cleaning stones, we learned how to lay a broken stone flat in a bed of gravel, how to right a badly leaning stone, and even how to use a special epoxy to glue together parts of a stone that had snapped in two. Armed with our new knowhow, we plan to continue work this fall on restoring the gravestones of Doane Cemetery.

By Sarah Ohmann



It's All Hawley Summer Tour & Luncheon



This year, the traditional Sons and Daughters of Hawley Garden Tour was reconfigured by its organizers (Lorraine McCarthy, Melanie Poudrier, and Pam Shrimpton) as a truly

remarkable day, which they called the "It's All Hawley Summer Tour & Luncheon." In addition to stops at the beautiful gardens of Lorraine and Jerry McCarthy, Kim Fitzroy, Lisa Smart, and the Poudriers, we got to go inside the West Hawley Meetinghouse on Forge Hill Road to view a collection of paintings of Hawley and its environs -- some contemporary, some going back more than 100 years -- that Pam Shrimpton had put together. We were able to view some of Pam Shrimpton's beautiful photographs, as well. We visited Tinky Weisblat's kitchen for a cooking demonstration and tasting of foods that incorporate rhubarb.





We were treated to an extraordinary lunch -delicious food in the Poudriers' elegant gardens, complete with champagne donated by Cold River Café and

Restaurant and cider made by Headwater Cider.

There was a breath-taking display of hand-made quilts arranged by Melanie Poudrier in the Meetinghouse (guarded diligently for most of the day by Elvira Scott, and by Constance Emmett when Elvira took a break);



and there was even a guided tour at Sidehill Farm, where we observed the yogurt-making process and got up close to some of those happy, healthy cows.



118th Annual Hawley Day



Hawley Day was a bit different this year because inclement weather forced us to do everything inside the Grove. But, aside from this, the gathering followed the long-honored pattern: those attending registered in the Hawley Day Book and, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, enjoyed coffee and delicious pastries, chatting and catching up.



At 11:00 AM, Lark Thwing, President of the Sons and Daughters of Hawley, started the annual memorial service which honors those who have died this year. The community lost the following people this year:

Richard Sears (1934 - 2017) Stuart Sumner (1938 - 2017) Ivy Donovan (1949 - 2017) Sol Lerner (1923 - 2017) Charlie Stetson (1942 - 2017) Margaret Hicks (1935 - 2018) Freeman Hawkes, Jr. (1932 - 2018) Josephine Smith (1922 - 2018) Madeline Casey (1924 - 2018)

Members spoke movingly about the deceased; Will Cosby, 2nd Vice President, performed the

ceremonial moving of a flower from one vase to another for each; Lark Thwing concluded the service with a reading of the 23rd Psalm.



The Annual Business Meeting began with a brief history of the early meetings of the Sons and Daughters and a reminder of the purposes for which the society was originally formed (to maintain

connections among those with ties to the town; to preserve Hawley's history, including its historical buildings and sites; to provide a common meeting ground for the people of Hawley; to collect historical artifacts and materials; to educate residents and visitors about Hawley's history; and to maintain community memory). With one correction, the minutes from last year's meeting were approved; Serra Root delivered the Treasurer's Report; the Secretary's Report (given by Suzy Groden, standing in for Pamela Shrimpton) described the meetings of the Board and events and projects of the Sons and Daughters over the past year. These included the work by the Massachusetts DCR to repair Middle and Hunt Roads, reopening a path between East and West Hawley; the Harvest Dinner/Thoreau celebration; the Apple Fest; the Illumination Party; the Mud Party; the "It's All Hawley" Summer Tour; and the repair of veterans' gravestones in the Doane Cemetery (funded by a grant from the Massachusetts State Historic Records Advisory Board).

It was also noted that we received a grant for a high definition scanner to be used in the archives, and another for 3 new picnic tables. This report ended with thanks offered to the many people who gave their time and energy to create the events of the past year and thereby enrich the lives of Hawleyites.

The slate of officers and trustees for the coming year was presented and accepted:

Lark Thwing, President John Sears, 1st Vice President Williams Cosby, 2nd Vice President Serra Root, Treasurer Pamela Shrimpton, Secretary Alice Parker Pyle, new term ending 2021 Suzy Groden, new term ending 2021 Juanita Clark, current term ending 2020 Sarah Ohmann, current term ending 2020 Robert Root, current term ending 2019 Beth Thwing, current term ending 2019

Lark provided brief updates on the work of the Board and then we had the traditional community recognitions: Richard Ohmann, 87, was the oldest man present; Pat Spring, 95, the oldest woman.

Zephyr Sears, 4 and a half, was the youngest child and Rebecca Sears traveled the farthest (from London). Each adult winner received a gift bottle of Headwater Cider, contributed by



Peter Mitchell, and Zephyr was seen happily hugging a very cute little plush animal.

Lark extended extra thanks to Serra Root for all she did to enable Hawley Day 2018 to take place smoothly, even though it had to be set up in the Grove at the last minute, and then Alice Parker, playing on the electronic keyboard, led us in a rendition of "The Hawley Song."



The concluding event of the meeting was the presentation by members of the Hawley Fire Department of a beautiful commemorative plaque to Bill Hoyt, who is retiring from the department he helped found. They spoke with admiration and



affection about his years of courageous and dedicated service to the Town of Hawley and to those who served with him.

After the formal meeting was adjourned, lunch was held in the Grove. This year, the food was

provided by the Fire Department, as a fund-raising effort. They need money to pay for the gear used in emergency rescue operations. This gear is required by law, but is not paid for by the Commonwealth. In addition to serving lunch (a variety of healthful, tasty salads, baked beans, hot dogs, fresh corn, bountiful fresh fruit salad, and a sumptuous array of sweets for dessert), the members of the Fire Department gave a demonstration of the fire-fighting gear they have to wear when actually fighting fires, with Courtney Hoyt gamely showing us how they jump into their suits when time is of the essence. And, we were



also given tours of the fire trucks and the fire-fighting equipment.



For the rest of the afternoon, "She Said," a local women's band, provided lively, infectious musical entertainment, playing and singing their own songs, and inciting quite a number of folks to get down and dance.



The Harvest Dinner



The annual Harvest Dinner at Stump Sprouts was held on the 16th of September. More than 30 people gathered on the patio at 6:00 pm for

cocktails and a chance to marvel at the breath-taking view, then enjoyed the delicious meal, generously provided by Suzanne and Lloyd Crawford, and made up, as always, of locally grown foods. This year's menu featured Sidehill Farm's pot roast and meat balls with garden vegetables and homegrown tomato sauce, Hawley roasted root veggies and squash, Stump Sprouts green beans with homegrown garlic and garden salad, homemade bread with butter made from Sidehill cream, salad from local apples, maple

syrup, Sidehill yogurt, Will Cosby's wonderful apple cake, and a delicious cobbler made from local peaches.





The after-dinner program was -- appropriately enough -- Paul Lacinski and Amy Klippenstein describing the evolution of Sidehill Farm, which they brought from Ashfield to Hawley in 2012.



Photo by Rich Cook

Upcoming Events

The Apple Fest



On November 4th, Ray and Melanie Poudrier will host the Apple Fest potluck, celebrating our region's glorious apple harvest. As always, there will be many delicious, mostly applethemed dishes to tempt

vegetarians and meat-lovers alike, soft and hard local cider, and a wide range of tempting appetizers, desserts, and drinks.

The Illumination Party

Every year at sundown on the 2nd Sunday of December, the Sons and Daughters of Hawley holds an "Illumination Party" at the Meetinghouse. The oil lamps in the big central chandelier are lit, and celebrants sing carols and share hot cider and cookies.



Community and Town Business

They are at Middle Road!



In mid-September, trucks, earth-moving equipment, and road repair materials arrived at the Middle Road entrance to the State Forest, at the bottom of Pudding Hollow Road in West Hawley. This, according to Lane Construction Company General Foreman Sam Urkiel, marks the final stage in the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's promised restoration of the direct link between East and West Hawley. He says that Hunt Road has been reconstructed and is now open to the point where it meets Middle Road, and the southern end of Middle Road is also open through to North Union Street in Plainfield. In the coming weeks, the workers under his supervision will be replacing rusted and broken drainage pipes with new ones, adding fresh gravel from Northfield to further support drainage on the road leading up into the State Forest, and bringing to correct elevation and grade all of the areas of the road that have been washed out and need attention.

The last part of the job will be done where Mill Brook crosses the road, about a mile up into the forest. The culvert through which the brook passed under the road was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene in August, 2011. It will be replaced with a 19.5'

open-bottomed box culvert, built and installed by Ludlow Construction Company. This work is scheduled to begin on October 14th. And, once it is completed -- the current expectation is that this will be before Thanksgiving --



it will be possible to drive from West Hawley on this section of Middle Road to Hunt Road in East Hawley.

So ... will West Hawleyites be able to take this route to the Meetinghouse to take part in the Illumination Party on December 9th?!?