



**MAGNOLIA**  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**June 2017 Newsletter**



**June 26- June 26 – June 26- June 26 OPENING DAY OF MAGNOLIA FARMERS MARKET**

**The Magnolia Historical Society will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Magnolia Farmers Market on Lexington Ave, Mondays from 5pm to 7pm.** Permits have been filed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Magnolia Farmers Market. This summer long event is one of our greatest FUNdraisers. The popularity of our affordable market has increased each year. Coupling with the Cape Ann Farmers Market for Rotary advertising and with many thanks to **J. Barrett and Co. for sponsoring funds for our Magnolia Farmers Market advertising campaign** for this hugely popular event.

**We are seeking vendors of all types** Information and vendor applications at [www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.com).

**Each week the MHS will sponsor, and promote a local artist at the MFM !**  
**Interested in sponsoring the event? Would you like to sell your wares as our guest?**  
Email [admin@magnoliahistoricalsociety.com](mailto:admin@magnoliahistoricalsociety.com)

But Wait.....There's more.....  
You are going to LOVE our new Magnolia T-shirt design for 2017 !! To be Unveiled at the Farmer's Market .....

**July 8- July 8 – July 8- July 8- July 8 GENEROUS GARDNERS TOUR MAGNOLIA**

**Generous Gardeners** have made their mark in Gloucester by planting those beautiful tulips along Gloucester's Stacy Boulevard. This same group will host a garden tour through the village of Magnolia . "This tour showcases a variety of cottage gardens, rose gardens, estate gardens and also includes an amazing Olmsted garden. It is predominantly a walking tour (1.6 mile) with a few gardens a short drive from downtown Magnolia. Tickets are \$30 per person" You can order your online at [www.generousgardeners.org](http://www.generousgardeners.org).

MHS will take part in the tour by offering an oral history of the area along the walk and history of homes we will see on the tour.

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People's Choice Best in Show Winner for 2 years in a row – Photographer David Fernandez will have his photography for sale Opening Day of the Magnolia Farmers Market! June 26th



**Magnolia Point Cemetery Clean Up.** Our volunteers gave Magnolia Point Cemetery a swift cleanup for Memorial Day! **A HUGE thank you goes out to WOLFE HILL GARDEN CENTER** for donating all of the flowers and hanging baskets and to the **Peek family** for donating the money to purchase new cement planters for the pillars at the vault. Our Cemetery looks fabulous in time for Memorial Day!

**You** can still help. It costs a lot of money to maintain the MP Cemetery all year long. The MHS has a separate fund strictly directed to MP Cemetery maintenance. If you would like to donate to this fund or you would like to sponsor a stone cleaning for \$200 we will restore it in your name. Please memo your check or donate online at [www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.com)



**Judy Gilliss** demonstrated how to properly clean and maintain gravestones.



Rachel Gilbert (wife of Johnathan ((who is buried at her side)) and Mother of Addison Gilbert) has a beautifully cleaned and now readable gravestone.

**Cole Square-** The members of the Magnolia Historical Society will be maintaining the display at Magnolia's Cole's Square and the Magnolia Veterans Memorial. We have paired with **Marshall's Farm Stand** to purchase the flowers for the square at a discounted rate and also with the \_\_\_\_\_ who will assist with the cost. It takes a village.



### **From the Building Committee:**

We have made tremendous progress on our (by our, I mean all of us) schoolhouse. We have installed a new wall between the classrooms, completed the venting for the heating system, installed the blue board, and had the front room walls plastered and painted in time for the April Art Sale.

The electrical system will be our next biggest hurdle. In order for us to do this according to our business plan, we must bring the correct wiring from the street to handle the entire schoolhouse and the elevator that will be housed on the left side of the schoolhouse. Instead of just bringing it from the street to the roof of the school (trying to keep with as close to original as we can), we have decided to have the wires put underground. We are in process of obtaining estimates for this scope of work.

Our Board of Directors is dedicated to taking our time and restoring the schoolhouse with the best quality materials while simultaneously keeping the quality works of distinctive antiquity in the Blynman Schoolhouse visible. Through grant application, fund raising and private donations, our goal is to have this completed project by Spring. Then, basic trim work, installation of a hanging system, doors and floor refinishing will complete the front room. As of yet, we do not know when we will bring the archived collection into the schoolhouse museum. We will leave the tin ceilings as is for the time being. We have information and have met with a company who is working on an estimate on a plaster replica of our decorative ceiling to incorporate for aesthetics.



Members gather for the MHS annual meeting before the walls were completed and later that month, the same room with walls and freshly painted.



## **A Letter from the President**

Thank you all for entrusting me (again) as your 2017 Magnolia Historical Society President. This past year has can be chalked up (no pun intended) as one of my favorites at the Blynman Schoolhouse. The MHS board of directors, our dedicated volunteers and our supporters have enabled us to make great progress towards our goals of restoring the Blynman Schoolhouse to then become our Magnolia Historical Museum and a full Cultural Center.

It never ceases to amaze me of how dedicated the people of the village of Magnolia are to preserving the history of our village Magnolia. The pride I see and hear from the folks that live here is a common factor. I would like to say on behalf of the MHS BOD that we feel honored that you all have trusted us to ensure our history is collected, preserved and cultivated.

If there were, in fact, a fist prize trophy for the historical society that has the most fun, I could guarantee the MHS would win hands down. The dedication of this team you have trusted goes beyond the ordinary, the comradery between generations combined with the pure sense of

volunteerism for a cause we all believe in so deeply – ensures we will do our best to continue the mission of the Magnolia Historical Society and have a good time making history while we do it.

That being said may I introduce to you the 2017 Magnolia Historical Society Board of Directors.....(insert drumroll here)

**Bob Cannon** – Vice President and Director of the Building Committee

**Catherine Hull**- Treasurer – Director of Marketing

**Stephen Gilliss** – Secretary - Web Designer/ Maintenance

**Thomas Falzarano** – Cultural Coordinator

**Beth Welin** – Manchester Historical Liason – Lecturer

**Betty Cannon** – Director of Magnolia DPW

**Holly Davis** – House Bartender

**Eileen Kelley** – Blynman School Security

**Julie Geary** – House Caterer

**Judy Gilliss** – Director of Magnolia Point Cemetery Committee

**Sally Peek** – Membership Coordinator

**Donna Ardizzoni** -MHS Photographer

**James Cook**- MHS Curator

**Sandy Peek** – Entertainment Coordinator

**Nancy Davis, Lynn Bird, Lester Gimpleson, David Faye and MaryLou Tierney**– board members.

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup> – Moonlight Over Magnolia Silent Auction** – Our biggest and most fun Fundraiser. Eat, drink, and try to outbid your friends on all of the huge basketfuls of prizes we will offer. We are already beginning to collect items of value for our event. Last year was a crazy fun time and everyone who came was extremely happy with their winnings! Donations for our BIG BIG BIG silent auction are welcome anytime! Volunteers welcome to help.



Horses on Magnolia Beach

Do YOU want to help with one of our events? We have a lot of fun!  
Call the MHS and let us know. 978-525-3311 or visit our website and email our admin.



We currently have volunteer positions available for each of our events and the below positions

Do you have a few hours of spare time? Do you know a student who must volunteer in the community to get a diploma?

**Volunteer Coordinator** – a volunteer who helps find volunteers to volunteer. For example: the MHS needs volunteers for our “Moonlight Over Magnolia Silent Auction Event” , the volunteer coordinator would be responsible to help find the volunteers we need based on MHS board meeting notes.

**Grant Coordinator** - the MHS is eligible for numerous grants. We have a list/ binder started, but we need someone to help us find more, keep us aware of when the grants are due and have the information regarding each one.

**Our Volunteers and Donors, we are so indebted to you for your ongoing support of the Magnolia Historical Society and our mission to protect and preserve the history of Magnolia while simultaneously making it.**

**James Fiahlo** – MHS would like to thank James for donating his time and materials to completing the sheetmetal work on the heating vents in the schoolhouse. If a heat vent could be called beautiful, this one would be.

**Rick Moore/Circle Consulting** – for taking our computer and making it virus free and working like a supercomputer !

**Michael Reardon** - Mike designs all of our logos and flyers for our major events. He has designed the Magnolia Farmers Market, Art in the Schoolhouse, Scrap Metal Drive, and moonlight Over Magnolia just to name a few.

**Generous Gardeners** – the MHS thanks you for your generous donation and for helping us show the world how beautiful our area is by way of your Magnolia Village Garden Tour on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Wolfe Hill Garden Center, Marshall's Farm Stand, all the volunteers who helped with MP Cemetery clean up.**

**MVP Painting and** for helping the MHS with offering a discounted rate for service.

### **David Fernandez Bio**

David Fernandes started photographing his native Gloucester when he was in middle school and continued taking the photography courses in high school.

Capturing the skies and the wonderful light of Cape Ann has inspired him to continue his photographic education with the beautiful light show the seasons provide year-round. Beautiful skies and water are recurring themes in David's images. His saturated images show the drama of light and textures in still life. While there is a delicacy that can be found in his quiet moments with a seagull or a boat on calm waters.

David is an award-winning photographer, A member of the Rockport Art Association. His work has been shown at the Newburyport Arts Association, and the Marblehead Arts Association as well as Juried Shows at the "Where is it?" Exhibition at the Matz Gallery in Gloucester MA by Jurors Susan Oleksiw and Christy Park. David's work has also been shown at the Magnolia Library Art Show where he won "Best in Show" and also at the **Art at the Schoolhouse in Magnolia where he also won "Best in Show" for the past two years.** David's work has also been showed at State of the Art Gallery, Cape Ann Coffee's, and Cape Ann Giclee in Gloucester, MA

David and his wife Kathy are raising their two children in Gloucester, MA

