

The
Scituate
Historical
Society

The Newsletter

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It's that time of year...

The boats are stored for the coming winter, the days are shorter, and it's time to cozy up!

As we embrace the beauty of fall, we also welcome a new season of gathering, celebration, and community.

The heart of this Society has always been its people - remarkable, interesting, fun people. Over the years, their energy and dedication have fueled our mission and warmed our hearts and we are so very grateful!

In this issue, we are delighted to introduce new volunteers and programs, share updates on projects and events, highlight some outstanding new donations, and honor the memory of some very special friends.

Glad you're here!

New Faces & Fresh Programs

This summer, several talented new members joined our team – bringing energy, creativity, and fresh ideas!

Alessandra Masso

After earning degrees in History from Columbia University and Dublin University, Alessandra returned to Scituate to be closer to her family. She's already made her mark by launching the *Scituate Historical Society Bar Hop/Night Out* – a really fun way to experience local history, meet new friends, and enjoy Scituate's "scene".

We heard that the first Bar Hop at Mill Wharf/Hibernian Tavern was "a blast"! Don't miss the second Hop at Untold Brewing **on November 19th!**



Karen Monaco

A familiar face around town, Karen has created and now leads our new *Oral History Project*, interviewing longtime town folk to record their memories and stories – ensuring that Scituate's living history is preserved.

James Nelson

A Scituate native and senior at Suffolk University, James joins us as an intern focused on fundraising and grant writing – vital efforts that sustain the Society's work!

Nick Garrity, a Scituate High School sophomore, has been a valuable volunteer contributing community service hours at Cudworth House Museum of Decorative Arts.

Victoria DiCosimo and **Noelle DiCosimo**, sisters and juniors at Scituate High School, have been hard at work helping to prepare the Cudworth House Museum of Decorative Arts for its much-anticipated reopening. They will also soon be undertaking a project to study our Native American artifacts.



Cathie McGovern and **Marie Schlag**, long-time supporters and dedicated volunteers for our textile collections, continue to donate their expertise, creating compelling displays for the Cudworth House Museum.



And finally, a huge shout out to **Charlie Cook** and **Cathy Foley** from our Archives Team for their outstanding research work – recognized recently in a national DAR newsletter. The best!!

[\(Tampa DAR Newsletter 2025.09.01.pdf\)](#)

Preservation & Projects Update

The Bates House

This beloved historic site has just undergone a detailed Preservation Assessment in preparation for planned structural repairs this winter. We look forward to welcoming visitors back in SPRING 2026!



The Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum

From summer's visit from *SALT* - the life-size inflatable humpback whale - and the multiple interactive activities including *Mosser for a Day* at the *Waves of History & Exploration* event series, the Museum has been bustling with activity. Stay tuned for next year's lineup of educational and hands-on events!



Cudworth House Museum of Decorative Arts

Following essential repairs, the Museum is resting for the winter but will reopen in the **Spring 2026** with a special celebration. Watch for details soon!



Recent Donations

The Meteyard Collection

We are deeply honored by a significant gift of artworks by artist **Thomas Buford Meteyard** from Martin and Jenny Meteyard, his grandchildren.

Meteyard was a key figure in Scituate's historic Arts Colony in the early 20th century. The donation includes original watercolors, woodblocks, oils, *Courrier Innocent* magazines, and exhibition catalogs. This is an extraordinary addition to our collection!

For more information of the Arts Colony and Meteyard, see here: [Thomas B. Meteyard - Scituate Historical Society.](#)



Litchfield Family Tree

A beautifully hand-drawn Litchfield family tree was very generously donated by the Oullette family of New Hampshire. This ink on linen chart was made by Miss Sarah Bailey in the late 19th century. She copied the chart from an original produced by her grandfather Deacon Israel Litchfield c 1820. Deacon Litchfield figures prominently in N.E. history for his election at age 24 as Representative for the General Court at Boston and for his diary of 1774-5, when he describes his military service as a young sergeant establishing a minuteman company in Scituate, reacting to the Lexington Alarm, and guarding the coast.



Upcoming Events!

(Home - Scituate Historical Society)

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| November 19 | <i>SHS x Untold Brewing
Night Out</i> |
| December 5 | <i>Full Moon Tour:
Cold Moon – Super Moon</i> |
| December 7 | <i>A Christmas Carol: A
Staged Reading with
Live Music</i> |
| December 21 | <i>Lawson Tower Bell Concert</i> |
| January 15 | <i>Brattle Book Shop!</i> |
| February 1 | <i>Sweet Stuff:
New England Confections
from Necco Wafers to
Whoopie Pies!</i> |



The Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum is open every Sunday, 1-4 PM

Please note:

Mark your calendars and save the date of March 28, 2026 for our Annual Dinner at the Harbor United Methodist Church where a program on the ship *Etrusco* will be presented by Bob Belliveau in recognition of the 70th anniversary of its grounding at Cedar Point.

The Schoolhouse closes December 19 and reopens February 3, 2026.

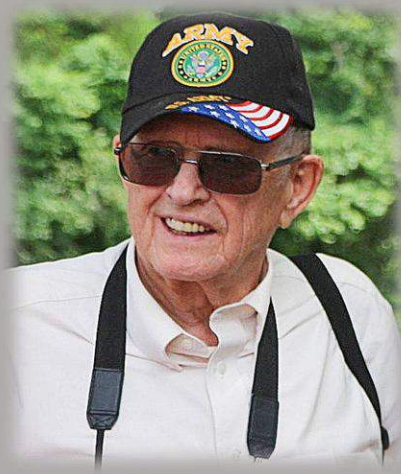
The Maritime & Irish Mossing Museum closes December 21 and reopens February 1, 2026.

In Memoriam

We pause to remember cherished members of our community whose passion and friendship enriched the Society and the town we love.

Ron and Barbara Swan

We fondly remember Ron and Barbara Swan, two of our most dedicated volunteers who passed away this spring after more than twenty years of service to the Historical Society.



This wonderful couple held special affection for the Cudworth House and Barn, where Barbara greeted visitors and Ron led tours for many, many years, sharing their vast knowledge of Scituate's past. Ron also volunteered weekly at the Schoolhouse, where his gift of storytelling and love of genealogy delighted countless guests.

An avid photographer, Ron documented many Society events and restoration projects – his photos remain a treasured part of our collection.

They are deeply missed.

Karen Ernst-Connolly

The Trustees and Members of the Scituate Historical Society were saddened by the sudden passing of Karen Connolly.

A devoted public servant to the town of Scituate, Karen was a strong supporter of the Historical Society. She recently served on our Lighthouse Re-Lighting Celebration Committee, bringing her expertise and guidance as a member of the Select Board.



Karen's calm, friendly, and delightful demeanor, along with her talent for collaborating effectively made her a true leader. Our hearts go out to her family. Karen will be missed.

Gratitude to Our Pillars of Support!

We extend heartfelt thanks to the

Massachusetts Cultural Council

The Scituate Cultural Council

The South Shore Playhouse Association

And the generous citizens of Scituate through
Community Preservation Act funding.

Your unwavering support makes it possible for us to protect, share, and celebrate the stories of our town.

A special thanks to The Mill Wharf and Hibernian Tavern and Untold for hosting our inaugural Bar Hops!

Cheers to history made fun!

