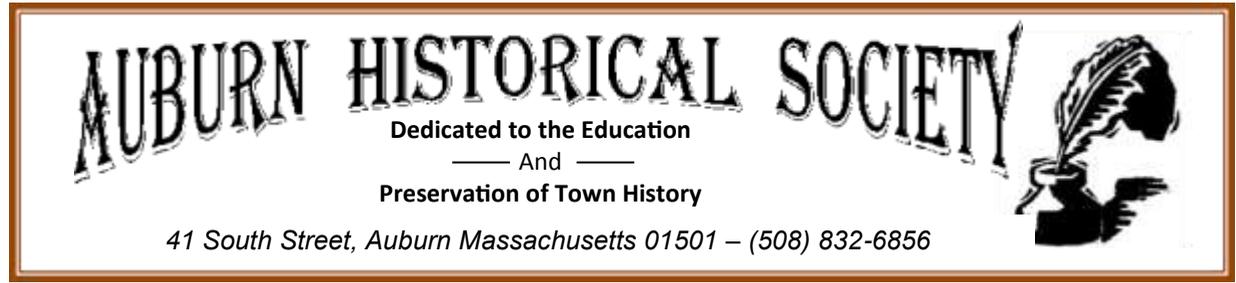


We started out with one building, then the Lion's Club donated the big shed, then we got a grant for the little shed. Now we are the Auburn Historical Museum Complex!  
We wonder what is next!



Auburn Historical Museum Hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:30a - 12:30pm



Established 1967

Celebrating 50 Years of Preserving Auburn's History

Fall 2017

## 50 Years of Preserving **Auburn's History**



Two of our members who have passed on to the Heavenly Museum: Norma Card and Ray Twarowski

The Auburn Historical Society was founded 50 years ago to preserve Auburn's rich history and to educate everyone we can reach about the wonderful things that have happened in Auburn. A great many things have been achieved during this time, and many fine people have had a part in it. This edition of our newsletter will focus on the events and the people who have been instrumental in the society's own history.

## Christmas Party Coming Up



**O**ur Christmas Party will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Elks.

The tickets, \$20 each, will be on sale shortly. As usual, we will have great food, great music, and even greater fun.

### Find Us Online

Be sure to visit new website at [www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org](http://www.auburnhistoricalmuseum.org).

Feel free to send us items to add to the website!

## Auburn Fire Department Display

In mid-August, the Auburn Fire Department loaned the Museum an assortment of items from their 100 year history. We have had their first stretcher for years, now we have hose nozzles, a breathing tank, a fireman coat and hat, a massive raincoat, some items from the first EMTs and an amazing line shooting rifle. There is also an awesome miniature diorama of fire equipment and a uniform. The Museum salutes the Auburn Fire Department's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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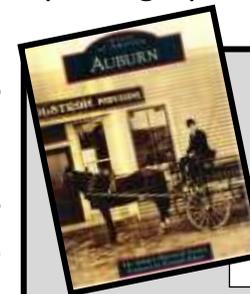
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# How have we benefitted our community for over 50 years?

In the beginning of the Auburn Historical Society, we met at Camp Gleason, and later at the library. We gave a scholarship to an Auburn High Graduate every year, and we dreamed of having a museum. We published articles in local papers, created some books containing photographs and old newspaper articles. Then, in 2000, we began the journey to create the Auburn Historical Museum. We collected artifacts, photographs, memorabilia and a wedding dress made from a Japanese parachute. We produced more books, the Doorways of Auburn poster, and the Images of America Auburn book. We have the town's original tax records from 1862 to the 1950s. We have a majority of Cauldrons, town reports and assessors' reports, and many photographs. Dozens and dozens of photographs, which will soon be available

online via the Donald R. Holstrom Photographic Archive. We have preserved many wonderful uniforms, including Joel Prouty's civil war uniform. We have a large area honoring Auburn's veterans and fallen heroes. Every corner of our building (and two sheds) is filled with interesting items many with interesting stories. Anyone who comes in the museum leaves knowing a lot more about Auburn and her people.



### AUBURN BOOK STILL AVAILABLE

*We still have copies of the Images of America Auburn book, only \$22.*

*Special Thanks to Joe Pranaitis who maintains the Museum Grounds*

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# Memories of our Earlier Days...

Does anyone remember our dear Norma Card opening every meeting by asking "Can you hear me?" Remember the time someone showed us how to build a brick wall—by building one in the library meeting room? Remember John Hartwell writing wonderful articles for the local paper? And Ken Ethier taking up the pen after John and writing fascinating tales of Auburn's past. No one can forget the excitement of finally securing the building that became our museum, and the hard work of getting it ready to open. Nor can we forget our featured exhibits, especially the Vintage Wedding Gown and Military exhibits.



Did you know?  
Thanks to Zach Washburn, our grad student intern, we have an increased internet presence. This has led to many requests for information and research. We now are able to help people all over the world, and for a modest fee!

Cauldrons needed!  
While we have the majority of AHS yearbooks, we are missing ones from 1996, 2004, and 2006-2014. If you have one to share with us, we'd love to display it for all Dandies and Rockets to view!

# Suppers, suppers, so many suppers!



Where would the society and the museum be without our fundraising suppers and the wonderful work of Beggin' Betty Murphy and her crew, and all the baskets and door prizes they organized.

**Thank you for your hard work and dedication!**

## Spaghetti Supper returns to the 1960s

This year, our Spaghetti Supper will be held at the Pakachoag Church on October 14. We will have the usual excellent meal, the fabulous baskets and door prizes, but the whole thing will be transported back to when the society was founded in the 1960s. So bring out the tie dyed shirts, bell bottoms, Nehru jackets and the peace signs! Dress up if you can. Fun guaranteed for all! Best of all, we will have a classic 1967 Chevy Camaro convertible. For a donation, you can sit in the car and have your picture taken by our photographer, Richard Hedin! Don't miss this blast from the past!

## Speakers for 2017

All meetings at 6:30 at the Senior Center 4 Goddard Dr. in Auburn

Sept. 19: Lester Paquin - *The Sinking of the Andrea Doria*

Pot Luck Supper begins at 5:30, Bring your favorite dish!

Oct. 17: Frank Morrill - *Glass Slides of Old Auburn and Surrounding Towns*

Nov. 21: Linda Hixon and Zach Washburn - *They Ventured Far: The World War I Biography Project*

Remember these?



**Thank you to all museum members past and present, for without their dedication neither the museum nor the historical society would exist!**

