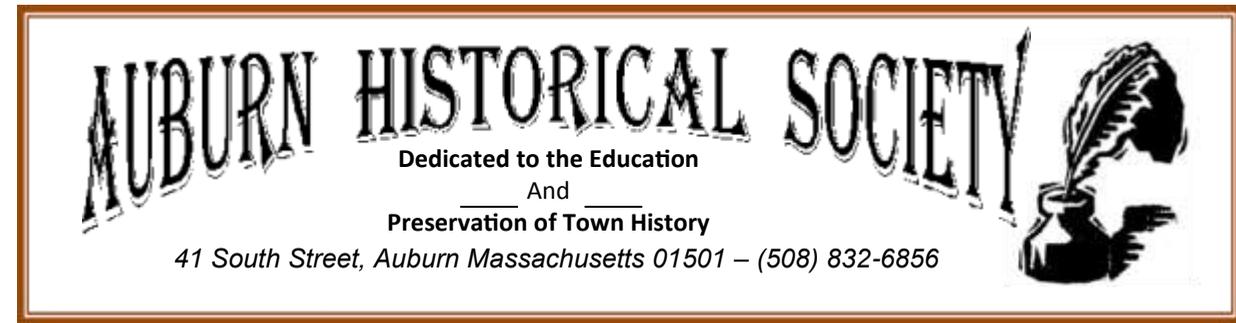


Our book, "Auburn's Historical Houses" is finished and has been printed by Bay Path. The first day it was available, we sold half the copies! At \$30, the book gives you a wonderful display of over 200 of Auburn's oldest homes, some of them are gone, and some are still with us. Helen Poirier did a great job of organizing these houses, along with Graham Latino, our intern. Come in to the museum to get your copy!

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



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You don't need to travel to Boston to see a first rate museum piece! Thanks to our good friend Warren Creelman, we have a late 19th century cobbler's bench, we even have the tools and shoemaking materials he used! The bench belonged to Fred Hinckley, Sr., who also was a selectman and active in many other areas of town government. It looks just as it did when Fred spent hours in the low seat, making sure the residents of Auburn had high quality shoes. We also have his hall tree, with places to hang both hats and umbrellas. Any big museum would be proud to have an exhibit of this quality, come in to see this fabulous acquisition!

# Flying Yankee Restaurant



Some of you may remember the Flying Yankee, which was in Auburn for many years. You can see its neon sign today, on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston! It is part of a collection of similar signs.

## Find Us Online

Be sure to visit our website at [auburnhistoricalmuseum.org](http://auburnhistoricalmuseum.org) and find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/AuburnMuseum](https://facebook.com/AuburnMuseum)

## Framing History

Do you have old, empty picture frames hanging around your house? We are looking for frames of all sizes for us to display the many pictures that have been donated to us over the years.

## Yard Sale Time

We are preparing for the Congregational Church's annual Community Yard Sale. If you have anything you would like to donate to us, feel free to drop by the museum any Tuesday or Saturday 9:30am-12:30pm. Thank you!

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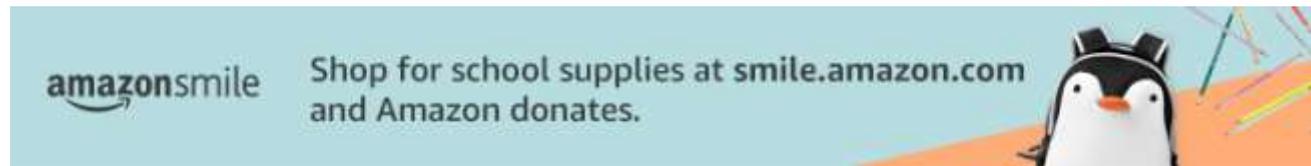
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# Businesses of Auburn

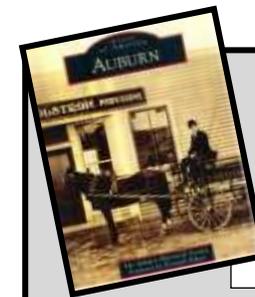
We are beginning to work on a new project on the businesses of Auburn, past and present. If you have any photographs, menus, receipts, memorabilia or fond memories of businesses that served our community, we would love to have them. We can scan any hard copy photographs or materials you may have, and can transcribe your memories. The end result is still in the works, but we can add to our Auburn business exhibits, or create a traveling display and talk, or even another book, depending on how large a response we get.



Find us on AmazonSmile and we will receive a donation for each eligible purchase you make. We're listed as Auburn Historical Society, Inc

## Do you like Swords?

We have a beauty just added to our Knights of Columbus display. It is, of course, purely ceremonial and belonged to selectman Dan Carpenter's father John F. Carpenter. It was presented to him at his installation as a Fourth Degree Knight and is now proudly displayed in our museum.



## 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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# Stephen Lukas Remembered

Officer Stephen Lukas, the first Auburn Police Officer to die in the line of duty, is being remembered with a new exhibit in the museum. Unfortunately, the only photo we have is the one seen here. If any of our readers has another photo, or any memories of Officer Lukas you would like to share with us, please come in so we can enhance our current exhibit.

We have a lovely photograph and many artifacts related to the sad loss of Officer Ron Tarentino, but much too little on Officer Lukas. Anyone who has anything, please bring it in to the museum so we can scan it into our collection. All of us in Auburn own a tremendous debt to our police and firefighters. Any time we can get more information on any of our first responders, we are truly happy. We are also looking for stories from retired firefighters and police officers to add to our collection.



## Help Wanted

Does anyone in your family need to do community service for school or for confirmation? We have had several high school interns who have helped with photograph projects, research, and writing for book projects, and going through boxes of historical items and finding treasures to display. No special knowledge is needed, but familiarity with computers is a big plus. We are happy to train anyone who is interested in history and gaining needed community service time.

# BAY PATH YEARBOOKS

We are delighted to announce that, with the hard work of Jack Haroian, Auburn's member of the Bay Path School Committee, we have an almost full set of Bay Path Yearbooks. We are extremely excited with this new acquisition. Yearbooks from Auburn High are one of our most used research tools, and now that we can have access to the Bay Path books, all of Auburn's public school students will be covered. We are missing the 1991 and 2002 yearbooks, along with Auburn High's 1996, 2004 and 2016-2014 yearbooks, and are hoping to fill the gaps soon. Often, parents who have graduated from the Auburn school system enjoy showing their children the yearbooks when they visit. And a visit to the past is always enjoyable.

## Yearbooks Needed!

Our collection of Auburn High School yearbooks is missing several editions. We're looking for 1996, 2004, and 2006-2014 yearbooks. We are also missing 1991 and 2002 Bay Path yearbooks.

## Did you know...

We offer research and genealogy help for Auburn residents past and present for a nominal fee. We have helped people in Scotland, England, and all around America. Want help finding great-grandma? Give us a call!

## Spring 2019 Speakers

All meetings are held at the Auburn Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, and begin at 6:30pm.

Tuesday, March 19th

Linda Hixon

*Following the Threads: Women of Hopedale*

Tuesday, April 16th

Bob Moffatt

*A Charm String and a Story Button*

Tuesday, May 21st

National Park Service Ranger  
*To be determined by the Ranger*  
Potluck Supper begins at 5:30  
Bring your favorite dish!



# New Acquisitions at the Museum

We are fortunate that people think of us when they are downsizing or clearing out a relative's home, and any items we receive must be related to Auburn. We can scan photos and documents if you don't want to part with them, or take pictures of larger objects. We have a model of a prototype airplane, many documents, small business related items and some military gear that has been donated. Everything that is donated brings precious memories with them and are most welcomed into our collection. So keep us in mind whenever you say "Whatever will we do with Uncle's WWI uniform?" Below are some snapshots of some of our newest acquisitions.



Memorial to Dick Steelman



Roland Varg's flight helmet and mask, along with other WWII memorabilia.



John Carpenter's Knights of Columbus Sword

# Saying Goodbye to a Dear Friend

We are all heartbroken at the loss of Dick Steelman. To any of you who came into the museum since it was founded, Dick was a fixture. He rarely missed a Tuesday or Saturday. When our original crew was setting up the museum, the covers over the blackboards were removed. They found a list of Auburn's sea scouts, and the name Dick Steelman. Calls were made, and Dick came in to confirm it was his name. And he never left. He did all the electrical diagrams, the showcase diagrams and much more. Over the years, he and Roger LaCroix did most of our repairs. Dick was wonderful at identifying photographs of people and places. A member of the Board of Directors, he was always on top of what we needed to do to keep our museum running smoothly. Dick was a wonderful craftsman, doing complex wood carvings and making many plane and ship models. We have set up a display of some of Dick's work at the museum, with photographs of some of the costumes Dick wore over the years. We deeply appreciate the words of sympathy and many donations we have received in Dick's memory. His passing leaves a huge hole in our museum family, and in our hearts.

