



Golden Ball Tavern Tidings

Golden Ball Tavern Museum

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What's New:

- **CALLING ALL HANDS!!** After many years on the Barn Committee, and as its Chair, **Sue Newbury** has announced her retirement from the Committee after this year's Show. Historically, the Barn is the source of Show profits, an important component of the Tavern's income. Sue is more than willing to train her successor(s). It's a fun and important job. If you want to find out more, give her a call. Signed: Her desperate husband.
- This May, we held our seventh biennial symposium: *Eat, Drink and Be Merry: Tavern Food and Drink in the Late Colonial and Early Federal Period*. Speakers included **Donald Friary** on punch drinking, **Keith Stavely** and **Kathleen Fitzgerald** on tavern and culinary refinement, **Joe Carlin** on food and drink in colonial taverns, and **Kate Carney** on women tavern keepers. The day was topped off by a delightful three-course dinner prepared by Chef **Sam Hunt**, featuring historic dishes prepared with a modern flair. **Jim Dorau** from Ipswich Brewery brought us fresh summer ale and told us about colonial brewing practices. We plan to hold another dinner next year and another beer talk by Jim in the fall. Stay tuned. A special thanks to **Gloria Cole** and her crew from Weston Media Center for videotaping the symposium. If you missed it in person, be sure to watch a broadcast of the talks on the Weston Channel.
- **Carolyn McGuire**, **Michelle Roman** and **Karen Valovcin** did an excellent job hosting Weston 3rd and 5th graders as well as other visiting school groups. Before their tour, the guides treated the Weston fifth graders to a lively account of the spies' visit to the tavern in 1775. The Weston third graders came to study colonial life. Thanks also to all the guides who helped make these visits so successful.

Thanks for Jobs Well Done:

- To **Barbara** and **Jon Provost** for refurbishing our big loom and setting it up to weave. To Barbara also for bringing to life our spinning and weaving exhibit with her research, her workshops and her generous additions to our collection.
- To **Sue McFarland** and **Polly Slavet** for their excellent work caring for the gardens. They would welcome help!!
- To **Linda Wiseman** and **Kay Conrad** for the exciting new exhibits about the Golden Ball Hotel and Lettie Frost in the two upstairs front chambers. We are just waiting for the new wallpaper to be put in place.
- To **Will McFarland** for building the barriers and installing the exhibit signage holders. And to **Bill Gallagher** and **Will** for successfully putting together and installing the 1880's bed in the upstairs exhibit room.
- To **Karen Valovcin** for sewing the mattress cover, and to the **Provosts** for filling it with packing peanuts and putting it onto the bed that they had strung with ropes.
- To our committees for all the work you do to keep the museum functioning at full speed.
- To **Mrs. George R. Roland** for donating the beautiful hand-sewn dogwood pattern quilt for the bed in the new exhibit.
- To **Tare** and **Sue** for their continuing successful running of the Outdoor Antiques Show, and to all of their many committee members whose work makes the day go so smoothly.
- To **Marsha Tucker** for her work running the gift shop for lo these many, many years.
- To **Country Garden Club of Weston** for the beautiful holiday decorations at our Wassail party.

- To **Dan** and **Claudia Quinn** and their helpers for yet another festive Wassail celebration; and to **Karen** and **David Valovcin** and their group of singers for the joyful holiday caroling.
- To **Catha Hesse** for coming each year to clean our silver collections before our special events.
- To **Peter Lord** and to all of our Trustees for their leadership of the Golden Ball Tavern Museum.
- To **Karen Valovcin** for her leadership of the Golden Ball Tavern committees.
- To **Kelly Wood**, resident overseer, and to **Barbara Lemke**, accountant, for their help throughout the year.

Help Wanted:

We would welcome volunteers to help **Sue McFarland** with the garden, and/or to become guides with our exciting education programs. Please call the museum 781-894-1751 or email Joan at Joanb5@aol.com.

Upcoming Events:

- The Outdoor Antique Show Preview Party will be held from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Friday **September 28th**, 2012. Watch for your letter in the mail detailing options for support and participation.
- The Annual Outdoor Antiques Show will be held Saturday, **September 29th**, rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Remember to **save your treasures** to donate to the Outdoor Antiques Show. Please call the Golden Ball Tavern Museum 781-894-1751 if you have donations to make. We will arrange to pick up your much appreciated items that are too big to drop off.
- Join the GBT Book Group. Each month or so we read a fictional or historical work and meet over lunch for a lively discussion.

