



4th of July Band Concert—FREE

On Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th, at 3 pm, PVMA will once again present the Westmoreland (NH) Town Band now in its 48th season in an hour-long concert of rousing patriotic tunes from the past. The concert will be held in the Blue and White Hall of the Deerfield Teachers' Center, 10 Memorial Street, Deerfield, to the west of the Memorial Hall Museum and behind the Old Town Hall (on whose front lawn for many years it was held).

Old Deerfield Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

Sundays, July 8th - August 26th, enjoy classical concerts in the lovely, air-conditioned Music Room at Memorial Hall Museum. Concerts begin at 3:00 p.m.; admission is \$10; \$5 for seniors. For a full list of dates and performers, check "Event Listings" on our website at www.deerfield-ma.org.

Submitting Ideas, Questions, and Articles?

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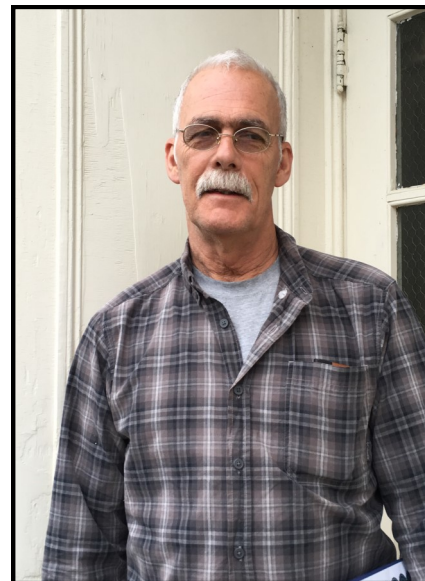
*Understanding the past creates
 better citizens and a better world.*

Meet your council members



After graduating from Hampshire College in the mid 70's, **David Short** (left) started Amherst Woodworking, and later its retail division Copper Beech Millwork. The company ultimately moved to Northampton, manufacturing wood moldings and custom architectural woodwork. Historic reproduction and restoration was a main component of their work, including multiple projects at Deerfield Academy and a few for Historic Deerfield, including the woodwork for the Deerfield Inn after Hurricane Irene.

PVMA Councilor and Secretary **John MacKinnon** (right) moved to the valley from Nantucket in 2005, where he operated a restoration carpentry business for



many years. Now "retired", he continues to indulge his interest in history by serving on the PVMA Council and PVMA's Building Committee as well as guiding at Historic Deerfield, Inc.



Mark your calendars!

Museum Garden Party

Sunday, June 10th, 2018

4:00—6:00 PM

Please RSVP to 413-774-7476, ext. 100



Sunday, June 17, 2018

A Special Concert in honor of

"Juneteenth"

Admission: \$10

3:00 PM

Memorial Hall Museum Music Room

From the Renaissance period to African American art songs of the 20th century, there will be toe-tapping songs from Broadway shows as well as soulful spirituals.

Featuring: Metropolitan Opera tenor Irwin Reese and local pianist Julia Bady present a concert of songs in a broad variety of styles.

"Juneteenth": June 19th, 1865, was the first African American celebration of the end of slavery. This annual commemoration of 4th of July proportions is joyfully observed in many African American communities in the U.S.



News from the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association

Teachers' Center, Library, Indian House, Memorial Hall, Craft Fairs

Breaking News! The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), has announced that **Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association was selected as a 2018 Award of Merit winner** by the Leadership in History awards committee for "Impressions From a Lost World," a website, exhibit, and public program project. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the nation's most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement in state and local history.

"ALWAYS IN BLOOM" A Special Memorial Hall Opening celebrated **ArtWeek**

PVMA opened Memorial Hall Museum's 138th season with a botanical twist! PVMA was a proud official **ArtWeek** host, one of 500 cultural organizations across the state joining together in celebrating the arts in Massachusetts. PVMA offered free admission to all during opening weekend May 5th & 6th. Special hands-on activities included a floral-themed museum scavenger hunt and an array of free art activities for adults and children.



According to PVMA **ArtWeek** Coordinator Sheila Damkoehler, "We were delighted to kick off our 2018 season with a weekend-long event engaging all the senses! Although primarily a history museum, Memorial Hall also houses a large collection of works by local artists and fine craftspeople. With so many exquisite fine and decorative arts pieces in our museum collection bearing floral designs, a botanical theme immediately came to mind for our first participation in **ArtWeek**. It was a great opportunity to bring to the public's attention our art collection as well as our staff's enthusiasm and creative talent for art, music, and flowers!"

The botanical theme will carry through the season with the free museum scavenger hunt. An eco-print workshop is planned for October 13, when Old Deerfield Craft Fairs' artist Martha Simpson will lead participants through the process of transferring color from a variety of leaves and berries onto silk cloth. Visitors to Memorial Hall Museum can see examples of Martha's work on display this season — a modern-day blending of art, nature, and science — alongside early botanist Orra White Hitchcock's reproduction herbarium. Completed in 1821, the herbarium features paintings of Franklin County flora, and is on display in the recently installed "**Astronomy, Geology, and Dino Tracks! Oh my!**" exhibit about Edward and Orra Hitchcock and early natural sciences.

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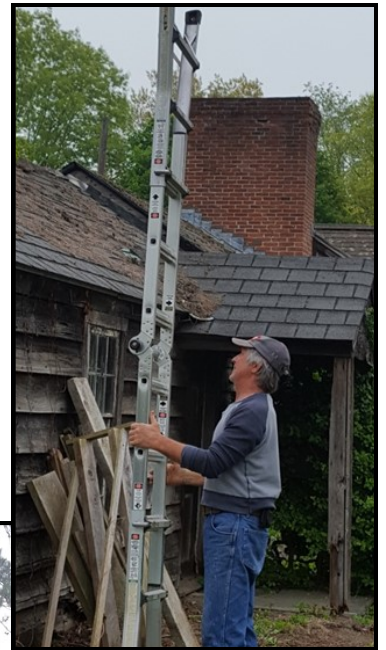
Progress is being made in our search for a new Curator for Memorial Hall Museum. We are reviewing our pool of applicants and will be conducting the interviews in June. We are pleased with the quality of the candidates' training and work experiences.

Watch the mail in June. Members will be receiving, through the mail, a questionnaire from the Council Policy Committee inviting them to indicate their personal interest in their process of preparing proposed amendments to PVMA's constitution/bylaws that members will vote on in the future. The Committee is also asking members to indicate in what manner and how frequently they would like to be kept informed of the committee's

progress. So please fill out your questionnaire and return it.

Also, keep in mind that Memorial Hall Museum is a wonderful place to bring family and friends who are visiting you from out of town during these beautiful summer days. There are now three hands-on activity areas — one on each floor of the museum for visitors to enjoy. We hope to see you at the Museum!

Carol Letson



IT'S TIME FOR AN UPGRADE AT THE OLD BLOODY BROOK TAVERN



Councilors and Building Committee members John MacKinnon (far left) and David Short (near left & far left above) were assisted by volunteer brothers, Skip and Sam Yazwinski, and Chet Yazwinski (above far right). The team removed an unused, crumbling, and dangerously tilting chimney at the far west end of Bloody Brook Tavern.

This is just one of the many repairs and upgrades the PVMA Building Committee has slated at the Indian House Museum complex, home to the Deerfield Children's Museum and many school programs.

Many thanks to our good neighbors from both Old Main and Memorial Streets!