



Milton 350th Anniversary Committee

January 2012 Newsletter

Happy 2012!

Lynda-Lee Sheridan,
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Milton's 350th Committee has been hard at work these last 10 months planning and preparing for our yearlong celebration of Milton's 350th Anniversary. We are introducing this newsletter to keep everyone up to date on all our plans. Each month during 2012, I will highlight some of the events planned for that month.

Many individuals and organizations have made donations to help us sponsor events and we greatly thank them. Curry College was the lead donor with \$5000 back in the summer. We had three Colonist level donors with gifts from Fuller Village, Milton Academy and Neville Art Enterprises.

The Copeland Family Foundation recently gave us a check for \$150,000, which has enabled us to plan some really exciting events. Their generosity to the Milton Community is well documented and this is one more example of their commitment. You can find a complete listing of donors on our web site:

milton350thanniversary.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

21st (Saturday) - Art Exhibition, 2-4 pm, Milton Public Library, 476 Canton Ave.
Sponsored by the Milton 350th Committee

25 Milton-based artists will exhibit paintings of Milton at the Milton Public Library, from January 6 to February 29, 2012. The Reception is the Opening Event of the yearlong celebration for Milton's 350th Anniversary. A special creative art activity for young children will also be held. The Greg Massaro Jazz Duo will provide music, and light refreshments will be served. (Snow date: January 28)

26th (Thursday) - A Wine Dinner with Chris Douglass, 6 pm VIP reception with Hors d'oeuvres and Champagne \$150, 7pm Dinner only \$100, Milton Marketplace Cafe, 2nd floor, 10 Bassett Street, Milton. For reservations call Michael Dwyer at 617-696-5274. Sponsored by The Fruit Center.

Join us for a spectacular four course dinner prepared by one of Boston's best chefs, with wines perfectly paired to each dish. Chef/owner Chris Douglass of the Ashmont Grill and Tavolo and Dan Michaud of Ruby Wines will prepare a colonial-inspired menu. Dan Michaud (a Milton resident) is the director of education at Ruby Wines and will speak about the wines. Only 72 reservations can be accepted.

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We have many committees working together to plan our events and get the word out to the community. The newsletter will bring you updates on what all the committees are doing and offer ways for you to get involved.

Please share this newsletter with friends and family. If there is something you'd like to see in the next newsletter, contact the editor at Marymgm@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Lynda-Lee Sheridan
Milton 350th Committee Chair

Thank you to our Sponsors!



Founding Citizen Benefactor: \$150,000
The Copeland Family Foundation

Heritage Registry: \$5000 +
Curry College

Colonist: \$1350 +
Fuller Village
Milton Academy
Neville Art Enterprises

First Families: \$350 +
The Daylor Family
Dolan Funeral Services
East Milton Pediatrics Assoc.
John and Libby Kinnealey and Family
The Village School

More sponsors listed on our website.

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29th (Sunday) - Family Skating and Bowling, 2-5 pm, Cunningham Park, Sponsored by the Cunningham Foundation

The Cunningham Foundation will host a free family skating day at Cunningham Park with family bowling in Cunningham Hall. Skating will be located at the flooded field beside the pool (weather permitting), and bowling will be inside Cunningham Hall, lower level. Refreshments will be served.

FEBRUARY

12th (Sunday) Lincoln Day at the Forbes House, 1-4 pm, Forbes House Museum, 215 Adams Street Milton, Massachusetts 02186 • (617) 696-1815 • info@forbeshousemuseum.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the 350th Anniversary Celebration.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES:
milton350thanniversary.org

❖ *Volunteer Opportunity* ❖

We're looking for someone to take over editing and production of our newsletter. We plan to do one newsletter per month for the rest of 2012. Writing and graphic skills are necessary. If you think this is the job for you, please email Mary McLaughlin at marymgm@comcast.net.



Big Event Committee

Pat Desmond, Chair, themiltontimes@gmail.com

The Big Event Committee is planning a great weekend beginning June 8. That is the night Atlas Pyrotechnics will create a spectacular display at Milton High School from 9:15 to 9:45. (Rain date is June 16) The next day a parade happens in the afternoon with The Boston Gaelic Column, the Woodland String Band from Philadelphia, the Milton High School Marching Band and the Shriners. (Rain date is also June 16) On June 10 there will be an interfaith service, a townwide picnic on the Town Green and an interfaith concert (see below). June 11, which is that actual date of the incorporation in 1662, there will be a Milton History Bowl at the high school. Volunteers are needed to help with all events - especially the parade. A form for additional marchers and floats will be available soon.

Call for Choirs! - On Sunday, June 10, after an historic worship service at First Parish in Milton, and after the Town Picnic, with 350th birthday cake for all, choirs of all Milton houses of faith will join together in an Interfaith Choir Concert. **Choir directors are meeting Sunday, January 15 at First Parish to begin planning this program.** Everyone please encourage your music director and choir to participate in this historic event. Please contact Emma Jean Moulton emmadon@aol.com or 617-698-3200.

Publicity

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We are currently looking for a Publicity Chair – please contact Lynda-Lee Sheridan if you are interested in helping with coordinating our press releases and marketing initiatives.

The Publicity Committee has been busy working on getting the word out about the 350th. We've had press in the Milton Times, the Boston Globe, Patriot Ledger, 02186.MyTownMatters and Milton Patch. The Patriot Ledger is planning to add a special page to its Wicked Local Milton site.

In January, we created a flyer to go into all the property tax bills with general information about the 350th and a form for ordering memorabilia. It was a great opportunity to reach almost every household in Milton. Thanks to **Laurinda O'Connor** for designing our flier!

Thanks to the hard work of volunteer **Laurie Macintosh**, our [website](http://www.milton350thanniversary.org) is up and running with regular updates on events and news from the committee.

Special thanks **Jackrabbit Designs of East Milton** for designing our logo. Their help was essential in moving ahead with the creation of our memorabilia.



Memorabilia

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Joanne Trifone, Sales Coordinator, milton350thstore@gmail.com

The Memorabilia Committee has put together some lovely items for sale at various venues and businesses in Milton, including the Selectman's Office at Town Hall. In the past 10 months, we have created the following and hope to have a few more items available in the future:

- **Milton Roundel:** a handcrafted color rendering of Milton's original Town Seal on antique glass and framed with lead. The Milton Roundel is 5" in diameter with a loop at the top for hanging. - \$40
- **T-Shirts:** With our official logo available in Youth S, M, L, Adult S, M, L, XI and Baby "Onesies" in 12 and 18M. - \$15
- **Milton Mugs** – 14 oz. White porcelain with red 350th logo. - \$20
- **2012 Calendars** -- 12-month wall calendar. All artwork done by local artists of various Milton scenes. - \$10
- **Commemorative Plate** - Designed by local artist Beth Neville, depicts eight scenes around Milton, white porcelain plate with blue design, 10 1/2" in diameter. Limited Edition. - \$55 signed, \$45 unsigned. The original line drawing, 4 feet x 4 feet, is framed and displayed at Town Hall.

The items can be seen on the [website](#). If you'd like to order something, please email our Sales Coordinator, **Joanne Trifone** at milton350thstore@gmail.com. Joanne is coordinating volunteers to sell at all our events as well. *Thanks, Joanne, for all your hard work!*

Volunteer Opportunity – The memorabilia committee is looking for more volunteers to sell items at different events around town. We are currently in need of volunteers at the Library during the 350th Art Exhibit in the months of January and February.

Fundraising

Mary McLaughlin, Co-Chair, MaryMGM@comcast.net 617-794-9644

Kathy Fagan, Co-Chair, kfaganlaw@comcast.net

The Milton 350th Committee had some ambitious plans for a parade, fireworks and events during the year which would all require funding. We also wanted to give a lasting gift to the town, like a memorial or scholarship, in honor of the 350th. Generations of Miltonians before us had similar events and we wanted to continue that legacy.

The Town generously gave us \$5,000 at the May Town Meeting to help us get started. We sent a mailing out in the summer to businesses and large organizations around Milton about our plans for the 350th. We immediately received a \$5000 donation from Curry College which



was followed by large donations from Milton Academy and Fuller Village, and many small businesses and families in Milton. In November, the Copeland Family Foundation came to us with a \$150,000 donation to pay for our events. With that one donation, we knew we would be able to create a memory that our children would pass down to the next generation.

Legacy Gift to the Town – We are planning on giving a legacy gift to the town as a tribute to the 350th anniversary. We have some ideas but we are also looking for suggestions. If you have a great idea, please contact us.

Mayor of Milton Campaign - In 2012, Milton will have the first, ever mayoral race to raise money for Milton's 350th Anniversary celebration and legacy gift. This is not an official position with any real powers. It's a fun way for a few good sports to show their love of Milton and its rich history. The candidate who raises the most money wins and gets to be Mayor of Milton for a day and ride in the parade on June 9th.

Candidates can raise money through parties, raffles or other creative methods. Candidates "earn" one vote for each dollar they raise. Spread the word through Facebook, Twitter, e-newsletters, posters and any way that will raise awareness. Encourage friends and family to "buy votes." You can also consider paid advertisements in local newspapers. Candidates will be featured on the Milton 350th website.

The 350th Committee is **accepting nominations for mayor until Tuesday, February 7, 2012**. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and reside in Milton. The campaign will end on Tuesday, April 3rd. The winner will be announced in early April 2012. To register as a candidate or for questions about the campaign, please **contact Brian Kelley at brianpfs@gmail.com or 617-615-9249**.

A Wine Dinner with Chris Douglass – Thursday, January 26, 2012 – 7-9 pm. Join us for a four-course colonial-inspired menu created and prepared by Chef Chris Douglass, owner/chef of Ashmont Grill and Tavolo, benefiting the Milton 350th celebration. Each course will feature a wine pairing selected by Dan Michaud, Director of Education for Ruby Wines. The event will take place at Marketplace Cafe, the Fruit Center restaurant on the second floor of their Milton location. Fee: \$100/person, includes four-course dinner and wine pairings **OR** \$150/person for VIP package including pre-dinner champagne and hors d'oeuvres. To make reservations online for the dinner, go to the Fruit Center website **www.fruitcentermarketplace.com**. To make reservations for the VIP package (begins at 6pm, dinner inclusive), please call **Michael Dwyer at 617-696-5274, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm**.

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Concert with Ronan Tynan and Pauline Wells – May 5, 2012, 6:30 – 10 pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy. Plans are underway for a 350th concert to commemorate our anniversary. Tickets are \$50 and include a 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception with Cash Bar. \$150 for VIP ticket which includes dessert and gathering with the performers following the concert. The concert is sponsored by the Copeland Family Foundation and proceeds will go towards a legacy gift to the Town of Milton. Free parking. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate tickets sales. To volunteer or to buy tickets, contact Mary McLaughlin at marymgm@comcast.net or 617-698-6726.

Milton High School Reunion

Janet Christensen, Chair, christensenjanet@yahoo.com, 617-698-7752

MILTON HIGH REUNION PLANS FOR THE 350th CELEBRATION! - A committee meets monthly to finalize ideas for gathering MHS grads together during the 350 festivities. We are focusing on "decades" as this idea seems best to meet and greet former classmates. One event we hope to schedule will be a coffee klatch at Milton High the weekend of June 8th. Others will be early evening receptions for "decade" gatherings. To date, the 60s' decade plans are underway with others to follow soon. We need more representatives from all other MHS classes. We encourage you to volunteer with some of your classmates to help plan these upcoming events. Please email christensenjanet@yahoo.com, or phone at 617-698-7752. And thanks!

OLDEST LIVING GRADUATE OF MILTON HIGH SCHOOL - If you think you know or are the oldest living graduate of Milton High, please email christensenjanet@yahoo.com, or phone at 617-698-7752.

Historical Committee

Brian Doherty, Chair, bdoherty@townofmilton.org

The Historic Committee is excited to announce a series of lectures by Anthony Sammarco, noted historian and author of more than forty books on the history of Boston and surrounding cities and towns. All events will be held in the Keyes Room at the Milton Public Library.

Here is the schedule:

Monday April 2, 7-8 pm, "Milton Businesses and Industries"

Monday May 7, 7-8 pm, "Milton: From Town to Suburb"

Monday June 4, 7-8 pm, "Milton Neighborhoods"



Ongoing Events Committee

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We are planning some great events to happen during 2012 in honor of the 350th Committee. We are also asking Milton organizations to sponsor their own events in honor of our town's anniversary.

Milton Artists Exhibit at Milton Public Library - Our first event sponsored by the 350th Committee is an exhibit of 24 Milton artists in the Wotiz Gallery at the Milton Public Library **during the months of January and February 2012**. Paul's Bridge, Milton Landing, Turner's Pond, Milton Hill and other beautiful locales have been captured in paint. The exhibition is the opening event in the 350th celebration of Milton's founding as a Town separate from Dorchester. The watercolors of Miriam Wotiz and Elva Proctor, two of Milton's oldest artists will be exhibited. Oils, and acrylics by other professional and amateur artists living in Milton depict flowers and gardens in backyards, the Farmers' Market, and the old Town Hall. Thirteen of the paintings were used to illustrate the "350th Calendar Celebrating Milton."

A reception for the exhibit will be held Saturday, January 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. (The snow-date for the event is Saturday, January 28.) The reception will also honor the exhibition of photographs by *Clifton Lawrence Fasch*, a prominent 20th century Milton photographer. He was the photographer for the 300th Anniversary Celebration. The Milton Historical Society organized the exhibit located on the 2nd floor of the library. It will be on view throughout the entire year 2012.

During the reception the "Greg Massaro Jazz Duo" will play music. A special "Creative Art Activity for Children" will take place in the Children's room. The public is invited to attend, **free of charge**. Refreshments will be served.

Family Skating and Bowling, January 29th, 2-5 pm, Cunningham Park, Sponsored by the Cunningham Foundation - The Cunningham Foundation will host a free family skating day at Cunningham Park with family bowling in Cunningham Hall. Skating will be located at the flooded field beside the pool (weather permitting), and bowling will be inside Cunningham Hall, lower level. Refreshments will be served.

Program Book Committee

We are planning on creating a program book to offer the weekend of the fireworks and parade, June 8th and 9th. We are looking for someone to lead the effort to put that together. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynda-Lee Sheridan llsheridan@hotmail.com.



A Note of Thanks

The 350th committee would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped us by sharing their ideas, stuffing envelopes, selling memorabilia, creating artwork and more. We'd also like to thank **Tricia Cahill** and **Paula Rizzi** in the Selectman's office for all their work behind the scenes and for keeping us on track!

To Contact the 350th Committee

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