

Come One, Come All
To the 41st Annual Strawberry Festival and Crafts Fair
Saturday, June 13, 2009
10:AM to 4:00PM (Rain or Shine)
on the picturesque Topsfield Town Common

Featuring 70 fine artisans and crafters, entertainment, games, face painting,
Homemade shortcake and with fresh whipped cream,
Local non-profit booths,
Book sale by the Friends of the Topsfield Town Library,
Hot dogs and lemonade.

Revolutionary War Encampment featuring
Col. Bailey's 2nd Massachusetts Regiment
on the Parson Capen House Lawn
Sponsored in part by the Topsfield Cultural Council

In the Gould Barn:
Display of the Topsfield Historical Society's colonial period collection
Toy Soldier Collection from a Rhode Island period re-enactor

Family Fun all day!

This is a town tradition presented by the Topsfield Historical Society.
Proceeds are used to maintain the 1683 Parson Capen House and the 1710
Gould Barn. Both properties are across from the Town Common and will be
open to the public during the festival

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The 41st Strawberry Festival and Craft Show
Saturday June 13th 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM
Topsfield Town Common

Opening Ceremony 10:00 A.M.

Pres. Norm Isler will declare the festival open following the raising of the huge Flag by Matt Boyle and a group of vets, a bugle call, the performance of the National anthem led by Masco Jr Sarah Dik of Boxford and the fife and drum march of Col. Bailey's 2nd Mass Regiment of re-enactors.

NEW ATTRACTION

Experience the Continental Army first hand!

Col. Baileys 2nd Massachusetts Regiment will be encamped on the lawns at the historic Parson Capen House adjacent to the Common during the 41st annual Strawberry Festival. This fine re-enactment of an American camp during the Revolutionary War will include soldiers, fife and drum and distaff /children. Tents and cooking as well as musket fire will enhance the portrayal. It is expected that this addition to our fine festival will increase attendance to the craft fair. The Regiment is interactive and will appear on the Common area as well.

Gould Barn Display

Visitors to the Gould barn will be treated to a display of the Society's Colonial period artifacts and noted military historian and John Cook's collection of Military uniforms, and equipment. Toy soldiers of the period will be on display. John is an experienced re-enactor, is very knowledgeable and is happy to answer all your questions.

T Shirts

Very sharp black T shirts with the new Strawberry Festival banner logo on the left chest will be on sale for the reasonable price of 12.00

*Come one, come all, a great experience for the entire family!
Games, food, shortcake and 76 fine crafters*

There is no admission fee

Topsfield Historical Society's Historical Collections Volume XXXIV

A fine addition to the Topsfield Historical Society's Historical Collections will make its debut at the 2009 Strawberry Festival. Volume XXXIV, edited by THS member J. Jan Jansen, joins an impressive line dating back to 1895 when the Volume 1, edited by G. Francis Dow, was published. Ordinarily priced at \$20.00, Volume XXXIV will sell for \$15.00 at the Festival on June 13.

The new volume, on which Jansen worked for a year and a half, contains 20 chapters ranging from "Topsfield and the Civil War" by David Goss; "The Joseph Gould Barn" and "The John B. Kimball Memorial Trust" both by Norman Isler and "The Topsfield Town Hall Clock" by Isler and Robert Winship. Evelyn Fales contributed an article on Topsfield during the Depression and Assistant Principal Donald Doliber added an account of the Masconomet School District.

Volume XXXIV boasts a wonderful collection of photographs from the Historical Society archives and from Jansen's camera. The East Schoolhouse, the interior of the Gould Barn, the Strawberry Festival and the stairway to the Town Hall Clock are featured along with many other images to remind readers of the variety and beauty of Topsfield's past and present. The cover with a handsome image of the Parson Capen House matches those of earlier Collections as well.

The Topsfield Historical Society's charter includes the mandate to "...collect, preserve and study materials relating to the history of the town," and the Historical Collections answer that call perfectly. Volume 1, edited by Dow, contains an article about Anne Bradstreet by Metta Bradstreet as well as an article by Abbie W. Towne about William Towne and his daughters (three of whom were accused of witchcraft in 1692 and two of whom were hanged.) In Volume XXV Dow writes about "Coins Our Fathers Used" and Volume XXXI (1974) contains a vivid portrait of Thomas Proctor by C. Lawrence Bond and a map of Proctor's land. The Collections can be found in the Topsfield Room at the Library.

In addition to brief biographies, many of the Collections also contain useful statistics: baptismal records, lists of family members (including in Volume V111 the Smith family and son Joseph, the first president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), lists of town officers and chronologies of Topsfield events. In short, The Topsfield Historical Society Historical Collections are a rich source of information for researchers and anyone interested in the events and flavor of the town. Volume XXXIV continues an invaluable tradition.