

NEWSLETTER

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News from the GBTGA Board



2025 National Federation of Tour Guides Conference
January 29th–31st 2025 in Philadelphia
To register: www.nftgaconference.com



All new Email for Communication will be coming
from GBTGAmember@gmail.com



Our Membership Fee will increase to \$50.00 starting in 2025

Members from the National Tour Guide Association come to Boston to visit with the GBTGA Conference Team

Members of the National Tour Guide Association recently met with several members of the GBTGA Conference Team for an engaging discussion. We're excited to announce that Mercine Florio will be a featured presenter at the upcoming National Conference, taking place this February in Philadelphia. Her presentation promises to be both insightful and inspiring, showcasing her expertise and passion for the industry. Keep an eye out for our next newsletter, where we'll share an in-depth feature all about Mercine's presentation and the highlights of her session. Stay tuned!



Edward Kennedy Institute



The Chart House

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Come
JOIN US!

We are looking for Volunteers to be on the GBTGA Team.

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Upcoming 2025 Events

- The History of Quincy
- Pirates of Boston
- The Big Dig, The first Bridges & Roads
- The Freed Slaves of Lexington & Concord
- GBTGA General Meeting
- Battle of Bunker Hill & Social Salon Warren Tavern

**NAME the
NEWSLETTER!**

Our newsletter needs a name. We look to you, our creative guides to suggest one. All you need to do is fill out this form by March 1st. Once all submissions are in, the E-board will pick a winner. Be clever. Be creative. Be unique. We look forward to your ideas!

[Click here to submit your entry.](https://tinyurl.com/GBTGANews)
<https://tinyurl.com/GBTGANews>

Important Insurance Information for 2025

**2025 Insurance information will be coming soon
and will be sent to members.**

- You must be a member to purchase the insurance.
- If you have any changes to your contact information please let Anne Overbeck know by sending an email to hyprize@aol.com.

Bunker Hill Battle Field Tour - 03.28.2024

by David Phillips

Ten of us braved the rainy weather as we followed Ranger Patrick on the red brick Freedom Trail path from the USS Constitution up to the Bunker Hill Museum.

Ranger Patrick gave us a detailed tour of the museum and the events that happened on June 17, 1775 on Breed's Hill.

The museum has paintings by nationally renowned historical artist Don Troiani, a miniature model of "the battle of Bunker Hill" and a replica of the map that the British used to plan the attack.

Ranger Patrick's tour ended with information pertaining to the construction of the Bunker Hill Monument.



Welcome
NEW GBTGA MEMBERS

Amber Knight - Boston, Ma
Shannon Keller - Roslindale, ma



Professional Growth Opportunities

Massachusetts Historical Society *Founded 1791*

The Massachusetts Historical Society offers an engaging roster of programming to foster historical knowledge and welcome everyone to attend, question, and contribute. They provide a forum for debate; host a variety of events that delve into the complexities of history; and encourage people to share their observations, interpretations, and ideas.

<https://www.masshist.org/events>



Boston By Foot offers a range of virtual tours and presentations that can be viewed from anywhere. A series of these programs are offered on their public program calendar each winter and can also be booked upon request at any time.

These virtual programs are perfect for anyone who would like to experience their tours without traveling into Boston.

Their presentations can be booked at anytime, anywhere, pending guide availability. Please contact their office at info@bostonbyfoot.org for details.

https://bostonbyfoot.org/Virtual/intro/#2025_Winter_Programming



Black Heritage Tour

by Cynthia Haigh

A group of GBTGA members was fortunate to have an exceptional guided tour of the Black Heritage Trail by Dana Smith, of Hub Town Tours. Dana, a former National Park ranger, began our walk on Mount Vernon Street on the South Slope of Beacon Hill, explaining the origin of Beacon Hill, and how newly invented equipment was used to level the steep sides of land of the original three hills known as Trimountain. An investment syndicate was formed, known as the Mount Vernon Proprietors and plans for development began to be drawn up in 1796. The North Slope of Beacon Hill, between Pinckney and Cambridge Streets was developed independently from the South Slope. Pinckney Street served as a barrier with only two connecting streets between the north and south sides. It was on the North Slope where a community of African Americans lived. Before this community evolved, shacks, saloons and brothels lined Cambridge Street at the foot of the Hill.

Eventually the North Slope became a spiritual, political and cultural center of Beacon Hill. Dana led us into the heart of this center, Smith Court, home to the Abiel Smith School and the African Meeting House. The Abiel Smith School is the oldest public school in America built solely for Black children, now serving as home to the Museum of African American History. Next door is the oldest surviving Black church building in America. It became a vital meeting place, and it was often referred to as the "Black Faneuil Hall." It served as a forum for Black and White abolitionists alike, including Frederick Douglas, Wendell



Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, Maria Stewart and the Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina. IT was also used as a recruitment center for the Massachusetts 54th Volunteer Regiment, the first northern Black regiment to fight in the Civil War (commemorated in one of the finest American war memorials—The Shaw Memorial depicting the 54th Regiment, a popular Black Heritage site where the trail begins.) Across the street on Smith Court is the home of Black abolitionist, historian, author and publisher, William Cooper Nell.

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Black Heritage Tour

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This environment of the North Slope provided an ideal destination for the self-emancipated slaves escaping the South by stowing away on ships heading into Boston Harbor. After the Fugitive Slave Law in 1850, Beacon Hill became one of the many safe house trails of the Underground Railroad known throughout the North leading up to Canada. We got a chilling glimpse of what it was like to escape from slave catchers while we viewed the passageway of one of the few alleys left today—Holmes Alley was once one of many existing in the nineteenth century that provided a quick escape for fugitive slaves.



Legends of the Underground Railroad really came alive when we stopped by the Lewis and Harriet Hayden House at 66 Phillips Street. Lewis and Harriet escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad.

Once in Boston they both turned their home into a haven for fugitive slaves, with one really interesting feature—Lewis stored piles of hidden gunpowder ready at all times, with a fuse attached, to blow the house up should the slave hunters arrive.

Most stirring was visiting the site on Joy Street where Charles Sumner convalesced after his nearly fatal beating on the floor of the Senate by Prescott Brooks. He was visited by John Brown, who asked to view the bloody coat that Sumner was wearing during the vicious attack. Sumner, who was in great pain, limped to his closet and presented the coat, completely “stiff with blood” to Brown. Brown stood still, scrutinized the garment but never said a word. Although Sumner thought of Brown as being rather unhinged, he viewed him with respect and admiration.

These sites and others along the trail provide such great insight into antebellum Boston and its

community of activists at the forefront of our country’s struggle against slavery.

The Black Heritage Trail is a fascinating and inspiring tour paying homage to the sacrifice of a remarkable and resolute free black community leading the nation against slavery.



Fairwell & Thank you to our former newsletter Editor!

GBTGA Member Norman Desmarais has fiftieth book published by American Friends of Lafayette

by Norman Desmarais



Norman Desmarais recently had his fiftieth book published by the American Friends of Lafayette. General Lafayette's Journey to the United States of America in 1824 and 1825 is a translation of Charles Ogé Barbaroux and Joseph Alexandre Lardier's Voyage du général La Fayette aux États-Unis d'Amérique, en 1824 et 1825. One of the interesting things about this book is that it was initially published in four parts contemporaneous with Lafayette's farewell visit to America, known as the Guest of the Nation tour. It also predates the publication of Auguste Levasseur's account, Lafayette's personal secretary, by two years.

This first English translation is one of a handful of books that offer a comprehensive account of Lafayette's tour. It was released on August 15, 2024, to coincide with the bicentennial of Lafayette's arrival in New York to begin his 13-month Guest of the Nation tour.

Alan Hoffman, president of the American Friends of Lafayette noted: "Norman Desmarais was an excellent choice for this project. He was extremely competent and amazingly efficient, sending me parts of the book to review in rapid-fire succession. Knowing how long it took me to translate Levasseur's book, I was astounded by his pace! Norman was also a pleasure to work with as he reviewed and discussed the edits that I and my co-editor Jan O'Sullivan were proposing. The editing process was both time-consuming and exhaustive. It involved referring to the original French language as well as its style, and then wordsmithing – informed to some extent by my prior knowledge of Levasseur's book and the Farewell Tour."

In addition to the narratives about the events in and around Boston, readers would be particularly interested in the lengthy account of the dedication of the second Bunker Hill monument on the fiftieth anniversary of the battle. Lafayette laid the cornerstone and Daniel Webster gave the dedication speech on the occasion. Lafayette was presented with a cane made from the original Bunker Hill monument and returned to France with a shovel-full of soil from Bunker Hill to be placed on his own coffin.

June 17, 2025 will mark the 250th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill and the bicentennial of the dedication of the monument.

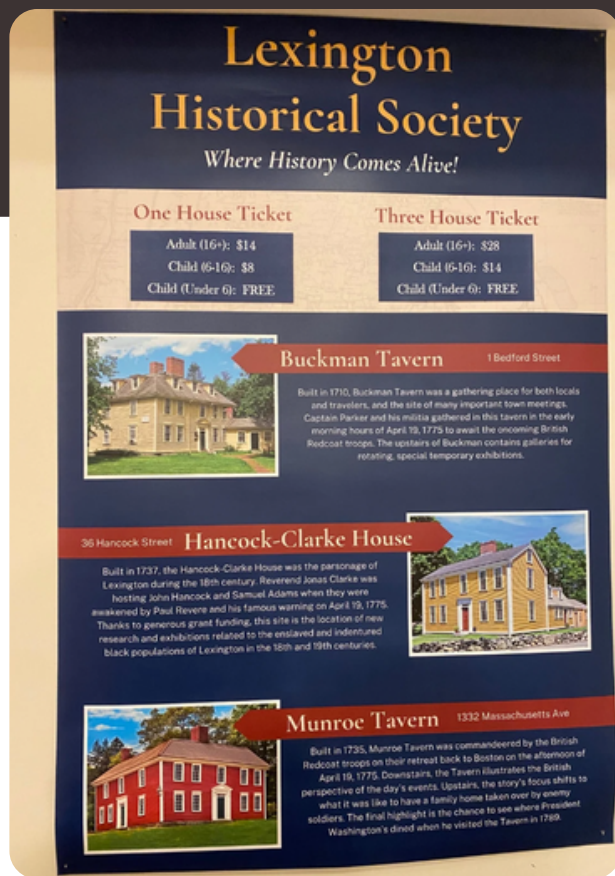


Buckman Tavern & Hancock-Clarke House

by Anne MacDonald

In the spring,GBTGA members visited the Buckman Tavern in Lexington Center. Here, on April 19,1775, members of the town's militia gathered to wait for the British regulars, who were marching through Lexington on their way to Concord to try to seize colonial ammunition.

Here are a few points made by the guide during a visit through the house:



- In colonial times, taverns were frequently found along the Bay Road, which stretched from Boston Harbor to New York. There was a tavern about every 1-1.5 miles.
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- It was designed in the saltbox fashion, a popular style in colonial days. The roof on one side slopes down low so wind and snow will run off the top. The other side is high so as to get the full sun. The house was hot in the summer and cold in winter.

- Beds were not classified as king, queen and single beds, they were just beds. People shared beds for warmth, due to the cold.
- The hearth is large, but over time colonial people learned to make them smaller. Hearths had no thermostat, so there was no way to tell how hot the inside was, other than sticking your arm in.
- The ceiling is original, brown with soot on it.

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Buckman Tavern & Hancock-Clarke House

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- Due to Sabbath rules, tavern visitors weren't allowed to leave from sundown on Saturday to Sunday morning. Doing so violated the Sabbath, and punishments were strict.
- Alcohol was the safest thing to drink, as water was dirty and milk couldn't be counted on to be safe. They weren't used to the water being clean, and did not give it to their children to drink.
- By 1775, the tavern was owned by John Buckman, who had married Ruth Stone, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Muzzey.
- The taverns ran in the women's families, and the husband of the woman who inherited it became the tavern keeper.
- Unfortunately, the Buckman children did not survive very long. This made it difficult because kids were a source of labor. If you had money, you could purchase a slave, or rent a young adult to help.
- In order to learn an occupation, boys would apprentice, starting between the ages of 10-14 and serving a 6-7 year term. By the age of 21, they would have a skill.
- A British soldier is buried in the backyard with no headstone.



Gathering of the Guides

by Anne MacDonald

In December, GBTGA guides met at The Fours Restaurant in Quincy for an enjoyable holiday-season Gathering of the Guides. They enjoyed a delicious lunch and discussion led by Mersine Florio and Dan Weiner, who gave an overview of how the organization is doing. Topics of discussion included the upcoming National Association of Tourist Guide Associations convention in Philadelphia, which some members plan to attend, and at which Mersine will present a talk on Organization Management and Training. Also discussed were the ongoing industry-wide struggle to attract qualified guides for open jobs, and GBTGA's need for more member involvement. The city of Salem's decision to raise the price of a guiding license from \$10 to \$350 was another hot topic. The luncheon was hot, delectable and plentiful, and included salad, rolls, pizza, steak tips, haddock, roasted potatoes, vegetables and cake.

The Fours Restaurant, located since 1994 at 15 Cottage Avenue in Quincy Center, features an all-American menu and an extensive selection of beers on tap. It also features a huge collection of Boston and New England sports memorabilia placed throughout the restaurant. The menu nods to sports greats, with "Hall of Famer" sandwiches and wraps named after such legends as Bobby Orr, Larry Bird, Ted Williams, Johnny Kelley and John Benoit. The original Fours restaurant, located on Canal Street in Boston, opened in 1976 and closed in 2020 after 44 years in business.

A beloved institution in the shadow of the old

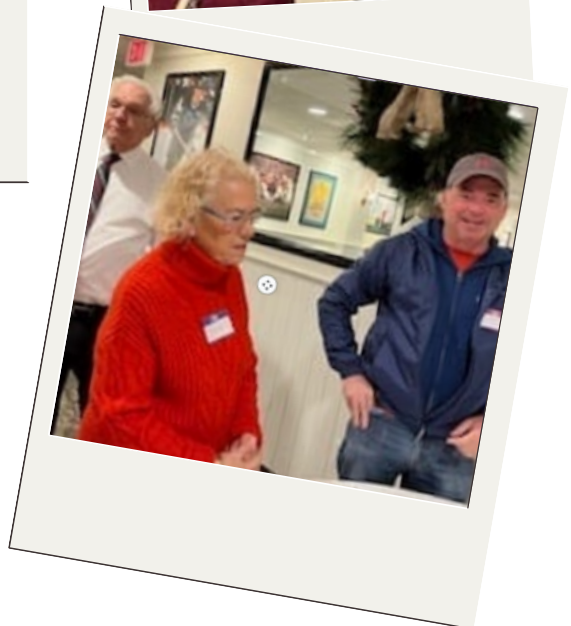
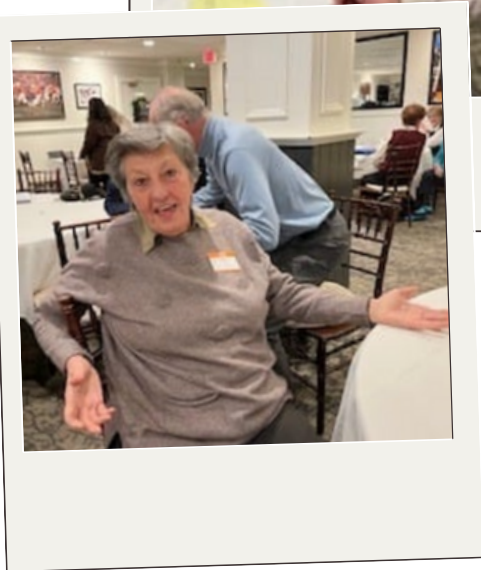
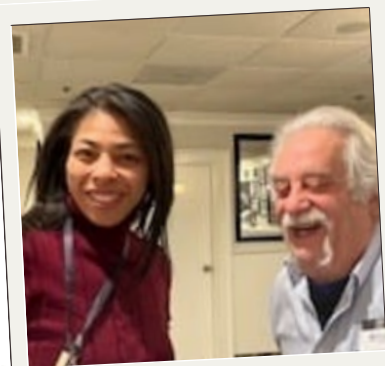
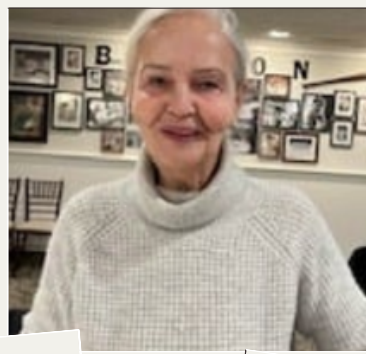
Boston Garden, the Boston restaurant was voted Best Sports Bar in the United States by Sports Illustrated magazine in 2005. The restaurant has another location in Norwell.

Quincy is known as the city of Presidents. John Adams and his son John Quincy Adams, the second and sixth US presidents, were born in a part of Braintree that is now part of Quincy. They, along with their spouses, are buried in Quincy Center in the United First Parish Church. Abigail Adams, and John Quincy, her great grandfather, a soldier and politician for whom the city is named, are also Quincy notables.

Other well-known people from Quincy include the actress Lee Remick, and Priscilla Chan, wife of Mark Zuckerberg, who was born in Braintree but grew up in Quincy. Chan was the Quincy High School valedictorian in 2003. Quincy is also the home of Dunkin Donuts, which was founded by Bill Rosenberg in 1950, and now has over 12000 stores in 46 countries. The original store at 543 Southern Artery is still open for business.



Scenes from The Gathering of the Guides



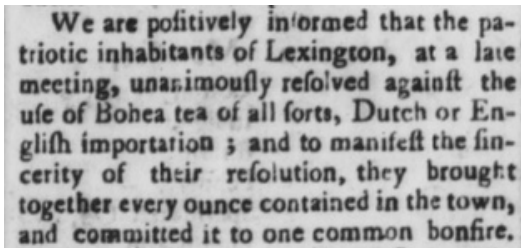
Americans Engaged on Battle Road

Stories of Intrepid Patriot Women

by George Quintal Jr.,

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On 13 December 1773, the ladies of Lexington gathered 'every ounce' of tea from their kitchens and, presumably with their husbands and others, put it all in a pile and burned it all to the ground:

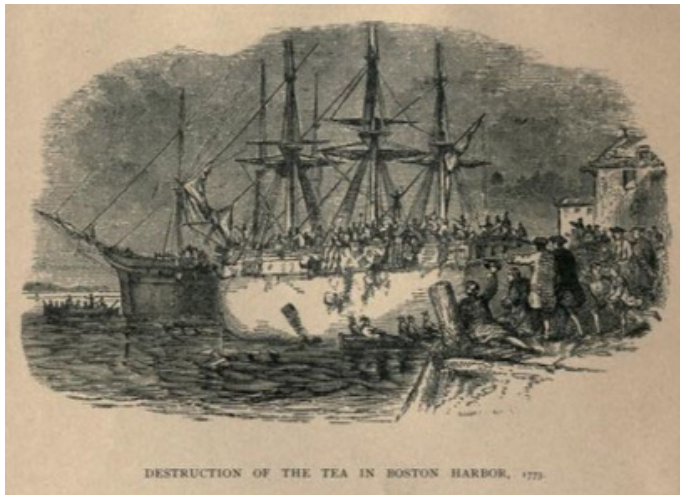


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Boston newspaper article concerning Lexington Tea Burning on 13 December 1773

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This bold action of resistance undoubtedly influenced the Destruction of the Tea, later called Boston Tea Party, three days later. The Burning of the Tea is now publicly celebrated every December in Lexington.



Destruction of the Tea in Boston Harbor, 1773
[Drake, Francis S. *Tea Leaves*]



Grave marker of Sarah (Bradlee) Fulton, in Medford
[photo by author 2 Jan. 2007]

Sarah Bradlee was born in Dorchester 24 Dec. 1740. She married John Fulton in Boston 25 July 1762. The story of her life continues, explaining how she became to be known as the 'Mother of the Boston Tea Party'^[1]:

... ten years later they came to Medford with their little sons and daughters ... Her brother, Nathaniel Bradlee, lived in Boston at the corner of Tremont and Hollis streets ... His carpenter's shop, and his kitchen on Saturday nights when friends and neighbors gathered to enjoy his codfish suppers, were meeting-places for Boston's most devoted patriots. From this shop a detachment of Mohawks who 'turned Boston Harbor into a teapot' went forth to their work of destruction. In the kitchen Mrs. Bradlee and Mrs. Fulton disguised the master of the house and several of his comrades, and later heated water in the great copper boiler and provided all that was needed to transform these Indians into respectable Bostonians. Nathaniel Bradlee's principles were well known, and a spy, hoping to find some proof against him, peered in at the kitchen window, but saw these two women moving about so quietly and naturally that he passed on, little dreaming what was really in progress there ...

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Americans Engaged on Battle Road

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A year and a half later Sarah Fulton heard the alarm of Paul Revere as 'he crossed the bridge into Medford town.' And a few days after the place became the headquarters of General Stark's New Hampshire regiment. Then came the battle of Bunker Hill ... At sunset the wounded were brought into town, and the large open space by Wade's Tavern between the bridge and South street was turned into a field hospital. Surgeons were few, but the women did their best as nurses. Among them, the steady nerves of Sarah Fulton made her a leader. One poor fellow had a bullet in his cheek, and she removed it; she almost forgot the circumstance until, years after, he came to thank her for her service ... [Some time] after Major Brooks, later our honored Governor, was given despatches by General Washington which must be delivered inside the enemy's lines. Late one night he came to John Fulton, knowing his patriotism and his intimate knowledge of Boston, and asked him to undertake the trust. He was not able to go, but his wife volunteered. Her offer was accepted. A long, lonely and dangerous walk it was to the water-side in Charlestown, but she reached there in safety, and finding a boat rowed across the river. Cautiously making her way to the place she sought, she delivered her despatches and returned home as she had come. When the first streak of dawn appeared, she stood safe on her own door-stone. In recognition of her services, General Washington visited her .. Years after General Lafayette was her guest ... she once told her little grandson, she 'never turned her back on anything.' ... Patriotism, courage, and righteousness were her possessions ...



Sarah (Bradlee) Fulton homesite marker, 66 Main St., Medford [photo by author 22 Sep. 2024]

REVOLUTIONARY WAR. IN 1773 SHE HELPED DISGUISE HER BROTHER AND OTHERS FOR THEIR ROLES IN THE BOSTON TEA PARTY. HER HOME WAS USED BY GENERAL STARK'S NEW HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT. SHE NURSED THE WOUNDED FROM THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL IN A NEARBY (SOUTH STREET) FIELD HOSPITAL. MRS. FULTON TRAVELED ALONE TO BOSTON BY NIGHT CARRYING INFORMATION FOR GENERAL WASHINGTON WHILE BOSTON WAS UNDER SIEGE. WASHINGTON AND LAFAYETTE WERE GUESTS IN HER HOME. THE SARAH BRADLEE FULTON CHAPTER OF THE D.A.R. IS NAMED IN HER HONOR.

SHE LATER MOVED TO THE STONEHAM ROAD WHICH WAS RENAMED FULTON STREET IN 1835. SHE IS BURIED IN THE SALEM STREET BURIAL GROUND.

MEDFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1991

¹"Sarah Bradlee Fulton" by Helen T. Wild. AUTHOR'S NOTE: Sarah's husband John Fulton & her brothers David, Josiah, Nathaniel and Thomas Bradlee & her brother-in-law William Etheridge were all participants in the Destruction of the Tea. It is likely that all were present in Nathaniel Bradlee's carpenter shop that night. Nathaniel Bradlee's wife was Ann (Dunlap).



Revere Bell's; A Work in Progress

by Mitch Lapin

Hello fellow guides. Paul Revere and Sons made nearly 400 bells by 1828. Many are in service today.

Edward and Evelyn Stickney completed research, in 1976, of 126 bells still in use. I am updating their work with an added analysis of the people that cast, purchased, installed and supported the Revere Bells.

Stickney's list and Paul Revere's handwritten family papers (on microfilm at the Massachusetts Historical Society) were my initial research materials.

[Click to see my work in progress](#) and the [original list by the Stickneys](#). The history behind the Revere and Sons bells in [Singapore](#) and [Tuscaloosa](#) takes you from the cotton fields of the Old South to the battlefield of WW2.

In your travels, should you have information of the bells made by the Revere foundry, I'd appreciate your input and happily credit you. Reach out to Mitch Lapin, 781-591-2955 walkbostonhistory@gmail.com





GBTGA Filing of Annual Reports

by Dick Jacobson

The Greater Boston Tour Guide Association is a non-profit corporation, established under Massachusetts law. As such, the Association does have certain filing requirements that must be satisfied for it to retain its status as an active corporate entity not subject to taxation.

The principal filing requirement is to submit an Annual Report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth every year, by not later than November 1 of the year for which the filing is made. That requirement was satisfied for every year until the pandemic hit in 2020. As members know, the Association severely curtailed its activities following the onset of the pandemic, and did not revive itself as an active organization until late in 2023.

We are glad to report that the Association is once again thriving, and going forward, it will play an active role in meeting its mission of enhancing the skills of its tour guide members through, among other things, education, relevant site visits, and meetings designed to allow members of the Association to get together and exchange ideas to enhance their capabilities as tour guides.

Unfortunately, one of the matters that was not addressed during the pandemic period was the requirement to file the required Annual Reports. The Board is pleased that it can now report that all delinquent filings have been made, and the filing for 2024 was made in timely fashion. Barring any consequences for not having timely filed for 2021, 2022 and 2023, we are back in compliance with all filing requirements, and the Board has taken steps to insure that future filings will be made in advance of the deadline to do so. The Association is back!



Quiz Time!

How much do you really know about Boston?

Aline M Kaplan

Okay, you're a Boston tour guide and you know your stuff. You know your way around the Freedom Trail and can name Mrs. Mallard's ducklings. Beacon Hill is your front yard and Boston Common is your backyard. Questions don't fluster you. You prefer Dunkin' to Starbucks and know where Boston Cream Pie was created.

But how well do you really know Boston? To find out, take this quiz created by Aline Kaplan, who has been a Boston tour guide for 12 years. She published it on her blog, The Next Phase, and it has been stumping people ever since.

The questions cover a broad range of topics, so sharpen your pencil and your wits. You get five points for each correct answer. Here's how to score your results:

Are you ready? Are you confident? There's only one way to find out whether you think you know Boston .

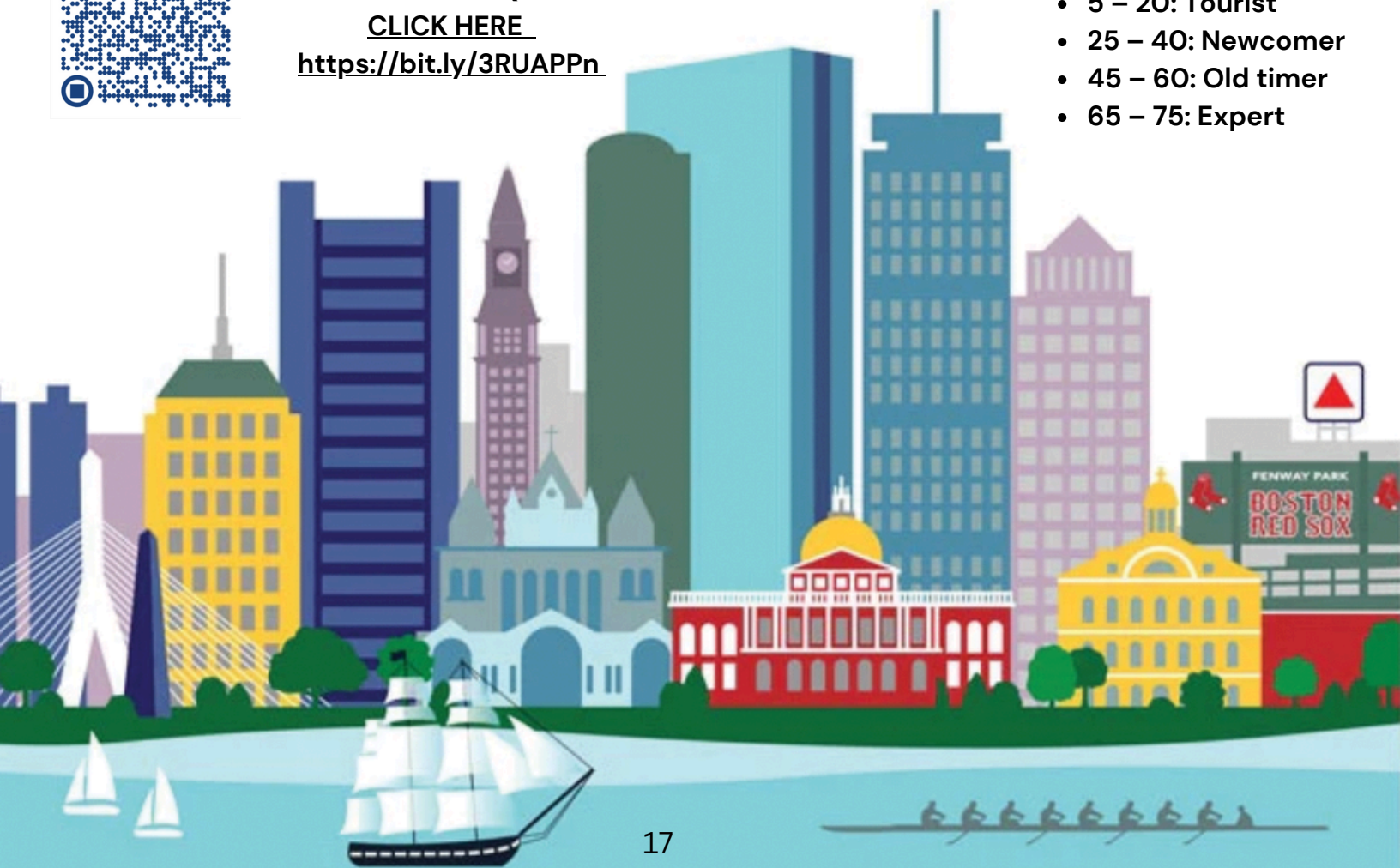


TAKE THE QUIZ

◀◀◀◀◀◀ SCAN THE QR CODE or
CLICK HERE
<https://bit.ly/3RUAPPn>

YOUR SCORE:

- 5 – 20: Tourist
- 25 – 40: Newcomer
- 45 – 60: Old timer
- 65 – 75: Expert



2025 Greater Boston Special Event List

Compiled by P.J. Curran

IMPORTANT- Please note this is not intended to be a complete list of Greater Boston special events. Listed here are those events that can impact traffic flow and access routes while on tour. Please contact me if you are aware of other events in this category or if there is an error in the list.

Thank you,

PJ Curran. EMAIL pjcurran4@gmail.com.

For the latest Boston traffic advisories use this link-

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation#latest-news>

MARCH

TUESDAY MARCH 25 – 30: WORLD FIGURESKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BOSTON GARDEN.

APRIL

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolution many towns are preparing special events that go well beyond the usual. To help us all become more acquainted with these events and the impact that they will have on our touring please refer to the links listed below. These sites are being updated regularly as plans become finalized. We will be well served to pay close attention to the details because many of these events will include road closures and other disruptions.

<https://www.nps.gov/mima/planyourvisit/patriots-day.htm>

<https://www.tourlexington.us/events/>

<https://friendsofminuteman.org/patriots-day/>

<https://visitconcord.org/concord-250/>

<https://www.bunkerhill250.org/events>

SUNDAY APRIL 6: BATTLE GREEN REENACTMENT DRESS REHERSAL FOR PATRIOT'S DAY WEEKEND. (2-4 PM)

SATURDAY APRIL 19: BAA 5K SPECIAL OLYMPICS 'XTRA MILE. (ALL BACK BAY)

MONDAY APRIL 21: PATRIOT'S DAY. BOSTON MARATHON # 129.

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MAY

SUNDAY MAY 4: HARVARD SQUARE MAYFAIR

SUNDAY MAY 4: PROJECT BREAD- WALK FOR HUNGER (BOSTON COMMOM).

SUNDAY MAY 11: MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE (DORCHESTER)

SUNDAY MAY 11: DUCKLING DAY PARADE (CHARLES STREET, PUBLIC GARDEN).

SUNDAY MAY 11: NORTHEASTERN GRADUATION (AT FENWAY PARK)

SUNDAY MAY 18: BU GRADUATION (NICKERSON FIELD)

FRI. SAT. SUN. MAY 23, 24, 25: BOSTON CALLING FESTIVAL AT HARVARD ATHLETIC COMPLEX

SATURDAY MAY 24: LEXINGTON DISCOVERY DAY (MASS AVE. CLOSED AT TOWN CENTER) DATE UNCONFIRMED

SUNDAY MAY 25: RUN TO REMEMBER- BOSTON POLICE HALF MARATHON. (SEAPORT-ATLANTIC AVE.-GOV. CENTER-CAMBRIDGE)

THURSDAY MAY 29: HARVARD GRADUATION

THURSDAY MAY 29: MIT GRADUATION

SATURDAY MAY 31: AIDS WALK / RUN BOSTON. (DATE AND ROUTE UNCONFIRMED).

JUNE

SATURDAY JUNE 14: BOSTON PRIDE DAY PARADE AND EVENTS- (COMMON AND CITY HALL PLAZA)

TUESDAY JUNE 17: BUNKER HILL 250. REFER TO ABOVE LINK FOR SPECIFIC EVENT INFORMATION.

JULY

FRIDAY JULY 4: BOSTON POPS ESPLANADE CONCERT.

AUGUST

FRI. – SUN. AUGUST 15 – 17: KOMEN BREAST CANCER WALK (UMASS BOSTON CAMPUS AND AREA).

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5: BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK (BOSTON MARATHON ROUTE).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11: REI BOSTON 10K FOR WOMEN (COMMON-BACK BAY-CAMBRIDGE).

SATURDAY-MONDAY OCTOBER 11-13: INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY/WEEKEND. (NO EVENT INFO AT PRESENT)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12: HARVARD SQUARE OKTOBERFEST/HONK PARADE

FRI/SAT/SUN OCTOBER 17, 18, 19: HEAD OF THE CHARLES REGATTA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25: BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL (COPLEY SQUARE)

NOVEMBER

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8: VETERANS DAY PARADE (BACK BAY-COMMOM).

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9: BAA JIMMY FUND/DANA FARBER HALF MARATHON (EMERALD NECKLACE).

Passings

Phyllis Minnekine Dougherty

April 13, 1942–July 24, 2024



Phyllis (Minnekine) Dougherty of Brockton passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the age of 82 from the devastating disease of Alzheimers. Phyllis was a farm girl born on April 13, in Salamanca, New York. Her early life centered on school, farm and family. She moved to Rochester, New York, graduated from business school and found work at a bank. In Rochester, she met and married her loving husband Thomas. They moved to the Boston area and raised two loving children, Mark and Michelle who married Tony Heath. Phyllis is survived by two sisters and a brother as well as many nieces and nephews. During Phyllis's life journey, it brought her to many work adventures, a visit to over forty countries, many community volunteer activities and a mountain of friends.

Her outgoing and congenial attitude led to her to an inn sitting job adventure and authoring a "How To Inn Sit" book. As a sales manager at the Colonial Inn and the Radison Hotel she serviced Jordan's Queen Knorr and astronaut John Glen. Her tour guide career led many overseas visitors to learn of Boston and Concord's history. School photographer, office manager and more were her many and varied working adventures.

Volunteering was an essential and integral part of her character. As the Massachusetts Jaycee-ette State President she met with fellow members throughout the state as well as the then Governor Dukakis. Creating flower bouquets at the Power of Flowers Project was her latest love. Heart Fund Chair, Camp Fire Girls, New England Quilt Museum and Merrimac Repertory board member, Teen Center Committee are only some more slices of her volunteer life. Sociability with a smile led to her mountain of friends. Always time to visit a friend in need, share a glass of wine or answer a call for volunteers. Neighbor friends, friends across the state, friends across the country, friends overseas. They all remember and love Phyllis. This perhaps is her best remembered legacy.

A Celebration of Phyllis's Life was held on September 7th to share stories and memories. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Power of Flowers Project or the Alzheimer's Association. (Reprinted from the Mackinnon funeral home)

Anne Macdonald, a fellowGBTGA member and friend of Phyllis' for many years, remembers her as a wonderful friend and mentor. We met in a tour guide training program and right then and there I saw what a fantastic person she was. She had warmth, charm and a winning way with people. She could do anything and everything and had so many skills. Her infectious exuberance for life really impressed me. She always made time for our friendship, which grew and flourished over the years. After I married, and my husband and I started a family, she and her marvelous husband Tom became like family, as they took such an interest in us. As a tour guide, she was like she was as a person, always giving the full 200% with her thorough professionalism and fun, engaging, powerhouse personality. My family and I miss her! (Picture on right above of Anne Macdonald with Phyllis in 2016.)

Passings

Delores Muggeo Larque

March 13, 1941 – March 13, 2024



After a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Delores was predeceased by her husband, John Larque, her parents, Patsy and Rosa Muggeo; her sister and brother-in-law, Lena and Jasper Catalano; her brother, Ben Muggeo (Maureen); her niece Angela Dillingham and a nephew Ted Walworth (Delores). She is survived by her nieces: Rosemary Mitchell (Joe), Delores Walworth, Lisa Feldman (Tom), Karen Startzman (Victor), Carla Trolaro (Kevin) and Diane Mann (Charles), and many great-nieces and nephews. She leaves her dearest friends and traveling companions Juanita Cooke, her college roommate; Sharon Lenahan and Rosemarie Green and many friends in Framingham and South Dennis, MA where she and her husband lived for over 50 years.

Delores graduated from State University of New York at Cortland with a BS in Education and received her M. Ed in Media Services and Instructional Technology from Boston University. She taught 5th Grade in the Kenmore Public Schools, Kenmore, NY and 4-6th Grades in the Endwell Public Schools, Endwell, NY. From 1973-2000 she was an Elementary Media Specialist for the Needham Public Schools, Needham, MA. She served as a representative to the Massachusetts Teachers' Association Leadership Conference and had a leadership role in the Needham Teacher's Union. Delores received the Superintendent's Service Award in 1990 and was listed in Who's Who in American Education 1992-1993. She was a frequent workshop leader and guest lecturer at Lesley College, Boston University and regional conferences on Children's Literature, curriculum development, and the use of media in the classroom. Delores was a life-long learner and avid traveler. Following her retirement from Needham Public Schools she worked as a tour guide for Cape Cod Custom Tours and Diamond Tours. With friends she enjoyed many European river cruises and visits throughout the world. Following the pancreatic cancer diagnosis Delores lived her last four months in Endwell, New York at the home of Filippo, Beth, Grace, Stephanie, and Christopher Muggeo. They gave her love, safety, care, comfort, fun and joyful memories. Delores's family extends its thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers at Mercy House and of Home Hospice, especially Hannah and Kris.

Some memories from Marica Moser, aGBTGA & Cape and Islands Tour Guide Association member..... She and I were best friends for the past 20 years doing quite a bit of traveling and just plain spending a lot of time together. Delores did a lot of volunteering work. She and I always volunteered on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day serving meals to people who were in need or alone. She enjoyed the opera, symphony and art. We both were Cape Cod Symphony ushers for more than 18 years. She was such a generous and helpful person, always done without fanfare. Delores really enjoyed being a Tour Guide and for many years was deeply involved with the Cape and Islands Tour Guide Association, CITGA. She always hosted our yearly December Guide Party at her home. She was a one of a kind gem. The Cape Cod chapter acknowledges her loss, saying of Delores: "She was a long time member of theGBTGA as well as CITGA (Cape & Islands Tour Guide Association). She was always sharing her knowledge and great sense of humor with all of her colleagues. She is survived by her many nieces and nephews. She will be sorely missed by all."



We value the health and welfare of our members. Please reach out to any board member and let us know of anyone that is sick or convalescing, so that we can reach out. We also appreciate being made aware of any guides who have passed away.