

October 19, 2014

**\*\*CHANGES TO MAIL DISTRIBUTION – EFFECTIVE JAN. 2015\*\***

The Society Board has determined that due to rising mailing costs all future communications of newsletters, membership dues notices, events notices, etc. to you will be done via email, for those of you who have email. This will be effective with the January 2015 newsletter and dues notice. For those of you who do not have email not to worry we will still send you all communications via regular mail. We ask however that if you DO have an email address please provide it; rest assured we will not share it with other organizations or entities.

We are asking that EACH MEMBER FAMILY complete the enclosed form to update all of your current information in our records and include your email. If you do not have email check the box indicating you wish to receive mailings via regular mail. Please return the form to the address below or you may email it to us at [tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net](mailto:tewksburyhistory@earthlink.net)

**NOVEMBER MEETING**

DATE: Sunday, November 9, 2014  
TIME: 5:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Fairmount Presbyterian Community House  
247 Old Turnpike Road, Fairmount  
MEETING TOPIC: Fairmount Bomb-Making Plant by Michael McCann

Join us on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 pm for our annual covered dish supper at the Fairmount Presbyterian Community House 247 Old Turnpike Road, Fairmount. We ask that you bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share. The Society will provide the main course of ham and all the refreshments. Call our Hospitality Chair, Martha Wrede, at 439-3557 to indicate the number attending and what you are bringing.

Did you know there once was a bomb making plant just north of the Tewksbury border on Parker Road (behind the Fairmount Fire House)? The bombs, about three feet long and weighing about six pounds, would spew fiery balls of napalm at 75 feet, setting everything in its path a flame. They were made between 1942 and 1944. The factory owned by Metals Disintegration Comp. but operated by United Wallpaper Inc., a front company to throw off any Japanese or German spies that might be interested in a company called Metals

Disintegration. The company operated 24-hours a day, seven days a week, building napalm bombs used to fire bomb Japanese cities. When the war ended, United Wallpaper was dissolved.

Robert M. Stokes was born and raised in Metuchen, NJ. He received his B.A. degree in American Studies from Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 1968 and a Juris Doctor degree from Columbia Law School in 1975. He is a Navy veteran of the Vietnam era conflict. He and his wife, Eileen, are the parents of three adult sons and have lived for the past 32 years in a 225 year old house in the Stephensburg section of Washington Township, Morris County. His interests include local history and historic preservation, furniture making, carving duck decoys and getting up to Kennebunk, Maine, where he and his wife have a home, when they can (but not much after the end of October.) Prior to his retirement he was an environmental, health and safety attorney for Hoechst Celanese Corporation, an international chemical and pharmaceutical company, for thirty years and specialized in governmental regulations affecting the manufacture of chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We will choose 5 members from the Society to serve on the Nominating Committee at the November meeting. The person with the highest number of votes will serve as Chair. The Nominating Committee must select candidates for the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer for the 2015-2016 term.

### **HEADQUARTERS WORK DAYS**

Saturday, November 22	9 am to 12 Noon
Saturday, December 13	9 am to 12 Noon

If you can lend a couple of hours we need you so stop by.

### **11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ANTIQUE SHOW**

Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Antique Show will be held at the Old Turnpike School, Route 517, Fairmount, on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The management of this show consists of Ellen Katona and Bob Lutz. We are now enjoying our 11<sup>th</sup> year of successful shows with them for the Tewksbury Historical Society. This year's show, chaired by Lyn Rahenkamp, will have 55 quality dealers. The admission is \$8.00 per person or \$7.00 with card available from the Society or ad from the local paper.

We need volunteers to be porters to help our antique dealers move some of their wares into the school. Moderate lifting is required. You will be paid for your service. If you can lend a couple of hours please call Lyn at 908-236-2892.

The Society will again be having its own booth to sell antiques that have been donated to us. If you have any antiques you would like to donate to us to sell please call Headquarters at 908-832-6734 and leave a message. We'll reply and we'll also provide a letter acknowledging receipt.

**HEADQUARTERS OPEN – HOLIDAY HOURS**

Headquarters will be open to visit our displays and purchase that special item for gift giving:

Saturday, December 13 9 am to 12 pm  
Friday December 19 7 pm to 9 pm  
Sunday December 21 10 am to 1 pm

**NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members to the Society:

David Janssen                      Lebanon, NJ  
John S. Fitzpatrick              Summit, NJ

**2015 CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sun. Jan. 18	1 pm	M	Annual Meeting & Program
Sun. Mar. 15	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program
Sun. May 19	1 pm	M	Meeting & Program
Sat. June 13	12 Noon to 4 pm	Various	Garden Tour
Sat. September 5	8 am to 3 pm	TBD	Flea Market

**Location Code:**

M      Society Headquarters, 60 Water Street, Mountainville