## Northfield 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Email Update August 2023

Although we have events all year, the big finale to the bulk of our 350<sup>th</sup> year of "Reconnecting Northfield," a big parade and fireworks, is only two months away, on <u>Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup></u> starting at 1pm on Main Street Northfield, then move to the Brewery at Four Star Farms for more fun plus fireworks!

We hope you have been enjoying everything so far! There is SO MUCH to do and see, so just to quickly summarize this past month: we got an up-close look at the Chateau sculpture, a wonderful golf tournament, memories and song of the first American Youth Hostel, a Variety Show, another film based on our area during the big flood, more Musicians of Northfield music, a talk on the famous D.L. Moody, hymnology in Northfield, and a talk about the Rustic Ridge.

As we look to August, you will find:

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Community Bible Church: The Gravestone Girls

Aug 3<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Pauchaug Boat Ramp: River Paddle Social (bring your own kayak or canoe!) Canceled due to the boat ramp still being closed Hope to do one later this summer/early fall. Stay tuned!

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at First Parish Church: Organ Concert by Gary Garletts

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at West Northfield Playground: Northfield Recreation Softball game Northfield vs. Deerfield (food for sale by Northfield VFW). Raindate: Aug 13th

Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm Open Museum hours at the Northfield Historical Society on Pine St.

Aug. 18th at 6pm at the Community Bible Church: Film screening: Free Spirits

Aug. 19th from 1-5pm at the Brewery at Four Star Farms: Biography of a House Part 3: Spirit in the Flesh

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am kids "Bicycle Rodeo" at Northfield Mountain including a family fun hike with refreshments.

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm is the Dickinson Library's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday party!

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Trinitarian Church: The Amazing Geological History of Northfield by Richard Little

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am a hike to the Calvin Swan Homestead (need to contact the Dickinson Library for reservations)

For commemorative items, shop online as well as at our events: <u>350th Commemorative Merchandise - Northfield's 350th Commemoration (northfield350.org)</u> plus at local businesses like Adria Lowry Unique Floral Design across from the IGA. We have a Doors of Northfield poster by Cate Woolner, 350<sup>th</sup> pottery by Tom White, 350<sup>th</sup> pins and magnets that were generously donated by a local resident, a 350<sup>th</sup> glass cup, hats, bags and more... and an online pop-up store for ordering 350th t-shirts (next opening in the fall)!

To keep MOST up-to-date on everything, again, our website is prime place for all things 350<sup>th</sup> <a href="https://www.northfield350.org">www.northfield350.org</a> plus our Facebook page: (2) Northfield MA 350th Anniversary 2023 | Northfield MA | Facebook

Northfield Oral History Project can now be done over the phone or as a group! If you live far away, but still want your story to be heard, please contact Joan Stoia of the Centennial House at 413-498-5921 or at <a href="mailto:northfield350news@gmail.com">northfield350news@gmail.com</a> A special thank you to Michael and Carrie Kline for teaching us this special skill! <a href="https://www.folktalk.org">www.folktalk.org</a>

LAST, BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, PLEASE VISIT OUR SPONSORS/DONORS PAGE. WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD THE HIGH CALIBER EVENTS THAT WE HAVE!! Sponsors and Individual Donors - Northfield's 350th Commemoration (northfield350.org)

To add to our sponsor list: We're delighted to have Greenfield Community College and Magic Wings as our sponsors!

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