

Northfield 350th Anniversary Committee Email Update July 2023

We are now half way through our 350th year that has put us on our path to “Reconnecting Northfield,” and all the activities are really ramping up!!!

The second event in the Northfield 350th “Musicians of Northfield” series, the Bork-Tinen-Kahn Trio, performed on [June 4th](#) at 2pm at the Brewery at Four Star Farm. www.fourstarbeer.com Is the place where you can drink the: “Happy Birthday Northfield” pale lager! Each pour on tap helps support 350th events!

June 10th was a busy day at the Trinitarian church with a AMAZING performance by the Swan Singers and Nym Cooke (see video by BNCTV here): [The Swan Singers - June 10, 2023 : BNCTV : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#) then, the free Northfield Town Chicken BBQ with good food, good music and good people... even representative Jim McGovern stopped by! The townspeople “reconnecting” was very palpable that day!

To add to such a community-friendly weekend, the following day, we had a full house over at the West Northfield Playground with a talk by Philip Johnson on Trains and Stations of Northfield. Another great BNCTV video here: [Trains of Northfield - June 11, 2023 : BNCTV : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](#)

The film “Root Hog or Die” done in 1973 by local filmmaker Rawn Fulton (Recorder article here: [The Recorder - A legacy of local family farming captured on film](#)) played at the Community Bible Church in Northfield, and viewing stories of local farmers 50 years ago brought a lot of remembrance, laughter and even tears. The following day, the farming theme continued with a talk by Joel Fowler on dairy farming in Northfield at the Dickinson Library for their Coffee Hour.

June 24th brought two tours of the Thomas Aquinas College campus, originally D.L. Moody’s school for young women, lead by our favorite NMH historian, Peter Weis. Thank you to TAC!

The threat of thunderstorms put a damper on two of the June events... one for the Dickinson Library who had to bump their 125th birthday celebration to later on in the summer, and the other for our mid-year, second BIG event: the PIONEER VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA that was on June 25th! We were so bummed that our Tanglewood-type experience had to be moved indoors (and we give a tremendous thank you to all the hard work that the Northfield Golf Course did to prepare for such an event), but it turned out to be a nice alternative to be comfortably seated in the air-conditioned space at the Pioneer School auditorium! It was impressive how it was able to be shifted so quickly and efficiently and our many thanks go out to all that had to put in extra effort to make it happen so seamlessly!

July events are as follows:

- July 7th 12-5pm
 - Northfield: Then and Now, exhibit opens
 - Fiddlehead’s Gallery – 105 Main St.
- July 8th 8am to 6pm
 - [350th Celebration Golf Tournament at the Northfield Golf Club](#)
 - Spectators are encouraged!! For more info, contact the Clubhouse at: 413-498-2432

- July 11th 6pm
 - Northfield Chateau Exhibit and Artist Talk
 - At Fiddleheads Gallery – 105 Main St.
- July 15th 3pm
 - American Youth Hostel Memories and Song
 - At Community Bible Church, 105 Main St.
- July 15th 6:30pm
 - First Parish Variety Show
 - At First Parish Unitarian Church
- July 20th 7pm
 - Vintage Fashion Show
 - At Fiddleheads Gallery, 105 Main St.
- July 21st 6pm
 - Film Screening: Out of the Storm
 - Community Bible Church, 105 Main St.
 - About the historic flood
- July 22nd 10am
 - History Coffee Hour: The Rustic Ridge
 - Dickinson Memorial Library, 115 Main St.
- July 23rd 2pm
 - D.L. Moody: A Life
 - Trinitarian Church, 147 Main St.
- July 30th 2pm
 - Hymnology in Northfield
 - Community Bible Church, 105 Main St.

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

To keep MOST up-to-date on everything, again, our website is prime place for all things 350th www.northfield350.org plus our Facebook page: [\(2\) Northfield MA 350th Anniversary 2023 | Northfield MA | Facebook](#)

The parade is 3 months away, at 1pm on Saturday September 30th (fireworks, a car/tractor show and a Touch-A-Truck event for kids is at Four Star Brewery after the parade)! **We NEED PARADE VOLUNTEERS to start signing up!! Volunteer - Northfield's 350th Commemoration (northfield350.org) is our online volunteer sign up (or you can always just email us at: northfield350@gmail.com) DEADLINE FOR FLOAT ENTRIES IS PAST!! Thank you to all who have signed up!!**

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 northfield350news@gmail.com A special thank you to Michael and Carrie Kline for teaching us this special skill! www.folktalk.org

Also, we are on a special lookout for a few hands to help our Entertainment Focus Group... specifically people with experience with sound equipment. Please email us! 😊

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 sponsors of the "Christmas Carol" by Silverthorne Theater on Dec. 9.

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