

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

We are now five months into our 350<sup>th</sup> year that has put us on our path to “Reconnecting Northfield”!

Annie Chappell did a fantastic job talking about Northfield’s early industries on a BEAUTIFUL day on May 7<sup>th</sup> during our Mill Brook Trail walk, and another FANTASTIC day was had on May 13<sup>th</sup> as we traversed King Philip’s Hill with our guide Rich Holschuh, the Tribal Preservation Officer of the Elnu-Abenaki, who wonderfully challenges many of our brains to think of history from a non-traditional viewpoint.

The architecture of Northfield began on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a Zoom talk with Eric Gradoia, former Historic Preservation Director at Historic Deerfield, then a walking tour, which was delayed a day due to rain, but happened on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We had two walks down Main Street, pointing out the many different architectural styles we have right in town (how lucky we are to have such a beautiful main street!). If you missed out, there is talk of having another walking tour in September!

Also, on May 21<sup>st</sup>, our Entertainment Focus Group kicked off their “Musicians of Northfield” series, and the first to sound off was Andrew Vernon & Friends at the Brewery at Four Star Farms from 1-4pm. We had so many hardworking Northfield Elementary School teachers in attendance and all the tips went to the NES field trip fund! It was such a nice afternoon on the lawn listening to music and drinking the new “Happy Birthday Northfield” pale lager! Each pour on tap helps support 350<sup>th</sup> events!

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NOW, WE ARE HEADING INTO JUNE... HALF-WAY THROUGH THE YEAR... WITH OUR NEXT **BIG** EVENT:

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 5PM IS THE PIONEER VALLEY SYMPHONY \*\*FULL\*\* ORCHESTRA at THE BEECH HOUSE located at the NORTHFIELD GOLF COURSE!**

This is a free event and it’s first come first serve, so we suggest Northfield residents get there early to get priority space on the lawn! It will be a “Tanglewood-style” event so bring your chairs and blankets (and other necessities in-case of inclement weather as there is no rain-date).

Leading up to the symphony, we have:

- The second event in the Northfield 350<sup>th</sup> “Musicians of Northfield” series is the Bork-Tinen-Kahn Trio on [June 4<sup>th</sup>](#) at 2pm at the Brewery at Four Star Farm. Using three voices, guitar, and keyboard, Ferne Bork, Dan Tinen, and Bruce Kahn weave a beautiful tapestry of song. Their presentation of contemporary acoustic/electric music has a broad appeal and is enjoyed by children and adults alike!
- [Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>](#) at 3pm is Swan Songs Shapenote Concert: Swan Singers, songs by Timothy Swan at the [Trinitarian Church](#).
- Also, [June 10<sup>th</sup>](#) at 4:30 & 5:30 at the [Trinitarian Church](#), is a FREE Northfield Town Chicken Barbeque!! There will be enough food made for 400 guests so come indulge!
- Did you know that Northfield once had FIVE train stations? Well, [Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>](#) at 2pm at the [West Northfield Playground](#) is a Slide Show: Trains and Stations of Northfield, presented by Philip Johnson.
- [Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>](#) at 6pm is a film being played at the [Community Bible Church](#): “Root Hog or Die”

- Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the Dickinson Library is Coffee Hour: Dairy Farming in Northfield with Joel Fowler
- At 5pm on June 17<sup>th</sup> is Dickinson Memorial Library's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!! The library has done SO MUCH for the 350<sup>th</sup> and our community... Please stop by to celebrate and give a big thanks!!
- Thomas Aquinas College Campus Tour: Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Northfield-Mount Hermon archivist Peter Weis will lead tours of what was D.L. Moody's school for young women and is now occupied by Thomas Aquinas College. Tours will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the large auditorium adjacent to Winchester Road. Parking available near the auditorium. Registrants should be prepared for a long walk. A link to the registration page will be available starting June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note that space is limited to 20 participants per tour, after which registration will be closed.

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, 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 \*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 350<sup>th</sup> [www.northfield350.org](http://www.northfield350.org) plus our Facebook page: [\(2\) Northfield MA 350th Anniversary 2023 | Northfield MA | Facebook](#)

**Although it is still 4 months away, 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](mailto:northfield350@gmail.com) ) DEADLINE FOR FLOAT ENTRIES IS JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>!!**

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](mailto:northfield350news@gmail.com) A special thank you to Michael and Carrie Kline for teaching us this special skill! [www.folktalk.org](http://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 new sponsors of the "Christmas Carol" by Silverthorne Theater on Dec. 9.

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