Our "Interim" (?) Garden

In 1967, the Historic Winslow House Association helped save the Daniel Webster law office, which had been a girls’ bathhouse, by giving it a temporary home. Its triple-hung windows probably date it to the Greek Revival period around 1825. It survived when the original Webster House burnt to the ground. The plan was always to return it when the Webster Estate was ready.

The day of removal came in May. We had extensive discussions about what to do with the granite foundation, which may date to Webster, but could not be used for the office's new foundation. Since the granite is not part of the history of the Winslow House our first thought was not to keep it.

However, with a generous offer by Seaside Gardeners to plant a garden within the granite quadrangle we reversed course. Their plan, with a cruciform walkway within the quadrangle, uses plantings that are faithful to both the Winslows and to Webster, who also owned the house and planted flowers from all over the world. With the wedding season hot upon us, Seaside Gardeners accelerated their work, which is complete and ready for your inspection.

In approving this garden we were guided by the wisdom of our friend, the late historic architect Robert Neiley: "Never do anything to destroy a treasure that cannot be undone in the future." Accordingly, we conceived of this as an "interim garden." But Seaside Gardeners have done such a magnificent job, posterity may have a different idea.

The removal of the law office was not a simple business. We are ever grateful to the Marshfield Department of Public Works for its help in getting it done on time for the wedding of our executive director, Aaron Dougherty, in May.

Yours faithfully,

David A. Mittell, Jr.
Interim President

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Remembering David Mittell, Sr. (1918-2015)

We’re saddened to announce the passing of David Mittell, Sr., a long-time, incredibly valuable member of the Winslow Association board and strong proponent of its preservation. Our thoughts go out to his family, especially his son, Dave Mittell Jr., who continues his father’s work as our current board president.

Phil Kenney is a restoration carpenter who contributed to much of the work on the Historic Winslow House. These remarks, which describe an encounter in the early 1990’s, were made following my father's burial on June 3. They well reflect his style and methods. -- D.A. Mittell, Jr.

“Hi Phil. Fine day for the old house.”

“Mr. Mittell. I’m glad you could come by. How do you like this sill? The rot’s been removed – nothing but powder.”

“That sill’s probably chestnut, what’s left.”

Just then a can of Cuprinol went “pop.” We turned to look. “Are you going to use that? Good. Pour it on. And you can call me Dave.”

“Are you alright with that?” Another “pop” from the can. The sun was strong.

“With what? Calling me Dave? Or using the Cuprinol?”

“The Cuprinol. Some people consider it toxic you know. I had it in my shop.”

“That hasn’t been proven yet - soak that sill up. Two coats on the bulkhead. This is an important house.”

At that, a feeling came over me that I was proud to be a part of this rescue. “And those nails I’m using on the hinges are wrought by an early blacksmith. . . those hinges were. . .”

Then I stopped speaking upon hearing his deep voice, “Good. Good. Now we shouldn’t take up too much of the engineer’s time while the train is moving. And I’ve got to get to an appointment.” I watched him as he walked away.
In Memory of Dr. Karin Goldstein (1965-2015)

BY AARON M. DOUGHERTY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Historic Winslow House Association, and myself in particular, are saddened to announce the loss of a long-time friend to the House, Dr. Karin Joann Goldstein. Karin was active for years as the Museum Curator at the 1699 Winslow House and Plimoth Plantation, as well as an adjunct professor of History at Bridgewater State University. During this time, she was also able to write the popular *A History of Jewish Plymouth* for the “American Heritage” series of books, and articles on history for the Winslow House Association and the Mayflower Society.

Outside of her professional accomplishments, Karin was an engaging and supportive mentor for her many volunteers and docents, and a good friend. I will miss her advice and assistance, but even more, I am glad to have had the opportunity to have known her.

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The Significance of the Winslow Property

BY Dr. KARIN GOLDSTEIN
FORMER WINSLOW HOUSE CURATOR

This speech was originally presented to commemorate the listing of the 1699 Winslow House on the National Register, July 2001.

In the museum world, when you need an official report of what you already know, you call a consultant. When you need a speaker for an event to tell you what you already know, you call a colleague from down the street [...] I’m happy to remind you of what YOU already know—how special Winslow House is, and how wonderful it is to celebrate its National Register listing at last.

There are 4 criteria for National Register listing. The 20 acres of Winslow property fits all 4, as I will summarize for you now.

A. The Winslows and other residents of this property are relevant to major historic events and trends in almost every generation. [...] these 20 acres are part of Edward Winslow’s original land grant of about 1000 acres. As such they represent the expansion of Plymouth Colony, New England’s first permanent settlement.

B. The Winslow property is certainly associated with significant people, [including] General John Winslow. As an officer in the British colonial forces, John Winslow is tied to Great Britain’s territorial ambitions in 18th century North America.

C. The house itself is architecturally significant, [it] illustrates the changeover from the post-medieval to the Georgian style. It is typical of the developing New England floor plan, as developed by the end of the 17th century [...] The open timber framed construction of the summer kitchen contrasts with the finer finished construction of the hall and parlor of the main house.

D. The final criterion is the ability of the property to yield important information about history and archaeology. The site still has rich potential. With so much of its original fabric preserved, historians can reconstruct not only the lives of the Winslows, but of their lesser-known servants and slaves.

Whether built in 1699 or 1724, the Winslow House and estate is a spectacular survival, carried to the present through the Winslow family’s continuity, Webster’s interest in history, then benign neglect, the Colonial Revival interest in the past, and finally, the stewardship of the Association. It’s about time that this wonderful property became part of the National Register list, which will help preserve it for generations to come.

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2015 Program Calendar

Lectures

May 17, 2:00 PM
“Colonial New England Curiosities,” Robert Geake

May 26, 10:30 AM
“Rescue of the Bounty,” Michael Tougias

June 16, 10:30 AM
“Colonial Pirates,” Stephen O’Neill

Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 PM
“Briton Hammon, Slavery, and the Sea”

Tuesday July 7, 10:30 AM
“Kidnapping the Enemy,” Christian McBurney

Wednesday July 15, 7:00 PM
“The Court Martial of Paul Revere,” Michael Greenburg

Tuesday July 21, 10:30 AM
“A King, A Colonel, & Divided Loyalties,” Judy Anderson

Wednesday July 29, 7:00 PM
Lafayette & the Farewell Tour, Alan R. Hoffman

Tuesday August 4, 10:30 AM
“Historical Edibles: Founding Foods of New England,” Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald

Friday September 11, 7:00 PM
“The Columbia Expedition,” Andrew Giles Buckley

Sunday September 13, 2:00 PM
“A Path in the Mighty Waters,” Stephen Barry

Tuesday September 15, 7:00 PM
“A Storm of Witchcraft,” Emerson Baker

Thursday September 24, 7:00 PM
“Paul White: History of a New England Loyalist,” Aaron M. Dougherty

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Community Events

Friday June 5, 2-4 PM
Life Long Learning: Greek Cooking

Friday July 10, 2-4 PM
Winslow Wellness Day (Drumming)

Saturday July 11
Tavern Night

Friday July 17, 2-4 PM
Winslow Wellness Day (Yoga)

Friday July 24, 2-4 PM
Winslow Wellness Day (Herbs for Wellness)

Friday July 31, 2-4 PM
Winslow Wellness Day (Reiki)

Sunday August 16, 4-8 PM
“Dinner with Penelope: Colonial Women,” Michelle Coughlin

Saturday September 12, 7:00 PM
Speakeasy Night

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Kids Programs

Thursday June 18, 9:30 & 10:30 AM
GeoSafari with Animal World Experiences

Friday June 26, 10:30 AM
Every Hero Has a Story time

Friday July 10, 10:30 AM
Storytelling with Big Ryan

Friday, July 17 10:30 AM
Superhero Day

Friday, July 31 10:30 AM
Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday, August 7 10:30 AM
Pirates and Tales of the Sea!

Friday, August 14 10:30 AM
Colonial Camp Day

Friday, August 21 10:30 AM
Time Tunnel

Stay tuned for great fall events!
<http://www.winslowhouse.org/events-programs/>

2015 Rentals

Are you looking for a wedding venue or site for a meet and greet? Look no further! The 1699 Winslow House and Cultural Center can offer a rustic, vintage function hall and beautiful open lawn with the convenience of modern kitchen and washroom facilities. Spaces are already filling up for 2016, so to reserve your spot or view the House, contact us by phone at 781-837-5753 or email at info@winslowhouse.org.

2015 Membership/Donations

It’s not too late to make your tax-deductible donation to the Winslow House for 2015. Your contribution will fund educational programs, new public events for 2015, and the preservation of one of Marshfield’s historic treasures. If you are a member or would like to become one, please visit:<http://www.winslowhouse.org/join-us/membership/> for information on paying your 2015 dues!
Winter and Spring 2015

Clockwise from top left:

1. Digging with the Seaside Gardeners!
2. Our Interim (?) Garden.
3. Introducing Jessica & Aaron Dougherty!
4. Snow sneaking under the great Entry Hall door.
5. Marshfield High Schoolers on We are Marshfield Day, May 1.
6. Farewell to the Webster Law Office, May 11.
June 16, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, June 16th 10:30 AM
Most people associate Pirates with the Caribbean, but there were many pirates in New England during the Golden Age from 1650 to 1730. Curator of Pilgrim Hall, Stephen O’Neill joins us for a discussion of this fascinating and sometimes gruesome history.

Lecture

June 18, 9:30 & 10:30 AM
Geo-Safari with Animal World Experiences
Amazing facts and stories of the animal world.

Kids Program

June 24, 7 PM
“Briton Hammon, Slavery, & the Sea”, Aaron M. Dougherty
Hammon’s 1760 publication is one of the first American slave narratives. Going to sea on a 1747 trading voyage, he would encounter Florida natives, Spanish governors, and French foes in a thirteen-year ordeal that saw him face death, torture, imprisonment and battle.

Lecture

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2015 Annual Appeal

Our 2015 Annual Appeal, which kicked off just a few weeks ago, has already raised over $2,000! Thank you to all of our generous donors for their contributions, whatever the amount. With your help, we’ll be able to maintain our historic house, keep the lights on for our function hall, and offer more great public programs for the 2015 season. If you haven’t donated yet and are interested in doing so, please send a check made out to the “Historic Winslow House Association,” to:

The Historic Winslow House Association
PO Box 531
Marshfield, MA 02050-0531

For more information on donating, or to see other ways you can help support us, you can visit:

<www.winslowhouse.org/join-us/>

From all of us here at the 1699 Winslow House, thank you again for your help during our 2015 Annual Appeal!

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Coming Soon... “The Mayflower, the Story of the Winslows”

British author Rebecca Fraser’s upcoming book, *The Mayflower, the Story of the Winslows*, brings fresh insights into the lives of the first two generations of the Winslow family who founded and settled in Marshfield, Massachusetts. Rebecca concentrates on the adventures of Pilgrim Edward Winslow and his son Josiah Winslow who was born in Marshfield and was famous for his role as Commander – in-Chief of the colonial forces during King Philip’s War.

Of particular interest is Josiah’s connection with the prominent Pelham family of Boston. His marriage to Penelope Pelham, daughter of Harvard University Treasurer Herbert Pelham, united the Winslows of Marshfield with a fascinating and important English family. Ms Fraser’s extensive and detailed research has led to new and exciting discoveries concerning Penelope. Rebecca opens new doors particularly on the complex interactions between the New England colonists and their relatives and connections in Old England. We at the Historic Winslow House look forward to exploring these new pathways to the past of our beloved Winslows.

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