

## **Christmas at the Stetson House 2007: "Christmas Past"**

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This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year that the Stetson House has been welcoming Christmas to Hanover, and the theme this year is "Christmas Past at the Stetson House". Each room will choose a theme from the past which includes many favorites such as "Teddy Bear Christmas" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas". Many local residents and groups such as the garden club are involved in preparing for this festive weekend. The calendar of events includes:

### **Christmas Preview/Concert/Refreshments - Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 to 10:30 p.m.**

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On Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Stetson House will open its doors from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for a special preview. The House is at its best as the window candles will be turned on for the first time and the rooms glow with holiday cheer.

The opening of the Stetson House is followed by a special holiday concert given by the Harbour Choral Arts Society and the Hanover High School special VOX group. The concert will take place at St. Mary's Church at 8:00 p.m. After the concert, ticket holders are invited to the Congregational Church Parish Hall for refreshments and a social time.

Tickets are limited and are \$10.00 each. This includes an evening tour of the Stetson House, the concert and wonderful refreshments. They may be purchased at the John Curtis Library or at the Town Clerk's office on the lower level of the Town Hall.

Pauline and Rick Rockwell and their committee are coordinating this event. Don't miss this gala evening. Table topiaries will be on sale that evening.

### **Stetson House and Barn – Open House and sale of Items for Christmas Giving**

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#### **OPEN HOUSE**

- Saturday, December 1, 1-4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday December 3, 7-9 p.m.

#### **ANNUAL GREENS SALE – STETSON BARN**

- Saturday, December 1, 1-4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2, 1-4 p.m.

*Handmade Wreaths, Swags & Topiaries – All proceeds to benefit The Friends of the Stetson House*

We remember George Lewald as we get ready gathering our greens and making holiday wreaths and swags. The large wreath on the barn is given in honor of George Lewald by the Flanagan family. John Goldthwait has taken over the space left by George. John says "All can help by cutting greens from your fields, woodlands, and foundation plantings. Horticulturally it's a good time for pruning greens such as cedar, yew, boxwood,

aborvitae, juniper, holly, spruce and other greens. Helping out at the workshops and greens sale provides a great opportunity to become involved.

### **ORNAMENT /HISTORICAL BUILDING CUTOUT /HISTORICAL PUBLICATION SALE – STETSON HOUSE BARN**

- Saturday, December 1, 1-4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 2, 1-4 p.m.

Lois Van Doren has again designed and painted an original Stetson House Christmas ornament to be sold for the benefit of the Stetson House. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the special ornaments designed by Lois and they are collectors items. This year's ornament is the Bailey Grandfather's Clock that is in the Common Room and it will remind us of the times past.

The ornaments sell out quickly, so order yours today using the order form on the back of the newsletter. The ornaments are prepaid and will be \$15.00 each. Orders are taken in a "first ordered first served system". You may pick up your prepaid ornament at the Preview party on Friday night, or at the Greens Sale during the weekend. There will be a few laminated copies of past ornaments available for sale if your are missing any in the series.

The Hanover Historical Society, under the direction of Judy Grecco, has been working on the thirteenth cutout of significant historical buildings in Hanover. This year's cut out is The Corner Store, an important landmark at the Four Corners focusing on Scott's Store, known now as Mary Lou's. Of course the building was originally Flavel's barn. Other cutouts from past years will be available. Price this year's cutout is \$15.00.

On sale also will be the Historical Society's publication, "Images of Hanover" by Barbara Barker and Les Molyneaux. It features over 200 photos of Hanover from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Reprints of the three volumes of the History of Hanover, and other Hanover items will be available.

### **SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE**

We have some very nice donations for the Silent Auction and Raffle this year. Frank Carroll has donated a lovely matted and framed reproduction 11" x 14" Giclee Print titled "Pond Skating".



***Pond Skating by Frank Carroll***

As you may know Frank's work from his recently auctioned painting during the 2007 Hanover Day. To see more examples of his fine work, he has a great website [www.frankcarrollfineart.com](http://www.frankcarrollfineart.com)

Another talented local artist, Wallace Kemp, has donated one of his artful turnings made of wood. A Christmas fleece blanket donated by Marge Damon, Hanover scenes note paper by Frank Carroll, a donation from Times Past Antiques, as well as other donations. The results from the silent auction and drawing will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2008. Bids for the silent auction items may be recorded when you visit the house or at the annual meeting. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and may be purchased by returning the enclosed tickets with your check in the envelope with your dues, orders for preview tickets and ornaments. Of course raffle chances will still be on sale at the Stetson House openings.

### **New Lights for the Barn and Trim Painting**

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The Friends of the Stetson House and the Hanover Historical Society have funded work on the barn and the house to keep it in shape. The chimney around the roof of the house has been repaired, and the fence and trim on the barn have been painted. The gutters and down spouts on the barn have been renewed. The electric work has been updated and new lighting has been added in the barn. The overseers have managed the project, and everything looks great!

### **Annual Meeting**

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The annual meeting and election of officers for the Friends of the Stetson House will be 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> (Snow Date: Sunday, January 6) at the Phoenix Lodge, beginning with a Covered Dish Supper. Mark your 2008 calendar now. Each family is asked to bring a main dish, a salad or a dessert to serve four. Somehow things always seem to balance out, and there is plenty for everyone. Some of Hanover's finest cooks bring in their specialties. Bring your family and friends for an old-fashioned time. Suzanne Martin and Mugsie Sarson have again consented to be chairmen and they would welcome your help to set/up or clean up. Please call Suzanne at 826-2189. The program will be "Meet the Stetson's". You will have an opportunity to meet two of the earlier Samuel Stetsons, their wives and two of their children. They will tell you of what their lives were like in the 1700's and 1800's.