

News from the Stow Historical Society

A newsletter for all friends of Stow history. Please feel free to pass it along to others who might be interested!

June 20, 2017

June & July Happenings in Stow!

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

MASSACHUSETTS WALKING TOUR 2017

The annual bipedal concert tour promoting local arts and culture

THE THOREAU TRAIL: A WALK TO WACHUSETT

The Thoreau Trail project launched in 2017 as a Thoreau Bicentennial legacy project led by Freedom's Way National Heritage Area with support from the National Park Service.

FREE CONCERTS 6-8 PM

- JUNE 27
Thoreau Farm - Concord
- JUNE 28
Stow Community Park - Stow
- JUNE 29
Bolton Town Common - Bolton
- JUNE 30
Lancaster Town Green - Lancaster
- JULY 1
Wachusett Mountain
State Reservation - Princeton



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TO REGISTER FOR HIKES OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
WWW.MASSWALKINGTOUR.ORG

<http://masswalkingtour.org/2017-tour/>

THE THOREAU TRAIL: A WALK TO WACHUSETT

June 28 – Stow Community Field

60 Old Bolton Rd, Stow, MA 01775

Free Evening Concert: 6 – 8 pm

Day Hike: Acton to Stow – [Register Here](#)

Local Performers: Ergo Canto, Andy and Judy, Smith and Ryder

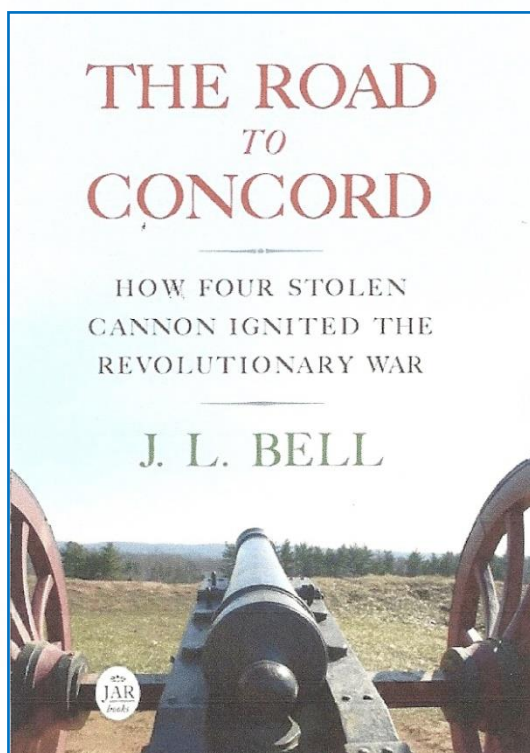




Coming to the Randall Library –Stow

Thursday, July 20th @ 7:00pm

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In September 1774 the farmers of Middlesex County rose up and ended royal government in most of Massachusetts. For the next seven months, Patriot activists and the British governor raced to seize artillery. Cannon disappeared from ships, shore batteries, and even armories under redcoat guard. This talk explores that hidden history which led to the Revolutionary War and discusses Stow's special place in that history.



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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
A DECLARATION
BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of Nature's God, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a prudent Consideration of the most advantageous Terms, to which they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation. We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Manner, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

**DECLARING
INDEPENDENCE**
Then & Now

Please join us for a forty-minute public performance piece in which a narrator and five costumed re-enactors bring to life our nation's "National Scripture."

2017 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

June 27— 7:00-8:30 PM

American Antiquarian Society (Worcester)

June 29—6:00-8:00 PM

Longfellow's Wayside Inn (Sudbury)

Partner: Sudbury Historical Society

July 1—7:00-8:30 PM

First Parish Church (Fitchburg) Partners: Fitchburg Public Library and Fitchburg Historical Society

July 1 through 4—10:00 AM & Noon

Old Sturbridge Village (Sturbridge)

with admission to Old Sturbridge Village

July 2—1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 PM

Old North Church & Historic Site (Boston)

In partnership with Boston's Harborfest

July 4—7:00-8:30 PM

The Depot (Lexington)

Partner: Lexington Historical Society

<http://freedomsway.org/programs/declaring-independence-then-now/>

For full details visit www.freedomsway.org



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