



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!

October 22, 2017

The fall programming is drawing to a close with two superb programs.



October 2016 photo

Center School's five third grade classes will be visiting West School on Tuesday, October 24th. This is the first of three SHS programs which support their social studies curriculum: [Massachusetts and its Cities and Towns: Geography and History: Using local historic sites, historical societies, and museums](#), third graders learn about the history of Massachusetts from the time of the arrival of the Pilgrims.

The Stow Historical Society invites you to an evening of New England folk music.



Diane Taraz of Arlington, MA will perform her acclaimed program, *A Silver Dagger: Exploring Women's History Through Folk Songs*, on Saturday, October 28th at 7 PM at the Stow Town Hall. A flyer about the program is on the following page.

There will be several displays for your viewing enjoyment.

1. View a sampling of Stow photographs will be on exhibit at Representative Kate Hogan's Boston office beginning November 6th.
2. Browse the two updated volumes of the **Inventory of Stow Historic Houses**, which were completed this spring and funded by Community Preservation funds.
3. Learn about the SHC **Historic House Plaque** program. Application forms will be available.



The Stow Historical Society presents

A Silver Dagger:

Exploring Women's History Through Folk Songs

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Stow Town Hall

7 PM



Diane Taraz



a New England folk and traditional singer and songwriter

Passed down for generations, folk songs provide insights into the lives of ordinary people in centuries past. Diane mines these traditional songs for clues to the inner lives of people in Europe and America from about 1500 to 1850, especially women. Audiences are fascinated by the way attitudes and beliefs from the past still echo in our lives today.

Women left few written records, but we can learn much about them through the music that they used to speed their work, lift their spirits, or ease an aching heart. With a sparkling voice and wry humor, Diane performs songs of love, childbirth, marriage, and adventure.

Diane performs in traditional dress and plays lap dulcimer and guitar. She often sings with voice alone, the most authentic style. These are songs that brim with energy and humor, determination and despair, and all the joys and sorrows of a world lit only by fire.

Refreshments will be served.

<http://www.dianetaraz.com/>

Exploring Women's History Through Folk Songs

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