

# 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!

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Programs

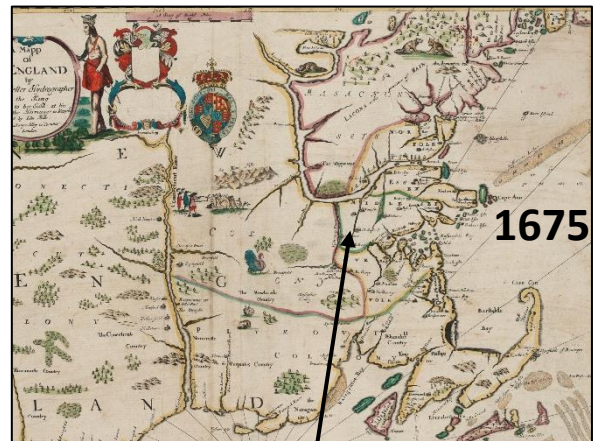
With each new year, the SHS brings town history to the third-grade classrooms between now and June. The programs follow the Massachusetts Curriculum Framework for History and Social Science.

The SHS presents hands-on programming about the origins of Stow and its development plus the Native Americans who lived in our region.



Gifts  
the **Old & New** Worlds  
Exchanged

1. Foods
2. Animals



### STOW was the FRONTIER

2020 1647 – 1665 Some interest in land  
-1660 • Matthew Boon 1660  
360 years ago • John Kettell 1663  
1669 Petition for Settlement  
• 10 families  
• minister  
1675 Petition for Settlement  
• Time of Indian Wars

# 2020

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Women's Suffrage

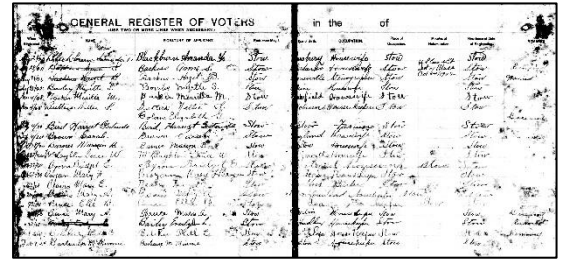
### 1920: Celebrating Stow's Women Who Registered to Vote

In conjunction with Freedom's Way (<http://freedomsway.org/>) plus Stow's Girl Scouts and Brownies, the SHS will have displays about Stow's women who registered to vote during the summer and fall before the November presidential election of 1920. This event will be held during **SpringFest** on **May 16, 2020**. A culminating program is scheduled for Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.



A list of 173 Stow women, who registered to vote between August and October 1920, has been compiled.

The SHS is reaching out to those who had relatives living in Stow in 1920.



**Please contact the SHS and share your memories, photos, and documents.**

1920 register of Stow women with the last name beginning with "B", 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the B's.

Website: <http://stowhistoricalsociety.org/>

Email: [info@stowhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@stowhistoricalsociety.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StowHistoricalSociety/>

## SHS Tribute to Linda Stokes

**On January 15, 2020 Linda Stokes passed away suddenly. She was a long-time SHS member and board member. Linda's enthusiasm, creativity and passion will be deeply missed. The past president of the SHS sent the following tribute to the SHS and *The Stow Independent*.**



If I'd had my wits about me, I would have sent this message up to Marilyn Zavorski, asking her to read it on my behalf at Linda Stokes' memorial service. Marilyn was thoughtful enough to let us know here in Houston about Linda's sudden passing. Like everyone else, Michele and I were shocked and saddened by the news.

During my time in Stow I came to know Linda during our work together on the Stow Historical Commission, the Historical Society, the West School and other projects. A little-known fact is that she was the inspiration for the Stow Time Capsule. Although I think I was just a passing thought on her part at first, it was a great idea! We worked together on many projects, and I admired her for her many spectacular contributions and steadfastness. And, I truly appreciated her friendship.

Another little-known fact is that shortly after we moved to Houston six years ago, we were the Texas part of her and Bob's life-long 50-state tour. They visited Houston and we spent a day together touring George Ranch, a sort of Texas Sturbridge Village...on what turned out to be a sloppy, cold example of Houston's occasional ice storms. We were the only people there.

Our sincerest thoughts are with Bob and the Stokes family.

Also, I might add to Stow at large: Howdy from Houston! Michele and I don't miss the winters, but we do miss Stow!

Ralph Fuller & Michele Lucas,  
Houston, TX



## Ice Cutting in Stow

A century ago, the ice harvesting business commenced in January on Stow's ponds. Ice houses, both commercial and private, needed replenishing. The Lake Boon Ice Company, located on Lake Boon, was owned by James Parker, who is pictured below.



Images of America: Lake Boon, pages 68 and 69, images by Kattelle

In the January 17, 1919 issue of the *Hudson Enterprise* it was announced:

Henry Warren has begun to cut ice on Fletcher's pond.

Henry, of Pilot Grove Farm, had an icehouse on his farm. The Gates/Peck farm on Great Road and Harvard Road had an icehouse, which was torn down in the 1950's, being a structure of the past.

The Zander brothers, Niles and Tom, who lived on Delaney Street, harvested ice as well as made cider, delivered milk, and harvested cranberries from the Delaney Pond.

A few private, farm icehouses remain today in Stow, such as the ice room in Moseley's shed on Maple Street and the icehouse behind Derby Ridge Farm on Great Road.

A fund has been established to restore the Derby icehouse.



Zander ice harvesting tools, SHS



Photos by Kristen Mikoski, Derby Ridge Farm, Great Road, Stow



Winter weather in Stow also brought forth recreation. The January 10, 1919 issue of the *Hudson Enterprise* noted:



John Fletcher is about the only person in Stow who uses skis. The recent snow gives him a chance to go over the country easily.

1919 skier: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-6083493/Baroness-Trumpington-95-shares-stories-favourite-snaps.html>

## Needs of the SHS:

- **Treasurer** – guidance and decades of service will be shared
- Additional volunteer board members
- SHS volunteers

## Membership Drive: Supporting the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Goals

### A membership drive for the 2019/2020 year

The SHS will be most honored to have your support. Initial funding will be used for website enhancement and development, preservation, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Stow history classroom materials, selective topic digitization of Stow primary documents for the Nashoba Regional High School sophomore local history research projects, plus the exploration and development of two new books: the Stow family (the namesake of our town) and the Gleason/Fuller family and the mills of Gleasondale.

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## 2020 SHS Membership dues

Individual      \$20     

Family            \$25     

The Stow Historical Society, founded in 1961 with 68 charter members, is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization.

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Please contact me when volunteers are needed.

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