



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!*

July 2, 2013

Stow West School Museum Event: *Stow Skills*

This Sunday, July 7 from 3:00 – 5:30 pm.

Come visit The West School Museum, Stow's historic 19th century one room schoolhouse and meet some of the talented and interesting people we have in town! The program this Sunday will showcase Stow citizens who practice interesting crafts including wheel thrown pottery, weaving and spinning. There will also be two friendly lambs from Pilot Grove Farm to visit with and learn about. Visit the schoolhouse itself, which was built in 1825 and used as a school for over 75 years, and learn about educating children in the 19th century. Visiting children can make a craft project. The Schoolhouse is located at Harvard and Hiley Brook Rds. All West School programs are *free to visitors*.



Ted Carvalho, a skilled wheel-thrown potter, is an engineer by trade (now retired) and took up ceramics as a hobby. He has studied under Stowite Lisa Dolliver who has a store in Maynard. He has a studio at his home in Stow and makes his own glazes. Here he gives some tips to some aspiring potters.



Teresa Milak of Stow will bring two spring lambs from Pilot Grove Farm to visit us at the West School.

Karen Gray demonstrates weaving to visitors of the schoolhouse.



Upcoming West School Events

There will also be an open house on August 11, 3:00 – 5:30 pm. Tour the museum and learn about 19th century education in Stow.

On September 22 at 3 pm, the Museum will host story teller **Katie Green's** performance: **Meet Mrs. Mary Rowlandson**. Mary Rowlandson was a 17th century Puritan from Lancaster who was captured by Native Americans during King's Phillips War and lived to write a book about her experiences. Ms Green gives a riveting performance – you do not want to miss it!



The West School Museum programs are run jointly by the Stow Historical Society and the Stow Historical Commission.



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