

STOW-INFO

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MUSICIANS TO PRESENT TRIP THROUGH MUSICAL TIME AT APRIL 27 PROGRAM

Five Stow musicians will present a musical evening on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at First Parish Church as the Stow Historical Society continues its theme this year on "Celebration of the Arts."

In a program on "Sounds of Stow--Across Three Centuries," vocal and instrumental music will be presented by Barbara Jones, Ernest and Doris Goldman, Katherine Kleitz and Mary Redford.

In a lively program the guest artists will perform a sample of some of the music on the New England scene during the past three centuries. "We will try to present music that our townspeople were hearing in the 1600's, 1700's and 1800's," Doris Goldman said. The program will be a blend of fiddle tunes, church and parlor music, and music from abroad.

Barbara Jones recalls that the Stow Chorus presented four concerts with the same theme during the Stow Tercentenary in 1983. "We are pleased to celebrate our past using today's talented artists from our community," Barbara Sipler stated.

TALES OF TOWN HALL AND POT LUCK SUPPER SCHEDULED ON MARCH 23

Stow Historical Society will look at "The Art of Remembering--Tales of Old Town Hall" on Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at the old Town Hall. Speakers will delve into the history and lore of the historic structure, and a pot luck supper will be served.

Speakers will include Bill Maxfield, Bobby and Jack Head, George Scraggs and John Makey. Members also are asked to bring their anecdotes about the old building which was built in 1848. It is expected that tall tales will be mixed in with some facts.

Members are asked to bring salads, vegetables, or desserts. The main dish and beverages will be catered by Tastings. Call Patty Selin, 897-5357, by Tuesday, March 21, to make a reservation.

Long tables will be set up, similar to events long ago. Old timers say "it will be like coming home." All meetings this year of the society are based on the theme, "Celebration of the Arts."

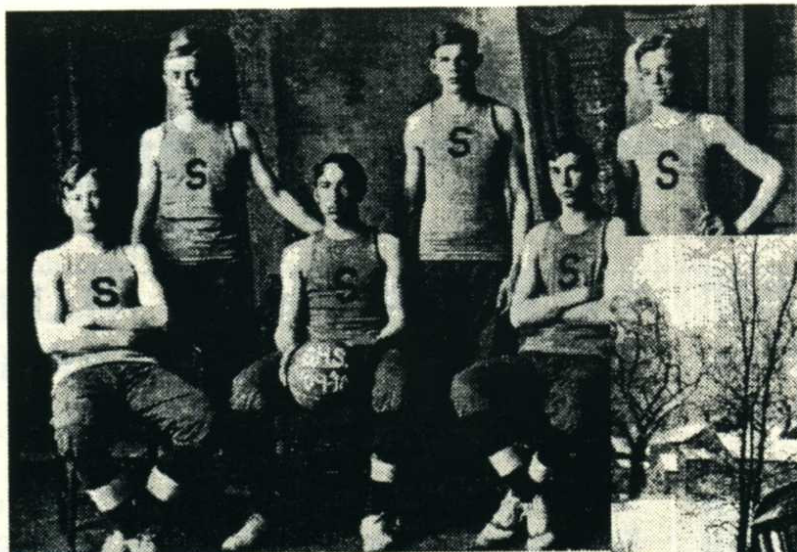
SPRING ART SHOW TO FOCUS ON STOW -- PAST AND PRESENT

STOW--Area artists and photographers are invited to participate in an art show entitled "As the Artist Sees Stow--Past and Present." The show will be held Saturday, May 20, as part of the Stow Spring Festival, sponsored by the Stow Historical Society and the Stow Cultural Council.

In addition to the display of contemporary works of Stow scenes by area artists, paintings and photographs from the archival collection of the Stow Historical Society will be on display.

Local residents also are invited to loan paintings or photographs depicting old scenes of Stow. The last showing of old paintings was in 1983 during Stow's Tercentenary Celebration. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Randall Library.

Information may be obtained from Ginger Pearlman, chairman of the Stow Cultural Council, 897-9194, or Patty Selin, vice-president of the Historical Society, 897-5357. Others on the committee are Betsy Wisch, Barbara Sipler, Phoebe Haberkorn, Jeanne Kershaw, and Laurie Larson.



↑ **CHAMPIONS** -- Stow High School Basketball team 1909-1910. Standing, left to right, Jack Lord, Royal Harriman, Walter Underwood. Seated, left to right, Walter Peterson, Carlyle Taylor, John Merriam. *Post card given by Warren Family*

DAY OFF -- Car which jumped track in heavy ice and sleet storm, Tuesday morning, Feb 2, 1915, at 3 a.m. in Gleasondale. *Post card given by Dorothy Perkins* ↓



DO YOU HAVE OLD PHOTOS OR POSTCARDS?

Do you have old photos or postcards of Stow scenes, buildings or people? The Ancient Documents Committee and Stow Historical Society would like to have new acquisitions for the town collection. Photographs will be copied and returned to the owner.

This year the Ancient Documents Committee will computerize a listing of the existing photographic collection. All photos have been inserted in acid free mylar sleeves, designed to preserve the invaluable collection for many years. The photographs are stored in the vault in the Town Building.

As part of the work of the committee, the postcard collection has been transferred to a three-ring binder with acid-free mylar holders and will be on display in the Randall Library at the Spring Festival art show.

The committee, which oversees the preservation and care of town documents, seeks associate members. Work days are held the first three Wednesdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Randall Library. Call 897-5996 for information.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER:

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN NICER--More than 170 members and friends attended Lew Halprin's birthday blast on December 9, 1994, at Town Hall with the Black Eagle Jazz Band. It was a toe-tapping delight, and thanks go to all who brought finger food to complete the delightful evening.

OPPORTUNITY STRIKES--Members who would like to help move old town reports and records from the Police Department vault to the Town Building vault are asked to call Barbara Sipler, 897-5996.

FOR THE RECORD--Officers of the Stow Historical Society are: Barbara Sipler, President; Patty Selin, vice president; Dorothy Sonnichsen, treasurer; Ginger Pearlman, hospitality; Elaine Donaghue, corresponding secretary.

NEEDED--Would you like to take a turn at the Historical Society book table at Spring Festival on May 20? Call Dorothy Sonnichsen, 897-3344.