

The Salem Preservationist

Reporting historic preservation developments in the greater Salem area

"Looking backward and forward to a Greater Salem"

In Salem



Salem Preservation, Inc. recognizes first Founding Members

On September 3, 2003, Salem Preservation, Inc. announced its plans to support the restoration of Pioneer Village and the celebration of 2005 as the 375th anniversary of Gov. John Winthrop's sailing to Salem, in a Viewpoint article published in The Salem News headlined "Important Dates Upcoming For Salem's Pioneer Village." At the same time, SPI announced it would recognize all Founding Members of SPI. Founding Members are those people and organizations who wish to commit to donating labor, materials, time and/or funds before the end of the year 2003 to the future restoration and renovation of Salem 1630: Pioneer Village, a City owned reconstructed 17th century village in Forest River Park. For a complete listing of Founding Members of SPI, see SPI's web site at www.salempreservation.org

Thank you for joining us.

SPI President John Goff awarded Hawthorne Historic Preservation Award

On July 24, 2003, SPI President John Goff was awarded the Hawthorne Historic Preservation Award at the Hawthorne Hotel on the Salem Common. The award is granted each year by the Hawthorne Hotel, one of the Historic Hotels of America, to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to preserving Salem's sense of place.



Hawthorne Hotel General Manager, Julie Lederhaus, explained the significance of the award and introduced the following speakers. Susan Babine, Hawthorne Hotel Sales

Manager, outlined the process of selecting award recipients and historian Jim McAllister followed with a tribute to Mr. Goff's preservation accomplishments and continued enthusiasm for Salem's historic resources.

Tom Philbin, aide to Mayor Stanley J. Usovich, introduced Mary Usovich who, on behalf of the Mayor, presented Goff with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Salem.

In his acceptance speech, Goff outlined his plans to further contribute to Salem's restoration and redevelopment, along with other SPI Officers, through the activities of Salem Preservation, Inc.

Past recipients of the award include Richard Rennard, Edward Carberg, Staley McDermet, Tom Leonard, Delores Jordan, Alice Jordan, Jim McAllister, Peter LaChapelle, David Goss, Dean Lahikainen, Prof. Whitney White and Prof. David Allen George. For more information on the Hawthorne Hotel, visit www.hawthornehotel.com

Saving Endangered Properties: The Salem News looks at Endangered Historic Houses: 6 Federal Place, 18 Crombie Street



6 Federal Court

In August and September, 2003, The Salem News reported that the City of Salem was spearheading new efforts to help save two endangered Salem landmarks, located at 6 Federal Court and 18 Crombie Street. The Federal Court building includes a brick Federal Style main house, with a detached French Second Empire style carriage house. The Wendt House at 18 Crombie Street is a timber framed, Georgian Style, gambrel roof house, thought to date from the 1780s or earlier, and moved to Crombie Street in the early 19th century. The Wendt House tops both the local list of Most Endangered historic resources in Salem, and the State's list of Most Endangered Historic Resources. Preservation and restoration of both properties is needed

for neighborhood improvement, economic revitalization, and historic preservation.



18 Crombie Street

SPI encourages the preservation and restoration of the Wendt House, the Federal Court brick house, and its nearby carriage house.

Nathaniel Bowditch House, a National Historic Landmark, restored



9 North Street

During the summer of 2003, Rich Turner and his crew at Hamilton Works, Inc. put finishing touches upon the restored Nathaniel Bowditch House at 9 North Street in Salem. The project speaks well not only of Salem's famous Federal period Navigator, but also of all those who worked in and after 1999 to restore the National Historic Landmark to its former glory. The restoration project commenced when the Board of Historic Salem, Inc. commissioned an Historic Structure Report and Adaptive Re-Use Plan prepared by SPI's President John Goff. The exterior restoration was completed with the help of many others, including Salem Mayor Stanley J. Usovicz, Jr. and the City of Salem, LT. Paul Brawley and U.S. Navy crews from the USS GUNSTON HALL, Salem architect Staley McDermet, the House Committee of Historic Salem, Inc., and with funding provided largely by the Massachusetts Historic Commission, the Essex National Heritage Commission, and the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation. Thanks all for a project well done!

Coming soon: Due to the number of preservation news items, we have decided to defer reporting on the Community Preservation Act. Look for a full discussion of the Act and all its intricacies in a future issue.

Updates on 2003 Stories

Marblehead Maritime Warehouse - SAVED

The endangered 18th century Tucker's Wharf building in Marblehead, considered to be one of the last colonial warehouses surviving in North America, has been SAVED. The National Park Service, acting through the Salem Maritime National Historic Site, has been permitted to dismantle the timber framed structure, and study it prior to reconstructing it on Derby Wharf in Salem. In Salem, it will function both as an interpretive feature, and support structure for the replica East Indiaman FRIENDSHIP. SPI congratulates all persons involved with preserving such an important relic from our past. SPI campaigned for the building's preservation in the April, and June 2003 issues of The Salem Preservationist.

FAME joins Salem's fleet of replicated historic sailing ships



In July, 2003, Capt. Michael Rutstein of Essex sailed the beautiful replicated War of 1812 privateer FAME to Derby Wharf, to increase the number of historic ships (and themes) interpreted on Salem's historic waterfront. The vessel was built by Harold Burnham, with a traditional pink-sterned design. It adds substantially to Salem's identity as an historic seaport and desirability as an historic tour destination. SPI congratulates the Captain and all the crew who labored so magnificently to bring back FAME to Salem Harbor. SPI first reported on the coming of the FAME in the April, 2003 issue of The Salem Preservationist.

First Naumkeag and Salem First families Initiative

SPI advances First Naumkeag and Salem First families Initiative with new research and projects relating to Native American and First English founders of Naumkeag-Salem. In this issue of the Salem Preservationist, we include a number of articles and web links relating to Salem's Native American, and Gardner, Conant, Endicott, Higginson, and Winthrop settlement periods. All of these developments continue what we announced in the June 2003 issue of The Salem Preservationist to be our "Naumkeag & Salem First

Families Initiative." Between the years 2003 (marking the 375th anniversary of Endicott's crossing) and 2005 (marking the 375th anniversary of Winthrop's crossing) Salem Preservation, Inc. plans to direct much more attention on Naumkeag's and Salem's earliest history, to support a number of related local, state and regional preservation, education, and economic development projects..

Fall 2003 Report SPI's Naumkeag and Salem First families Initiative

The Winthrop Society becomes first
organizational Founding Member of SPI

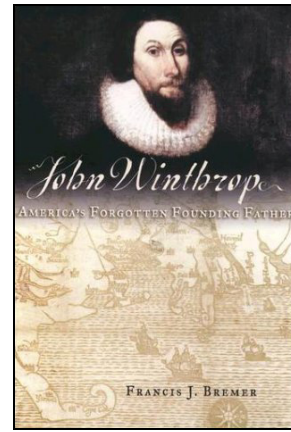
The Winthrop Society
Descendants of the Great Migration

On September 22, 2003, SPI recognized the first Organizational Founding Member of SPI: The Winthrop Society, a history group with over 300 members comprised largely of descendants of people who first came to America aboard Gov. John Winthrop's ARBELLA fleet, which anchored in Salem Harbor in June of 1630. The Winthrop Society is dedicated to furthering the historic research and documentation of the Winthrop expedition and the 17th century times of which it was a part. For additional information, see the Winthrop Society's web site at www.winthropsociety.org Salem Preservation is grateful for the generous support of "The General membership of the Winthrop Society" and looks forward to a productive partnership before, in, and after the 375th anniversary of the Winthrop Crossing is celebrated in 2005.

Dr. F. J. Bremer Publishes Outstanding New Biography of Gov. John Winthrop of England, Salem, & Boston

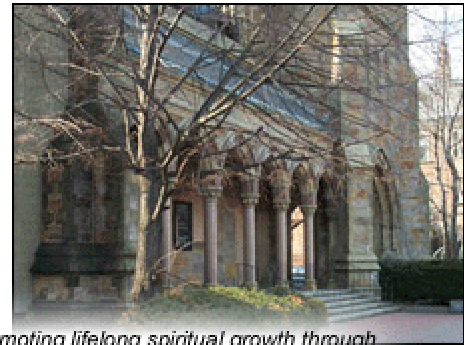
A new biography called John Winthrop: America's Forgotten Founding Father has been taking the history world by storm in Salem, Boston and eastern Massachusetts. Published by Oxford University Press in June, 2003, the work was just written by Francis J. Bremer, editor of the Winthrop papers for the Massachusetts Historical Society. Publisher's Weekly reported "Bremer...draws on those papers to add tremendously to our understanding of this pivotal figure, eloquently reminding us in a rich, magisterial biography how much Winthrop contributed to the founding of the colonies...Bremer [also] uses previously unavailable materials in the Winthrop archives to vividly recreate the religious and political reform movements in early 17th century England."

While he is now recognized to have produced the "definitive biography" of Winthrop, Bremer has also written an important book providing many new insights into the settling of New England...and Salem.



Salem Preservation, Inc. is appreciative of this new recognition of Salem as Birthplace of Boston, founding place of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and gateway to America for all the Winthrop Fleet passengers and families. To order your copy now, visit www.amazon.com

Winthrop's Church[es] in both Bostons Celebrate Gov. Winthrop's Legacy



*Promoting lifelong spiritual growth through
free religious thought and expression*

The First and Second Church of Boston at 66 Marlborough Street in Boston's Back Bay has been enjoying celebrations in 2003 taking note of the church's early ties to Gov. Winthrop in the 1630s, and to Boston, England from whence the early Puritans sailed.

On July 27, 2003, Dr. Francis Bremer preached a 'lay sermon' entitled "Faith of a Founder: The Social Gospel of John Winthrop." This was followed, after the service, by a Question and Answer Session which focused on Prof. Bremer's new book, "John Winthrop, America's Forgotten Founding Father," recently published by Oxford University Press.

This program was aired on C-SPAN 2: Book TV, on September 20 and September 21. Order your video from C-SPAN Customer Service via E-mail at info@c-spanarchives.org . For more information on the First and Second Church of Boston go to www.fscboston.org

John Winthrop Discussion Deck on www.jollyroger.com provides forum for discussion of Winthrop Fleet Descendants and historians

Stephen Stanley, Bonnie Loring, Susan Sanders and others have been contributing to the www.jollyroger.com Internet site for discussing Winthrop's ARBELLA fleet passage to Salem, and the families that came over in this start of the "Great Migration." To go to the John Winthrop Discussion Deck hosted by www.jollyroger.com visit <http://jollyroger.com/zz/yintellectuald/JohnWinthrop/cas/34.html>

SPI crafting new Winthrop Regional Heritage Tour

To support the restoration of Salem 1630: Pioneer Village and the celebration of the 375th Anniversary of Winthrop's 1630 crossing in 2004 and 2005, Salem Preservation, Inc. has commenced researching sites and communities across Massachusetts and New England (and in Old England) which share important historical connections with Gov. John Winthrop. A Winthrop Regional Heritage Tour is being developed, which will ultimately link Salem with many nearby and some distant communities, including Boston, Cambridge, Winchester, Manchester By The Sea, and Sturbridge, MA. If you know of additional Winthrop sites or historic properties of potential interest to Winthrop family descendants and visitors, please e-mail news of the same to SPI's tour developer, John Goff, at jgoff@salem Preservation.org Thank you!

Before Winthrop: September 2003 Marks 375th Anniversary of Gov. John Endicott's arrival to Salem

Abigail List - 1628

While Gov. John Winthrop is increasingly being recognized as "America's Forgotten Founding Father" it is important to remember that September, 2003 marks the 375th anniversary of the arrival in Salem of the John Endicott voyage aboard the ship ABIGAIL. The ABIGAIL which sailed in 1628 made the initial attempt in re-interpreting Roger Conant's fishing station of 1626 as a foundation of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Together, Conant, Endicott, Higginson and Winthrop participated in a series of new settlement adventures in 1626, 1628, 1629, and 1630. Salem, and America is richer due to the accomplishments of those early settlers of New England. Endicott's name survives in Salem on the Endicott Building on Essex Street across from Lappin Park, and just north of the current city limits in Endicott Street by the Liberty Tree Mall. Gov. John Endicott emigrated from Weymouth, England. For more on the ship ABIGAIL, and her passengers, go to <http://hawkshome.net/html/ship16.htm>

In Weymouth, England, Endicott is remembered as "The First Governor of Massachusetts" on a monument in Alexandra Gardens. (See Annette Hogan's Weymouth walking tour published on <http://members.lycos.co.uk/SDHS/walk.htm>). However, Thomas Gardner who founded the 1623-1624 Cape Ann colony which was later relocated to Naumkeag in 1626, is also credited by some with that title. For more on Thomas Gardner, (who also sailed from Weymouth, England) visit freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~barbpretz/ps03/ps03_196.html

Before Winthrop: Salem Takes New Looks at Its Native American Heritage



The front page of the [Salem News](#) on September 19, 2003 displayed an article called "Museum Rediscovered Native American Treasures." It coincided with the opening of the Peabody Essex Museum's new exhibit "Uncommon Legacies" which will be open to the public (Salem residents free admission) from September 19 through December 14th. The Peabody Essex Museum contains one of the largest collections of artifacts and historical materials relating to the 17th century (and earlier) Native American occupants of Naumkeag / Salem. A stone bear excavated from near Essex Street, Salem, survives as one of the highlights of the PEM collection.

Many mysteries surround the final days of the Penacook or Massachusetts or Naumkeag Indians in the early 17th century, that can only be better understood by new research, supported by new archaeological study. Salem Preservation, Inc. encourages all readers of the [Salem Preservationist](#) to tour the Peabody Essex Museum here in Salem to be introduced to the Native Americans' Salem and Naumkeag. As part of its "Naumkeag and Salem First Families Initiative" SPI plans to partner with archaeologists and others to develop a series of new programs and educational materials to help us better understand the histories of the "prehistoric" people who allied militarily with the first English settlers, and who lived, worked, hunted, farmed, traded furs, and boated and fished in Naumkeag/Salem before us. One of the best web-based resources for studying Native American culture and technology exists at Native Tech. To learn more, go to www.nativetech.org To learn more about this Peabody Essex Museum special exhibit, visit www.pem.org "Uncommon Legacies" (PEM web site, Special Exhibits, "MORE").