



Golden Ball Tavern Tidings

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What's New:

- **Peter Lord** has spurred us to make our website more exciting and informative. Check it out the additions at www.goldenballtavern.org.
- **Suzie Nichols, Michelle Roman, Carolyn McGuire, Karen Valovcin, and Nathalie Thompson** are assisting Joan in selecting the archival "Treasures" that will appear on the website every few months.
- **Pam Aghababian** has come to work with us. She has done wonders updating our Past Perfect files. We welcome her expertise and her energy.
- **Michelle Roman** has designed a wonderful set of offerings for Girl Scouts to come to earn badges at the museum.
- **Linda Wiseman, Kay Conrad and Joan** have designed a new exhibit focusing on the boarders who stayed at the Golden Ball Hotel in the late 1800s to early 1900s. Watch for its opening.
- **Charles Jones**, from Ottawa, Illinois, sent us photographs and newspaper articles about the Jones family. He is planning to return the halberd (two-handed pole weapon) that belonged to Isaac Jones' grandfather.
- **Pilar Garro** is helping us identify a wallpaper from our own collection of papers found in the house. We hope to make a digital copy that we can put on the walls in the North East second floor bedroom that will be interpreted as Lettie Frost Jones's room in the new exhibit planned for the fall.
- **Wendy Jones de Geoffroy**, a descendant of Lettie and George Jones, has sent us information about Lettie for our upcoming exhibit.

Thanks for jobs well done:

- To **Karen Valovcin, Suzie Nichols, Linda Wiseman, Marsha Tucker, and Bill Gallagher** for their help with the What's New Party.
- To **Sue McFarland** for tending to and refurbishing the herb garden.
- To **Will McFarland** for continuing his invaluable research into the history of the Jones family and for helping to organize our files on the family.
- To the Education Committee chairs **Carolyn McGuire, Susie Nichols** and guides **Michelle Roman, Nathalie Thompson, Karen Valovcin, and Becky Callow** for running highly successful fifth and third grade visits.
- To **Valdas Giniotas** who beautifully re-gilded the golden ball hanging on the east side of the house. This was the ball that was the sign for the Golden Ball Hotel in the 1880's.
- To the Country Garden Club of Weston for the fantastic holiday decorations for our Wassail party.
- To **Peter and Lyn Lord** for the festive Wassail celebration.
- To **Catha Hesse** for keeping the silver in the exhibit its shining bright.
- To **Marsha Tucker** for her work with the gift shop.
- To **Tare and Sue** and their wonderful volunteers for another successful Outdoor Antiques Show.
- To **Elizabeth and Joe Forcucci** for tending to the perennial garden.
- **Kelly Wood** for all of her help throughout the year.
- To our committees for all the work you do to keep the museum functioning at full speed and to make the Outdoor Antiques Show such a success.

Upcoming Events:

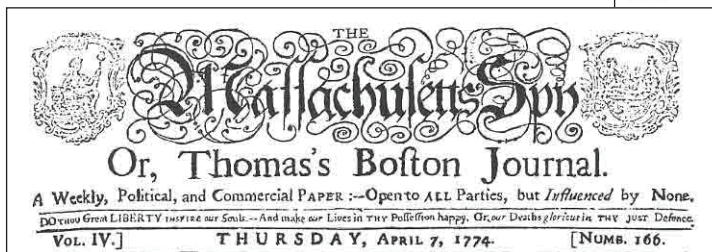
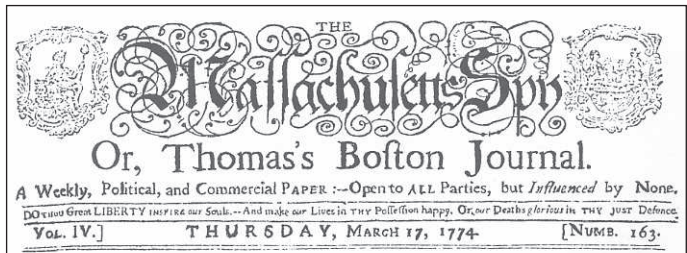
- Watch for the announcement of the opening of the new exhibit *Keeping with the Joneses*, bringing to life the Golden Ball Hotel, a lively boarding house, in the late 1800's and early 1900's.
- This summer we will be creating a program highlighting the movie *Allegiance: The Legend of Isaac Jones* for the Weston Cable Channel.
- Come to the **Outdoor Antiques Show Preview Party** to be held from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on **September 23rd, 2011** the Friday prior to the show. Details regarding other offerings and costs will be included in future mailings.
- Plan to attend the **Annual Outdoor Antiques Show** will be held **Saturday, September 24th**, rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Watch for the mailing, and please save your donations for our treasure table.
- Look online for the next book for the September GBT book group.
- Watch for details of our sixth biennial symposium, this one on *Food and Drink in Taverns in the Colonial and Early Federal Period*, to be held in May, 2012.

Help Wanted:

We would welcome volunteers to help Sue McFarland with the garden, and/or to become guides with our exciting education programs. Please call the museum 781-894-1751 or email Joan at Joanb5@aol.com.



The museum's website will be highlighting a different set of documents from our archives each quarter. Log on to goldenballtavern.org and enjoy getting in touch with history. Here are some samples of what you will be able to find on line:



For the MASSACHUSETTS SPY. To the PUBLIC.

IT seems by the resentment shewn by a number of people that assembled at my house on the 28th of March, when I was gone a journey in the country, that I have done something that caused their resentment, and I know not what it should be except my bringing some tea from Albany, sometime last winter which I then supposed would not have offended any body, as it paid no duty in America; but since I find it has, I would inform the public that I am sorry that I have offended them, and am determined not to offend in the like manner for the future; for it is well known that I have been as much set against the dutied tea as any person whatever. ISAAC JONES.

Weston, April 6, 1774.

For the MASSACHUSETTS' SPY.

Mr. THOMAS,
By giving the following a place in your useful paper, you will oblige a subscriber and constant reader.

IT is currently reported among us in the country, that Mr. J—c J—s of Weston, who has lately had a considerable quantity of Tea for sale, now makes his brags, that many of his good customers, (to whom he disposed off said Tea) belonged to the towns between Weston and Boston. And, (as he says) purchased of him freely, notwithstanding the sacred resolutions they had entered into, not to use, much less buy any Tea! or be concerned with any person that did, either directly or indirectly. Now if this be true, what can be the advantage of our town-meetings and resolves? If it is not true, does not the infolence of this arrogant boaster deserve the severest chastisement? Or indeed, which are the more worthy to be defied by their injured countrymen? The above I refer to the public for an impartial answer, before I proceed to point out any particular town or person. RUSTICUS.

March 7, 1774.