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## Limited edition marathon prints to benefit Hopkinton's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary now available

**HOPKINTON, MA (March 26, 2015)** – The 26.2 Foundation in conjunction with the Hopkinton 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee announces the sale of 300 signed, limited edition prints featuring iconic symbols of Hopkinton's "Marathon Footprint" including the Team Hoyt sculpture, the "Spirit of the Marathon" sculpture, the "Starter" sculpture and the gazebo on the Town Common.

"These prints capture and express the respect, love and admiration the town of Hopkinton has for the Boston Marathon," said 26.2 Foundation president Michael Neece.

The prints are being produced to benefit the Hopkinton 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee and all proceeds will help to fund the "Light up the Night" fireworks display planned for the evening of September 12, 2015. The prints will be sold in sets of four for a total price of \$50.00 and all donations via the 26.2 Foundation are tax deductible.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to purchase these prints," said 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair Jean Bertschmann. "Three hundred years in Hopkinton's history only comes around once. We haven't had fireworks in Hopkinton in over 30 years and we are very appreciative of the 26.2 Foundation's support to help make this special event a reality."

The prints were designed and created by Hopkinton resident Maddie Bertschmann, a Markets, Innovation & Design major in the School of Management at Bucknell University. Learning that some of the funding for the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration had been eliminated due to state budget cuts, Bertschmann donated her time to create the prints in an effort to boost fundraising efforts.

"I'm so excited to be able to contribute to the 300th anniversary celebration," said Maddie Bertschmann. "It's really a professional and personal honor for me to design these prints, especially considering I've been afforded this opportunity without even having graduated college yet. Aside from my time at Bucknell, I have lived in Hopkinton my entire life, so the town is very much integral to who I am. Having the opportunity to pay homage to the town in my own way is really incredible. Ultimately, I just hope that the prints provide a little reminder to the families whose homes they hang in of the beauty of Hopkinton's history and community, which is what really makes this town so special."



To pre-order and reserve your \$50.00 4-piece set, send an email to [300@hopkintonma.gov](mailto:300@hopkintonma.gov). Checks should be payable to the 26.2 Foundation and mailed to:

26.2 Foundation  
P.O. Box 820,  
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For questions, please email [300@hopkintonma.gov](mailto:300@hopkintonma.gov).

For more information about upcoming activities, visit the Hopkinton 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration website at [www.hopkintonma300.com](http://www.hopkintonma300.com). Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Hopkinton300](https://www.facebook.com/Hopkinton300) for easy updates, and for any and all questions about the 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration, please email us at [300@hopkintonma.gov](mailto:300@hopkintonma.gov).

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**ABOUT HOPKINTON'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE** - The 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee is charged with planning, coordinating, preparing and recommending to the Board of Selectmen a program of celebrations to commemorate Hopkinton's 300th anniversary in 2015, and to implement recommendations approved by the Board of Selectmen.

**ABOUT THE 26.2 FOUNDATION** - The 26.2 Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in 1996. Its mission is to promote and support the sport of marathoning, as well as health, wellness and economic development initiatives through strategic investments in innovative, multi-generational programs on local, regional, national and global levels.

**HOPKINTON'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SPONSORS:** EMC Corporation, Phipps Insurance Agency, PerkinElmer, Faith Community Church, Scott's Landscaping, Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects, The Hopkinton Independent, Legacy Farms, Mirick O'Connell Attorneys at Law, Middlesex Savings Bank, The Richmond Group, Weston Nurseries, Webster First Federal Credit Union, MetroWest YMCA Family Outdoor Center and Carbone's Restaurant.