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Hopkinton's 300th Anniversary Celebration Kicks Off in January

HOPKINTON, MA (December 12, 2014) – Beginning in January of 2015, the yearlong series of events to celebrate Hopkinton's 300th anniversary will begin. Planning by the Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Celebration Committee has been, and is still, underway for several activities that will highlight, recognize and honor Hopkinton's history and the people who made it happen. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday, January 23, 2015 at Hopkinton High and while the exact schedule of events is still being finalized, we want to get the word out about what to expect for the month of January 2015.

The Opening Ceremony on Friday, January 23, 2015 will include a **First Baby Contest** and an **Oldest Resident Award**. Are you expecting in the New Year? Who will be Hopkinton's first baby born in 2015? Or the oldest resident? The oldest resident will be presented with the Boston Post Cane and the newest resident will be recognized as well.

On Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Hopkinton will celebrate the **120th Anniversary of the Hopkinton Public Library**. Also on Saturday, the Friends of Hopkinton's Anniversary Celebrations will sponsor a **Float Building Workshop** at 10:00 a.m. in the Hopkinton Fire Station Meeting Room.

The **300th Anniversary Photo Contest** is now open and accepting entries. Do you have a photo that's all about Hopkinton? Your submission should reflect some aspect of the 300th Anniversary theme: Celebrating our Past, Embracing Today and Inspiring our Future. Photo entries will be on display during the Opening Weekend with a **Reception at the Hopkinton Center for the Arts (HCA)** on Sunday, January 25 2015 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Photographs are due to HCA at 98 Hayden Rowe by Saturday, January 17, 2015 and can be dropped off on Friday, January 16 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Submissions are limited to two pieces per entrant with a maximum height and width of 42 inches. For hanging, please mount and wire for hanging. Entries will be judged and cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

A **Program Guide** detailing the 2015 celebration calendar will be mailed to all households in Hopkinton in January.

For more information about upcoming activities, visit the Hopkinton 300th Anniversary Celebration website at www.hopkintonma300.com. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Hopkinton300 for easy updates, and for any and all questions about the 300th Celebration, please email us at 300@hopkintonma.gov.

To purchase, or for information about commemorative gifts, please visit The Friends of Hopkinton's Anniversary Celebrations website at <http://friendsofhopkinton.org/>.

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ABOUT HOPKINTON'S 300TH 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 FRIENDS OF HOPKINTON'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS - Friends of Hopkinton Anniversary Celebrations is an independent and autonomous organization dedicated to fundraising efforts for this and future anniversaries. The money we raise will be donated directly to the town's committee.

HOPKINTON'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SPONSORS: EMC Corporation, Phipps Insurance Agency, PerkinElmer, Faith Community Church, Scott's Landscaping, Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects, 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.