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Northfield's 350th Anniversary: Reconnecting Northfield

Exciting Events for Our Community During 2023

Dear Northfield Neighbor,

For over a year, the Northfield 350th Anniversary Committee has been working in small groups to produce a program worthy of this important milestone in the history of our town. We enthusiastically invite you to be part of this once in a lifetime moment in Northfield's history starting in January. The outstanding series of events will highlight attributes of the town that make it so unique: its beginnings thousands of years ago and its First People, a rich history, natural beauty, religious history, educational excellence, agriculture, art and architecture, and some of the challenges it has faced in recent years. Post the enclosed Schedule at your home or office.

If your family has been here stewarding this land for generations, thank you. If you have come here recently, you will delight in learning more about the place where you live. Together we will have fun, get to know one another better, reflect on how to preserve what's special about where we live and work, and plan together for what the future may require of us.

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There is still time to support the season or individual activities on the Schedule with your business donation or personal gift, or to become a volunteer. See the enclosed card for details. Contributions to the Northfield 350th are tax deductible.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Jan. 1, 2023 **Luminaria Along Main Street**—Light the way in your own way to the Anniversary!
5 p.m.

FEBRUARY—OFFICIAL KICK OFF!

Sat. Feb 18 **350th Kids and Family Fun Day**, Northfield Elementary School, featuring a birds of prey demonstration by Tom Ricardi of Conway, and songs by storyteller Roger Tinknell.
9-12 Noon

2-4 p.m. **Bonfire and Winter Activities**, Northfield Mountain, 99 Millers Falls Road. Hosted by First Light Power Resources.

Sun. Feb 19 **Sokoki World of 1663**, The Squakheag/Sokoki people who lived in what is now Northfield, by Peter Thomas, Archeologist, presenter. Trinitarian Church, 147 Main St. Reception. Memorabilia from Northfield's 300th in 1973. **Co-Sponsored by Historic Deerfield.** (Snow date: February 20)
2 p.m.

MARCH

Sat. Mar 11 **King Philip's War**, by David Brule, President, Nolumbeka Project, Coordinator of the Nat'l Park Service Battlefield Grant, Trinitarian Church.
5 p.m.

APRIL

Sat. Apr 15 **Coffee Hour**, Dickinson Library. Reminisce with fellow Northfielders over coffee and treats.
2 p.m.

Thurs April 27 **Abijah Prince of Northfield: From Enslaved to Entrepreneur**, by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina, author of "Mr. and Mrs. Prince." See website.
TBD

MAY

Sun. May 7 **Mill Brook Trail Walk: Early Industries Along the Streams of Northfield**, Narrated by Annie Chappell. Meet at Northfield Post Office.
1 p.m.

Weds. May 10 **Architecture of Early New England**, A Zoom talk by Eric Gradoia, Architectural Historian. See 350th website for the link closer to the event.
7 p.m.

Sat. May 13 **King Philip's Hill Walk**, Led by Rich Holschuh, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Elnu Band Abenaki, at King Philip's Hill on Old Bernardston Road.
9 a.m.

Sat. May 20 **Architectural Tours**, Main Street by Architectural Historian, Eric Gradoia. 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. See 350th website for meeting locations.

COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

Buy a commemorative logo item as a holiday gift and support the 350th with your purchase!

On sale now at two locations and online.

Visit:

Adria's Floral Designs, 75 Main Street, and
The Brewery at Four Star Farms, 508 Pine Meadow Rd.

Online: Enter the Town website with the link below:

<https://www.northfieldma.gov/northfield-350th-anniversary-committee> and look top left.

Currently on sale are:

*Tom White's crocks, plates, bowls, mugs and medallions

*Handsome beige and black tote bags and hats with commemorative logo

*Commemorative pins

Coming soon:

*Doors of Northfield' 350th Anniversary Poster, 20" x 24" rolled, wrapped and ready to give as gifts.



SEE [Northfield350.org](https://www.northfield350.org) FOR NEW EVENTS AND UPDATES

JUNE

Weds. June 7 **Alderbrook Meadow and Wildlife Sanctuary Walk**, Millers Falls Road, 7 p.m.

Sat. June 10 **American Harmony Singers, Shape Note Concert: Songs of Timothy Swan**, 3 p.m. Trinitarian Church, 147 Main Street.

Sun. June 11 **Trains and Stations of Northfield**, Talk and Slideshow, W. Northfield Playground 2 p.m.

Sat. June 17 **Coffee Hour**, Dickinson Library. Reminisce with fellow Northfielders at 10 a.m.

Sat. June 24 **"Root Hog or Die"** 1978 documentary on farming in the Valley by Rawn Fulton and Newbold Noyes, Dickinson Library, 115 Main Street.

🎵 **SIGNATURE EVENT!! Pioneer Valley Symphony.** Beach House, Northfield Golf Course, Sun. June 25 5:30 p.m. 31 Holton Street.

JULY

Tues, July 11 **Northfield Chateau Exhibit and Talk** by Jack Nelson, Sculptor. 12 p.m. Fiddleheads Gallery/Deerfield Valley Art Association, 105 Main Street.

Sat., July 15 **American Youth Hostel: Memories and Music**, Presented by Jonathan Smith with music by Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, Dickinson Library, 115 Main Street. 3 p.m.

Fri., July 21 **"Out of the Storm"** A film about the West Virginia lumber company that came to Northfield after the 1938 hurricane changing lives forever. Dickinson Library. 6 p.m.

Sat., July 22 **Coffee Hour: The Rustic Ridge**, Dickinson Library, 12 p.m.

Sun. July 23 **D.L. Moody: A Life**, Presentation by DL Moody Biographer, Kevin Belmonte. Reception following, Trinitarian Church, 147 Main Street. 2 p.m.

Sun., July 30 **Rustic Ridge Cottage Tour** See 350th website for location and parking. 2 p.m.

AUGUST

Fri., Aug. 18 **"Free Spirits"** A Documentary film on the Renaissance Community, a 1970's commune located for a time in Northfield. Dickinson Library. 6 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 26, 9 a.m. **Brush Mountain Hike, Calvin Swan Homestead** See 350th website for info.

SEPTEMBER Consult the Anniversary website closer to these dates.

Sat. Sept. 16 **Family Fun Run** Walk, run, bike from the Riverview Dock to 4-Star Brewery.

Sat. Sept. 16 **Architectural Tours** led by Eric Gradoia, Main Street, 11:15 and 1 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 23 **Harvest Celebration:** Music, Food, Dancing and a Special Time!

🎵 **SIGNATURE EVENT!!** 350th Grand Parade down Main Street, Sat., Sept. 30, 10 a.m. Followed by music, food and FIREWORKS in the afternoon and evening at Four Star Farms.

COMING NEXT FALL:

Oct. 8 **Great River Challenge Triathlon**

NOVEMBER Multi-media production of **Northfield vs. the Pipeline**, time and place tba

DECEMBER **Christmas Carol**, Silverthorne Theater's comic version, Trinitarian Church, tba
Luminaria on Main Street, Dec. 31, 2023 5 p.m. Close the year with hope for a bright future for Northfield and its citizens!



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ONGOING and DEVELOPING PROGRAMS

THE TREE-50TH CHALLENGE Join the Northfield Garden Club, neighbors and partners to diversify and enhance Main Street's beautiful historical trees! Many of our trees are suffering from age, salt damage and climate stresses. Your support will help us identify 50 great sites, select the right trees, and organize volunteers to plant and care for them. Would your family like to plant a "Family Tree"? Remember an event with a "Memory Tree"? Acknowledge an important person with an "Honor Tree"? The average price of a tree is about \$200 but gifts of any size are welcome at "Town of Northfield 350th Anniversary, 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360, Attn: Tree-50th Project." Contact Judy Wagner or Martha Tenney for more information.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT Current and past residents of Northfield of ANY age are invited to share their memories of life in Northfield in an audio recording by the Northfield Oral History Project. Interviews are continuing. Pick up a sign-up sheet at the Library or the Senior Center.
Sponsored by Sen. Jo Comerford's Office.

PITI THEATER AND NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "HISTORY OF NORTHFIELD" STUDENT PRODUCTION Plans are underway for NES 4th and 5th graders to learn about events in Northfield history and produce a theatrical event based on their research during the spring of 2023 with the help of NES faculty and a residency by the Piti Theater Company of Shelburne Falls.
Sponsored by the Mass Cultural Council and the Potee-Martin family in support of public education. *Details coming in December.*