

Historic Steps

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PBS Documentary

The Polio Crusade, a PBS documentary with scenes filmed at the Public Health Museum will air this coming Monday, February 2, at 9:00 p.m. on WGBH TV. The documentary follows the life of a young boy stricken with polio and combines the emotional and psychological effects with the race to find a cure. Be sure to watch at 9:00!

Health Equity and the Future of Public Health

May 6th Conference on Health Disparities and Their Elimination

A Fifteenth Anniversary Event

The Public Health Museum, in collaboration with Tewksbury Hospital, is sponsoring a conference on achieving health equity. The May 6th event will address health disparities, their history, current status, things being done to eliminate disparities and suggestions of measures to achieve real equity.

Distinguished presenters include W. Michael Byrd, M.D., M.P.H.; Linda Clayton, M.D., M.P.H.; George B. Moseley, III, M.B.A., J.D. and others. Commissioner John Auerbach will launch the afternoon session and a panel of public health, public policy and health services experts will join the commissioner and speakers for a facilitated discussion of the issues and proposed solutions.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 6 (8:30-3:30), and join us for this timely, in-depth and thought-provoking educational conference.

Celebrating 15 Years

On September 30th, 1994, the Public Health Museum in Massachusetts opened its doors as the first museum in the country dedicated to the preservation of public health history. It's mission: become a multi-faceted museum and educational center where exhibits and collections illustrate our rich public health history and educate the community on new developments, programs and on current public health issues. We celebrate our 15th anniversary and take pride in the growth we've experienced and the programs and educational outreach we've realized. As we commemorate our 15th year milestone we thank everyone who has supported the Museum's mission from monetary donations, in-kind donations, advisory committee support to our volunteer staff. All of you have invested your valuable time and expertise in support of our mission: we offer many thanks.

Future plans include expanding exhibits and resource material, creating mobile and revolving exhibits for use at satellite facilities, and providing educational conferences.

Look for our anniversary celebration plans in upcoming newsletters

Newsletter Spotlight

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Tewksbury Hospital
365 East Street
Tewksbury, Massachusetts

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Join us on May 6th

Public Health Museum Reception Area



Expanding Museum Hours

The Museum is currently open from 10am—2pm Tuesday and Wednesday. Beginning in March, the Museum will be open three days a

and on our website in the coming weeks.

Volunteer Committee

A Volunteer Committee has been created to manage the many tasks available for people interested in volunteering at the museum. Paul Etkind, co-vice president of the Board of Directors and Chair of the committee commented on the creation of this new committee, "The Public Health Museum offers various ways people can invest their time and expertise. Projects range from welcoming visitors in our reception area, to office support and general maintenance, to archiving and document preservation. Our goal is to match an individual's interest and background with the museum's current projects and find an area they can invest their time in tasks they enjoy."

A novel approach to volunteerism: "We are offering task-oriented opportunities as opposed to regular hours per week," states Christine Pondelli, Executive Director at the museum. "Many people are interested in investing in volunteer projects but hesitate; they prefer keeping a flexible schedule rather than having to be somewhere on a regular basis. They've been there, done that with working most of their lives. So, we present volunteers with tasks that the Museum needs help with and the flexibility to manage that task. Couple that with the ability to choose an area of specific interest, everyone benefits. I find history is a very interesting area in which to surround oneself," she said.

There is an immediate need at the reception desk and for tour guides, general maintenance and cleaning. A task list will be available in future newsletters and on the website in coming weeks.

Donations

We wish to thank the organizations and families who donated artifacts and historical documents to the Museum this year. Among them:

*Awards, articles and publications written by Dr. Marjorie Anna Christina Young. Dr. Young was a leading teacher, researcher and public health professional and her writings are considered most authoritative in the field of Health Education. Items were donated by her nephew.

* A Keystone Vision Tester, Maico Hearing Test Machine, and other items were donated by the School Nurses of Massachusetts Organization.

* Voting records of the Mass. Public Health Council dating back to 1869 were recently donated to the Museum.

Public Health Museum in Massachusetts

Protecting Public Health Past and Present

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Please Pay Your Dues

week, Tuesday-Thursday from 10-2. Appointments may still be scheduled for tours during other times of the week.

Call for historical artifacts & documents

Presently, there is a lot of material at risk of being lost or destroyed housed in storage areas of health agencies. Please consider donations to the Museum before discarding what may seem as outdated equipment or material. These items may in fact be historical artifacts and documents that can be used as reference material for future generations. Contact the Museum with any questions.

WISH LIST

Below are items that we can always use at the museum:

Office supplies
Printer Ink—for HP 6300 series
Copy Paper

Archival document and preservation products:

Archival boxes
Acid free paper
Storage Albums
Binders

Wood floor cleaning supplies