

**‘Thank You’ Letters sent to the Keene Sentinel
and the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript
(incomplete)**

2017

(The letter to the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript was shortened because of allowable length.)

To the Editor:

The Seventeenth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed—open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey’s antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social in the Horsesheds—were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Bruce Hill, Jaffrey Historical Society.

Presentation of the Declaration: Raymond Dolan & Helen Wagner.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Marc Tieger, Juliet Wagner, Mike Redmond, Garrett Maki, Don Upton, Regina Vorce, Owen Houghton, Ken Campbell, Bill Raymond, Gambrill Wagner, Charlie Turcotte, Marilyn Simons, Don Maclsaac, Ellen Avery, Peter Davis, Elisha Dupuis, Deborah Thurber, Maggie Rivard, Susan Emerson, Carol Hess, Dennis Wright, David Jeffries, Mel Berger, Alex Cummings, Franklin Sterling, Bill Oswalt, Shayna Appel, Peachie Chalke, Bruce Hill, Susan Shaw-Sarles, Jon Frederick, Bob Schaumann, Karen Ayres, Sean Driscoll, Jim Weimann, Shirley Mahoney, Cindy Weimann, Carolyn Edwards and Millie Vigneault.

Reader coordination: Caroline & Clay Hollister.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bill Raymond.

Bell ringing: Harrison Wagner.

Flowers: Claire Bean, Nancy Belletete, Jane Cunningham and others.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Pam Hill, Gunilla Johanson, Patty Scholl.

Robert Stephenson for the co-sponsors:
Jaffrey Historical Society
Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society
Jaffrey Historic District Commission
Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee

2016

To the Editor:

The Sixteenth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed—open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social in the Horsesheds—were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Sam Hackler, Village Improvement Society Society.

Presentation of the Declaration: Blake Ferguson.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Marilyn Simons, Janet Chalke, Sanford Isaacs, Doug Ley, Richard Ames, Peter Davis, Tom Rothermel, Franklin Sterling, Bonnie Mitchell, Don MacIsaac, Rachel Soney, Tuck Gilbert, Alan Soney, Bob Chamberlain, Hal Danser, Nancy Lloyd, Ann Marie Furnival, Bill Driscoll, Michelle Durand, Marsha Griffin, Ken Campbell, Joe Steinfield, Tuesday Wright, Tom Doane, Jack Belletete, David Chamberlain, Caroline Hollister, Craig Tucker, Mike Shea, Martha Gilroy, Ellen Avery, John O. Field, Dorothy Bacon, Heather Ames, David Jeffries, Michael Osgood, Liz Tong and Deborah Thurber.

Reader coordination: Frank Sterling.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bill Raymond.

Bell ringing: Blake Ferguson.

Flowers: Nancy Belletete.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Refreshments: Val Atkins, Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson and Patty Scholl.

Robert Stephenson for the co-sponsors:
Jaffrey Historical Society
Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society
Jaffrey Historic District Commission
Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee

2015

To the Editor:

The Fifteenth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence

at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social in the Horsesheds--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Robert Stephenson, Jaffrey Historical Society.

Presentation of the Declaration: Samantha Newton.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Peter Davis, Bonnie Mitchell, Robert Putnam, Steve Weiner, Lee Sawyer, Richard Ames, Doug Ley, Bill Schofield, Frank Sterling, Bernie Watson, Mike Newton, Bernie Hampsey, James Moore, Peter Straus, Steve Gehlbach, Laurel McKenzie, Bill Oswalt, Susan Peterson, Deborah Stewart, Ann Marie Furnival, Ellen Avery, Barbara Danser, Sylvia Hamilton, Chris Newton, Suzanne Mieso, Michaele Osgood, Bill Raymond, Don Upton, Elizabeth Kintz, Becky Newton, James Reimers, John O. Field, Patricia Weiner, Unique Baldwin, Nadia Bhatti, Janet Chalke, Katie Gardella and Joe Sawyer.

Reader coordination: Frank Sterling.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bill Raymond.

Bell ringing: Christopher and Samantha Newton.

Flowers: Claire Bean, Jane Cunningham and Dee Poole.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson and Patty Scholl.

Robert Stephenson for the co-sponsors:
Jaffrey Historical Society
Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society
Jaffrey Historic District Commission
Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee

2014

To the Editor:

The Fourteenth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social in the Horsesheds--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Susan Campbell, Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society

Presentation of the Declaration: Lily & Oliver Tullio

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Marc Tieger, William Weibel, Frank Sterling, Alicia Cournoyer, Owen Houghton, Kathleen LaRue, Richard Ames, Bonnie Mitchell, Tom Rothermel, Bill Schofield, Dennis Wright, Ann Marie Furnival, Don MacIsaac, Michael Redmond, Joe Hileman, Peter Straus, Bruce Larsen, Stephanie Minter, Lucy Meyers, Becky Newton, Katie Gardella, Clay Hollister, Michael Osgood, Liz Tong, Jack Belletete, David Chamberlain, Jeffrey Clark-Kevan, Linda Cramb, Ken Campbell, Caroline Hollister, Hal Danser, Rick Stein, Peter Russell, Delaney Beaven, Christopher Newton, Chastity Dupuis, Kaitlyn Teixeira and Mariah Chamberlain.

Reader coordination: Frank Sterling.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Ellen Avery.

Bell ringing: Christopher Newton.

Flowers: Claire Bean, Jane Cunningham & Dee Poole.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Fans: Janet and Linda Grant.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson, Patty Scholl.

Co-sponsors:

Jaffrey Historical Society

Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society

Jaffrey Historic District Commission

Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee

2012

To the Editor:

The Twelfth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social on the Melville lawn--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Ellen Avery, Village Improvement Society

Presentation of the Declaration: Sigmund & Henry Winiecki.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Steve Gehlbach, Michael Redmond, Marc Tieger, Robert Korpi, Walt Pryor, Joanne Buck, Susan Emerson, Becky Newton, Ron Rogstad, Suzanne Mieso, Mike Newton, Kathy Batchelder, Richard Ames, Noel Pierce, Dorrie Upton, Sam Hackler, Eileen Hackler, Nathan Shay, Susan Leach, Dawn Oswald, Norm Soney, Marilyn Simons, Don Upton, Ross Gauthier, Sherry Gauthier, Anthony Gauthier, Bill Oswald, Ken Bacon, David Chamberlain, Don MacIsaac, Frank Sterling, Owen Houghton, Liz Tong, Jeanne LaBrie. Martha Gilroy, Joan Knight, Lee Sawyer, Joe Sawyer

Reader coordination: Debbie Stewart.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Ellen Avery.

Bell ringing: Margaret Winiecki.

Flowers: Jane Cunningham & Dee Poole.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Melville Academy and Refreshments: Sally Roberts, Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson, Sally Larsen, Ed & Dee Poole, Patty Scholl.

Co-sponsors:

Jaffrey Historical Society

Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society

Jaffrey Historic District Commission

Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee

2011

To the Editor:

The Eleventh Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social on the Melville lawn--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Welcome: Bob Chamberlain

Presentation of the Declaration: Dustin Bergeron.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): David Chamberlain, Gambrell Wagner, Bill Raymond, Patricia Weiner, Claire

Bean, Carol Gehlbach, Debbie Stewart, George Dishong, Charles Royce, Joe Manning, Dion Owens, Kay Butler, Ed Merrell, Marcie Manning, Steve Weiner, Kathy Batchelder, Emily Butler, Mariah Chamberlain, Alyssia Maki, Nicholas Rivard, Tom Doane, Nancy Lloyd, Sean Driscoll, Walt Pryor, Dottie Bacon, Tom Rothermel, Don Maclsaac, Marc Tieger, Bill Oswalt, Susan Emerson, Bill Schofield, Frank Sterling, Mariah Maki, Shirley Despres, Sean Driscoll, Jr., Lilly Given, Henry Soney and Garrett Maki.

Reader coordination: Debbie Stewart.

Reader sequencing: Ken Campbell.

Piano: Louise Watson.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bruce Larsen.

Bell ringing: Joseph Bergeron.

Flowers: Jane Cunningham & Dee Poole.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system (lent by the Amos Fortune Forum): Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Melville Academy: Sallie Austermann, Sally & Bruce Larsen, Ed & Dee Poole.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson and Patty Scholl.

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2010

To the Editor:

The Tenth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a

standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social on the Melville lawn--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Presentation of the Declaration: Maria & Elicia Dupuis.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Don MacIsaac, Peter Lambert, Frank Sterling, Sylvia Hamilton, Peter Davis, Clif Pellisier, Rachel Soney, Susan Emerson, Mark Kresge, Bernie Hampsey, Pat MacIsaac, Sue Lyle, Bobbie Gilbert, Liz Tong, Tom Rothermel, David Chamberlain, Steffie Kyte, Terry Devlin, Barbara Davis, Jean LaBrie, Peachie Chalke, Tuck Gilbert, Al Soney, Betsy Trimble, Joanne Buck, Bob Kyte, Clay Hollister, Cathy Batchelder, Marilyn Simons, Bill Driscoll, Marc Tieger, Caroline Hollister, Charlie Lyle, Bonnie Mitchell, Meredith Shepard, Helen Soney, Garrett Maki and Debbie Stewart

Reader coordination: Debbie Stewart.

Welcome: Ken Campbell.

Piano: Louise Curran.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bruce Larsen.

Bell ringing: Henry Soney.

Flowers: Claire Bean & Jane Cunningham.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Sound system: Dick Ames and Sean Driscoll.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Melville Academy: Mary Jo Marvin and Ed & Dee Poole.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson and Patty Scholl.

Media relations: Ken Campbell.

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2009

To the Editor:

The Ninth Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by a standing-room only audience. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique 1931 Seagrave fire engine and the Ice Cream Social on the Melville lawn--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Presentation of the Declaration: Alicia & Garrett Cournoyer.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Dennis Wright, Mary Jo Marvin, Frank Sterling, Becky Newton, Frank Mieso, Susan Emerson, Dawn Oswald, Bonnie Mitchell, Bob Ginna, Marsha Griffin, Cindy Foley, Mark Cournoyer, Bill Oswald, Don Maclsaac, Jake Jalbert, Brenda Bhatti, Bob Chamberlain, Chastity Dupuis, Alex Dionne, Phil Cournoyer, Dick Boutwell, Walt Pryor, Sunny Bhatti, Ann Chamberlain, Nora Bryant, Lisa Cooper, Roland Morin, Suzanne Jewell, Keith Dupuis, Deborah Thurber, Caroline Hollister, John O. Field, Tom Rothermel, Suzanne Mieso, Linda Cramb, Norm Soney, Pat Maclsaac and Duncan Pierce.

Reader coordination: Debbie Stewart.

Welcome: Kathy Batchelder.

Piano: Louise Curran.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Bruce Larsen.

Bell ringing: Sean Driscoll, Jr.

Flowers: Eleanor McQueen.

Handouts and Numbers: Rob Stephenson.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Melville Academy: Bill Hermann, Mary Jo Marvin and Ed & Dee Poole.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Gunilla Johanson, Christine Pedott, Sally Roberts and Patty Scholl.

Media relations: Ken Campbell.

2007

To the Editor:

The Seventh Annual Fourth of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Jaffrey Meetinghouse was a festive and patriotic occasion enjoyed by the many who attended. The events that followed--open houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and Melville Academy, the presence of Jaffrey's antique Seagrave fire engine and an Ice Cream Social on the Melville lawn--were fitting complements.

The sponsoring groups would like to thank all those who participated and helped out:

Presentation of the Declaration: Mitchell & Duncan Pierce.

Readers of the Declaration (in order of appearance): Hal Danser, Ellen Avery, Robert Abernethy, Kathy Given Proulx, Andrew Zboray, Bonnie Mitchell, Marc Tieger, Richard Boutwell, Wayne Harris, Franklin Sterling, David Sullivan, Sam Greene, Lisa Ramey, David Griffin, Christine Pedott, James O'Neill, Craig Tucker, Mariah Maki, Deborah Stewart, Mary Heafy, Howard Hill, Carolyn Jalbert, Amy Meyers, Gene Pokorny, Max Mitchell, Jack Minter, Susan Leach, Glenn Peterson, Bill Driscoll, Eila Mackenzie, John Batiste, Bernard Kaminski, David Chamberlain, Margery Clark-Kevan, Michael Redmond, Meredith Shepard, Clay Hollister and Walt Pryor.

Welcome: Sean Driscoll.

Piano: Louise Curran.

Leading us in 'Yankee Doodle': Sean Driscoll.

Bell ringing: Hadley Greene.

Flowers: Margaret Pokorny.

Program: Rob Stephenson.

Reader coordination: Ann Royce.

Media relations: Ken Campbell.

Refreshments: Janet Grant, Christine Pedott and Sally Roberts.

Little Red Schoolhouse: Jacqueline Johnson.

Seagrave Fire Engine: Bill Driscoll.

Melville Academy: Nancy Clapp, Phyllis Liebman and Mary Jo Marvin.

Sincerely,

Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society
Jaffrey Historic District Commission
Jaffrey Historical Society
Selectmen's Meetinghouse Committee