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The Norwood Historical Society has been doing it since 1907.

by Don Ackerman
Community contributor

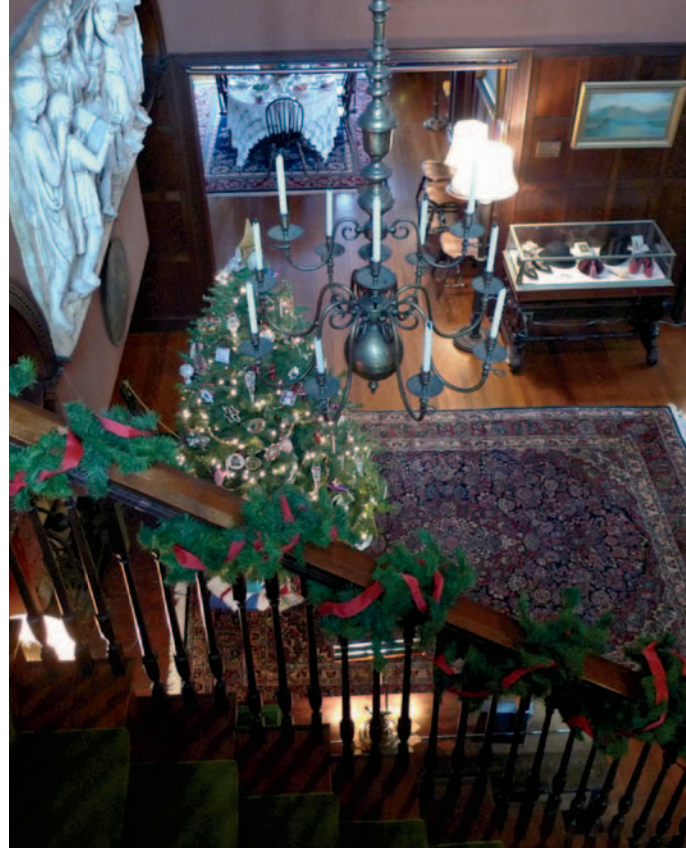
The Norwood Historical Society was founded in 1907 and moved into its landmark headquarters at the F. Holland Day House on 93 Day St. in 1934. The Historical Society serves in many ways as an important cultural and educational resource for the area, and introduces the town to a worldwide community of arts and culture through its unique association with the life of influential 19th century photographic artist and publisher Fred Holland Day.

The principles of the Historical Society include pursuing historical work and research related to Day and Norwood, collecting and preserving related historical materials and objects, publishing, interpreting local history and maintaining the Day House Museum, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Serving as the repository of locally significant historical objects, collections, archives and records, the Historical Society opens its doors to everybody. Educating in a fun way is one of the organization's strong points.

The Historical Society invites Norwood High School art students to the Day House for inspiration and to hold free public exhibitions of their creations. Also, the Norwood High School Madrigal Singers perform an annual public concert of Renaissance and holiday music. In addition, there are special tours for students and scouts.

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A Victorian Christmas Celebration features the F. Holland Day House decorated in fine historical style.
Photo of Norwood Historical Society

With the Norwood Neighbors and local homeowners, the Historical Society opens the Day House to hundreds of visitors for holiday tours of Norwood homes. Free public entertainment is offered at Historical Society meetings and its archives are accessible for family research.

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The Historical Society works for the advancement and preservation of cultural resources with prominent institutions worldwide, including the National Register, the Library of Congress (archives), the Victorian Society in America, Historic New England, Massachusetts and Road Island Historical Societies, Bay State Historical League, New England Museum Association (programs) and Museum of Fine Arts Boston (exhibits, material loans). Earlier in 2013, the Day House was an important stop on a cultural arts tour of the Boston area.

The Historical Society is a nonprofit organization run by its volunteers and receives no funding from local, state or national governments. Revenue come from donations, memberships and events. New members are invited to join and celebrate Norwood's rich history while reaching out to the community.

Don Ackerman is the president of the Norwood Historical Society. Visit norwoodhistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Valentine's Cards for Troops

The goal is to send 20,000 cards to U.S. military personnel stationed overseas.

by Christine Alindogan
Community contributor

The Heartillery Group has initiated its first Valentine's Day Card Drive. The group will be collecting cards from Dec. 26 through Feb. 1, and they will be sent to members of all branches of the U.S. military stationed overseas.

This project is inspired by the Heartillery Group's recent Christmas Card Drive. Led by Emily Spencer, a Norwood resident whose husband Scott has been stationed in Afghanistan since January 2013, the Heartillery Group mailed more than 14,000 cards in time for soldiers to receive them on Christmas Day. The Heartillery Group's goal is to send 20,000 cards for Valentine's Day.

Anyone can participate. If you would like to take part, here are some guidelines:

- Cards can be homemade or bought from stores.
- Write a simple and kind note inside each card along with your signature(s).
- Cards do not have to be Valentine-themed. Gratitude/thank you cards are acceptable.
- No return address information is required.
- Leave envelopes blank and unsealed.
- Last day to submit cards is Saturday, Feb. 1.

The moment you give us a card, you become part of our global heartillery.

The Heartillery Group wants to show what happens behind the scenes from around the globe. The group asks card-givers to take photos of the action — kids creating and coloring or perhaps a quick shot of friends filling them out at your next dinner party. The moment you give us a card, you become part of our global heartillery.

For more information on where to mail the cards, contact Emily Spencer at heartillerygroup@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/heartillerygroup.

BY THE NUMBERS Men and women serving overseas, according to the Defense Dept.

AFGHANISTAN

47K

JAPAN

54K

GERMANY

49K

SOUTH KOREA

28K

*These are the top four.
Troops also serve elsewhere

LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR SOLDIERS' SACRIFICE

This project was started and organized by Emily Spencer. Her husband Scott has been on active duty in Afghanistan since January 2013. During his time away, she has led her own active role with the military community in Norwood.

"This is a way to acknowledge not only my husband, but his unit, because they are his family there," Emily Spencer said. "I want to show my love and appreciation for their work and sacrifice. Expanding this out to other soldiers made sense. We want to show soldiers our gratitude in simple ways."

— Christine Alindogan



Emily and Scott Spencer
Photo courtesy of Christine Alindogan

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