

250th Anniversary Year

STOUGHTON, MASS.



1726-1976

CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 7, 1974	Maxi Rally
April 9, 1975	Get-the-Spirit Meeting
April 18, 1975	250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Auction
May 3 - 10, 1975	Beautification Conservation Week
November 11, 1975	Liberty Tree Planting, Faxon's Park
December 11, 1975	Opening of 250th Anniversary Headquarters
January 11, 1976	Bicentennial Breakfast
January 17, 1976	Bicentennial Concert
February 13 - 15, 1976	The Little Theatre Bicentennial Play
March 6, 1976	Miss Stoughton Scholarship Pageant
April 3, 1976	250th Anniversary Ball
April 25, 1976	Dedication of Bay Road Marker
April 26, 1976	250th Anniversary Proclamation, Town Meeting
May, 1976	Arts Festival
May 22, 1976	Reception for General Rafalko
May 23, 1976	250th Anniversary Parade
June 11 - 13, 1976	Country Fair
July 4, 1976	Sunday in the Park Picnic
September 5, 1976	AAU Five-Mile Road Race
September, 1976	Historic Houses Map
November 21, 1976	Old Stoughton Music Society Concert
December 22, 1976	250th Anniversary Birthday Party

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Interest in a mammoth 250th Anniversary celebration was kindled early in 1973, as Stoughton realized that its birthday would coincide with the national celebration of the Bicentennial. Emphasis had been placed on local communities setting up their own programs, aided by state and national funds, this was ideally suited to the celebration of our town's 250th Anniversary along with the Bicentennial.

The purpose of our celebrations was to proclaim the history of the town and the country with a series of events for the entertainment of the townspeople, to demonstrate the talents of local people, to restore pride in the community, and to leave behind some lasting monuments of the Bicentennial for posterity.

On October 10, 1973, a group of volunteers met to form an anniversary committee. They met regularly, recruiting new members until the best leaders to organize a program had been chosen. The Board of Selectmen officially appointed the 250th Anniversary Committee and its sister group, the Stoughton Bicentennial Commission, on July 9, 1974. From this nucleus grew the plans for a joint Anniversary-Bicentennial venture that exceeded the committees fondest ambitions.

At the Annual Town Meeting on April 26, 1976, the following Proclamation was read:

Proclamation

TO THE CITIZENS OF STOUGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

WHEREAS, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, the Town of Stoughton is celebrating its 250th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, the United States of America is celebrating its Bicentennial Birthday: and

WHEREAS, the 250th Anniversary Committee and the Stoughton Bicentennial Commission have joined together to plan a program of activities and projects to commemorate these events; and

WHEREAS, these activities and projects have been planned for the enjoyment of all the townspeople of Stoughton;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the 250th Anniversary Committee and the Stoughton Bicentennial Commission invite you, the Town Meeting Representatives, and the citizens of Stoughton to join in our dual celebration in honor of our 250th Anniversary of Stoughton and in honor of our Country's Bicentennial.



Board of Selectmen
Town Clerk M. Fitzpatrick



Police Chief Gross



Town Manager Albert Gray, Jr.



Supt. of Schools Joseph Gibbons



Fire Chief Roach

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE 250th ANNIVERSARY

Board Of Directors

Earl McMann	Chairman
George Giddings	Assistant Chairman
Robert Di Matteo	Finance Committee
Carol Manson	Secretary
Kathleen Murphy	Program Coordinator
Richard Batchelder	Treasurer
Beverly Engley	Social Activities
Dorothy Woodward	Cultural Activities
Chet Cohenno	Publicity and Photography

Activities Committees

Finance	Robert Di Matteo, Richard Batchelder, David Benjamin
Souvenirs	Gustaf Carlson, Edward Meserve, Elsie Bernasconi, Alan Molin, Marie Sheehan, Joseph De Vito, Chris Carabatsos.
Publicity	Chet Cohenno, Howard Hansen, Leonard Pinaud, Leon Saperstein.

Social Activities Chairman

Bicentennial Breakfast	Aina McMann
Miss Stoughton Scholarship Pageant	Beverly Engley, Mary Bradbury
Anniversary Ball	Beverly and Ralph Engley
Anniversary Parade	George Giddings
Sunday in the Park Picnic	Alice Magee

Cultural Activities Chairman

Portrait of Governor Stoughton	Phyllis Batchelder
Beautification Program	Aina McMann
Historic Houses Markers	Anne Petterson and William McDonald
Railroad Station Restoration	George Giddings
Old Bay Road Plaque	Dorothy Woodward



250th Anniversary Committee

Cultural Activities Chairman (Continued)

Stoughton Grenadiers	Anne Petterson, Dorothy Woodward, Leonard Pinaud, George Giddings.
Anniversary Quilt	Clare Nutting
Historic Calendar	Helen Hansen
Anniversary Concert	Donald Le Grow
The Little Theatre Play	Thomas Coyle
Arts Festival	Donald Le Grow
Country Fair	Charles Hainley, Frank Quertin, Edward Ivaldi.

Coordinator Activities

Calendar of Events
"Get the Spirit Meeting"
Headquarters for Souvenirs
Liaison with School Department and Town Hall
250th Anniversary Birthday Party

Bicentennial Commission

George Giddings	Chairman
Carol Manson	Secretary
Richard Batchelder	
Elsie Bernasconi	
Alice Magee	
Kathleen Murphy	
Alice Petruzzo	
Anne Petterson	
Dorothy Woodward	