

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Tour Andover's Historic, Cultural, and Natural Treasures with the Addison Gallery, Andover Historical Society, Andover Village Improvement Society, and West Parish Garden Cemetery on Sunday, September 28**

Andover, Massachusetts (September 17, 2014) – This year, the Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover Historical Society, Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), and West Parish Garden Cemetery are teaming up to offer four back-to-back events on Sunday, September 28, in conjunction with *Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water*, which is organized by the Essex National Heritage Commission.

Starting at 10:00 a.m., West Parish Garden Cemetery is offering a tour of its historic and beautifully landscaped grounds and on-site chapel. At 12:00 p.m., AVIS will lead a hike through the meadows and woods of the Shawsheen River and Vale Reservations. From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Addison Gallery will host a gallery talk and tour of the exhibition *Dwight Tryon and American Tonalism* with guest curator Keith Kauppila. And at 4:00 p.m. the Andover Historical Society will lead a costumed walking tour of 1820s Andover, highlighting the places where Andover's prominent 19th-century citizens lived, worked, and played.

All of the events are free and open to the public, and participants can choose to do any or all of the programs.

“We are very happy to partner with AVIS, the Addison Gallery, and West Parish Garden Cemetery on these Trails and Sails events. Andover is a destination every day, but during Trails & Sails you

get the whole package. Come for the day! After going on your Trails & Sails tour, take a walk through historic downtown Andover for lunch, shopping, or something sweet,” remarked Elaine Clements, the Executive Director of the Andover Historical Society.

These programs are being offered along with more than 150 free events as part of *Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water*, September 19-21 and 26-28, 2014. Now celebrating 13 years, *Trails & Sails* is an annual celebration of the historic, cultural, and natural treasures found in the Essex National Heritage Area. Organized by the Essex National Heritage Commission, more than 4,000 attendees are expected to take part in a diverse line up of events appealing to everyone from Civil War buffs and art lovers to foodies, paddlers, bikers and more.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

### **West Parish Historic Cemetery Tour**

Sunday, September 28, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

The tour includes descriptions of notables buried therein, an historic overview of the cemetery, and a visit to the on-site chapel built in 1909 in Romanesque style, replete with priceless Tiffany stained glass windows. At the end of the tour clip some beautiful blooming hydrangea flowers as a memento, free! The walk and terrain is suitable for all ages—grass, blacktop, some cobblestone areas, and one hill. The group will meet at the arched entrance gate to cemetery on Reservation Road, Andover.

### **AVIS Hike along the Shawsheen River, Hosted by Andover Village Improvement Society**

Sunday, September 28, 12:00–1:30 p.m.

This will be a 90-minute guided hike in the Shawsheen River and Vale Reservations following the Vale Trail along the beautiful Shawsheen River through meadows and woods. This trail is part of a projected Shawsheen Greenway through Andover. Dress according to the weather; the tour will be canceled in the event of heavy rain. Water, a hat, sunscreen, and bug repellent are recommended. The group will gather at 5 Abbot Bridge Drive, Andover, near the corner of Central Street and Abbot Bridge Drive.

AVIS will also host A Walk through AVIS History on Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This walk traverses four reservations through Andover in a 2.5 mile loop trail. The walk

starts at the Sakowich Reservation, continues around Baker's Meadow, over Indian Ridge Reservation across West Parish Meadow, and back to the other side of Baker's Meadow and Sakowich. Hiking shoes or sneakers are advisable and insect repellent may be needed.

### **Gallery Talk for Dwight Tryon and American Tonalism**

Sunday, September 28, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Independent scholar and exhibition curator Keith Kauppila will discuss American Tonalism and the work of painter Dwight Tryon. An American artistic style of the period 1880–1915, Tonalism describes works that are characterized by subtle gradations of tone within a limited color scale, projecting personal expressions of mood through veiled depictions of light and atmosphere. This exhibition brings together seven landscape paintings by Tryon and sets them within the context of Tonalist works from the Addison's collection by such artists as George Inness, John Twachtman, and Alvin Langdon Coburn. Meet at the Addison Gallery, 3 Chapel Avenue, Andover.

### **Home, Work & Play: Andover's Main Street in 1820**

Sunday, September 28, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Step into the everyday happenings of Andover in the 1820s! Costumed interpreters will lead a walking tour highlighting the homes, businesses, and gathering spots of Andover's prominent 19th-century citizens. Learn about daily life and the varying occupations held by Andover citizens in the early years of our country's independence. Explore the Essex Turnpike, now better known as Main Street, and discover where Andover's residents lived, worked, and played after this new road to Boston was created in 1807. Contemporary images, long-lost stories, and mysterious happenings will fascinate history lovers of all ages during this tour of Andover's vibrant downtown. This outdoor walk will be at a relaxed pace on pavement with some slight hills. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather and bring bottled water. Gather at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main Street, Andover.

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