

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 Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20

Andover, Massachusetts (September 10, 2015) – In conjunction with the Essex National Heritage Area's program *Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water*, four Andover groups, the Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover Historical Society, Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS), and West Parish Garden Cemetery, each will offer a special event over the weekend of September 19-20.

On Saturday, September 19, Andover Historical Society will present a walking tour of Andover's Industrial District from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., and West Parish Garden Cemetery is offering a tour of its historic and beautifully landscaped grounds and on-site chapel from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 20, AVIS will lead a walk along the Shawsheen River near downtown Andover from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., and the Addison Gallery of American Art will host an opening reception for a new season of exhibitions from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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

"This year's Trails & Sails events highlight the best of what Andover has to offer. We're excited to be working with our partners at the Addison Gallery, AVIS, and West Parish Garden Cemetery to showcase Andover's natural and cultural treasures. In between your Trails & Sails adventures, take

a walk through historic downtown Andover for lunch, shopping, or something sweet,” remarked Elaine Clements, Executive Director of the Andover Historical Society.

These programs are being offered along with more than 150 free events as part of Essex Heritage’s *Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks & Water*, September 18-20 and 25-27, 2015. Now celebrating 14 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 history buffs and art lovers to foodies, paddlers, bikers and more. For more information, visit www.EssexHeritage.org.

EVENT DETAILS

Andover's Industrial Village: A Historical Exploration

Hosted by Andover Historical Society

Saturday, September 19, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

Join us for a morning walking tour and step back in time to the 19th century to explore Andover’s fascinating Industrial District! Participants will be led on a guided walking tour that examines the history of the buildings where 19th-century Andover mill owners and factory workers lived, worked, and played alongside family and neighbors. Discover how the buildings, businesses, and residents from the past created the vibrant area of Andover we see today. Participants will also have the opportunity to hear about visions for future uses and share their own suggestions for this historically important area in town. 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.

West Parish Historic Cemetery Tour

Hosted by West Parish Garden Cemetery

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Tour the historic and beautifully landscaped grounds of West Parish Garden Cemetery. The tour includes descriptions of notables buried therein as well as an historic overview of the cemetery. We will also visit 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 of our beautiful blooming hydrangea

flowers as a memento for your home (free)! The walk and terrain is suitable for all ages—grass, blacktop, some cobblestone areas, and one hill. The tour begins at arched entrance gate to cemetery on Reservation Road, Andover. No dogs please.

Shawsheen River Greenway Walk

Hosted by Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS)

Sunday, September 20, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

This 90-minute walk will cover an area newly opened for use along the beautiful Shawsheen River near downtown Andover. For many years this section of the river has not been visible to the public. We will see old mill buildings, a stone railroad bridge, and many varieties of plant life. We also will tour the Purden Reservation right in the middle of town. Dress according to the weather. Water, a hat, sunscreen, and bug repellent are recommended. The group will gather at 40 Lupine Road, Andover.

Opening Reception for the Fall Exhibitions

Hosted by the Addison Gallery of American Art

Sunday, September 20, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Join us in celebrating an exciting new season of exhibitions, all inspired by artists' friendships and collaborations. Enjoy a glass of wine and bite to eat, and take a stroll through our galleries to see three spectacular shows: *Converging Lines: Eva Hesse and Sol LeWitt*; *In Tandem: Inspirations and Collaborations*; and *Words in Air: Jennifer Caine and Rachel Hellman in Collaboration*. Drop in any time between 3:00 and 5:00 at the Addison Gallery, on the campus of Phillips Academy, 3 Chapel Avenue, Andover.

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