



**September 2009**

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**Introducing Our New Devotion House Curator/Caretakers**

Camille Arbogast & Jesus MacLean are very excited to begin working & living at the Devotion House as co-curators & caretakers.



Camille is a Lead Guide for Historic New England at the 1796 Otis House. She's worked for Gore Place in Waltham, the Newton Historical Society, and the Browne House in Watertown. She wrote and leads walking tours of the old Norumbega Amusement park in Newton, performs occasionally as Mary Stone-- an 1806 maid-- and lectures on architect/designer Ogden Codman, Jr. She loves history-- and sharing what she's passionate about with others. She looks forward to caring for the collection at the Devotion House, increasing visitation, and helping with the Society's

programs.

Jesus, raised in Brookline, is also a Lead Guide for Historic New England-- he works at the 1937 Walter Gropius House in Lincoln. He also assists at the Browne House in Watertown and the Codman Estate in Lincoln. He is passionate about libraries and information, and looks forward to continuing to catalogue the collection at the Devotion House, as well as assisting with cataloguing the Brookline Historical Society's archives. He worked with Political Research Associates in Somerville as a library intern last winter and spring. He is also an architectural history buff and thrilled to be living in an 1740s house. He has already started helping board members Jean Stringham and Holly Hartman work in the yard at the Devotion House, as gardening is another one of his interests.

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**Historical Society September/October Open Houses**

The Edward Devotion House will be open for tours from noon to 3 pm on the following Sundays this fall: September 21st, October 5th, and October 19th.

There will also be an extra open house on Saturday, September 12th from 2 to 5 pm to coincide with the Fall Festival of the Brookline Community Mental Health Center which will take place on lawn in front of the Devotion House.

The Putterham School will be open for tours from noon to 3 pm on September 13th, September 27th, October 11th, and October 25th.

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## Brookline History Events This Weekend

Brookline history is on display at several venues this weekend. In addition to tours of the Devotion House on Saturday, the following special events are taking place:

- **Sunday, 9/13 at 2 pm-3 pm: Hidden Brookline. Unveiling of a memorial to honor and remember African-American slaves in the Old Burying Ground.** The Town's Hidden Brookline Committee will host a ceremony to unveil an engraved stone in the cemetery wall at the Walnut Street Cemetery (corner of Chestnut Street, near Route 9). The program will feature master of ceremonies Liz Walker, guest speaker Byron Rushing, and the Brookline High School A Capella Singers. Refreshments will follow. In case of rain, the ceremony will take place at First Parish Church.
- **Sunday, 9/13 at 3 pm: Talk on Sears Chapel/Christ's Church Architect Arthur Gilman.** Peter Ambler, practicing architect in Boston for 40 years and former president of the New England Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians will give a talk on Arthur D. Gilman, the architect who designed the Sears Chapel/Christ's Church. The talk will take place at the church, 70 Colchester St. in the Longwood neighborhood. The Church will present two more programs this month: "Discovering the Longwood Neighborhood: a Walking Tour with Edward Gordon" on 9/20, 3 pm; and "Learning About and Listening to the Hook Organ" on 9/27, 3 pm.
- **Sunday, 9/13, 1 pm-4 pm: Open House at the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site.** The public is invited to an open house Sunday, Sept. 13, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, 99 Warren St., to experience this national treasure and learn about Olmsted's home and office; the restored historic landscape that he and his stepson, John, created; the surrounding historic neighborhood; the Olmsted Archives housed at the site; and educational programming initiatives soon to be launched. The Olmsted house and historic design offices have been closed for a major preservation construction project.

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### Only at the Coolidge: The Story of A Remarkable Movie Theater

The Coolidge Corner Theatre, Brookline's first (and only remaining) movie theater, marked its 75th anniversary with a special event last month and with the publication of *Only at the Coolidge: The Story of a Remarkable Movie Theater* by Brookline author Susan Quinn. The anniversary booklet is on sale at Brookline Booksmith. You can also read about Brookline's long pre-Coolidge opposition to letting the movies come to town. That story (and other Brookline tales) are told in Historical Society president Ken Liss' blog *Muddy River Musings* at <http://brooklinehistory.blogspot.com>

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friends of Fairsted Lecture**

by Professor Keith Morgan, Boston University

**October 28, 2009**

*Neighbors and Networks:*

*The Olmsted Firm and the Development of Brookline 1880-1936*

6:00 PM Reception

7:00 PM Lecture

Wheelock College Auditorium

43 Hawes Street, Brookline



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