

Framingham Remembers...

Commemorating Our Role in the Civil War 150 Years Later



2012 –

February 12 – **Be Swift My Soul - A Civil War Salon with Julia Ward Howe -**
Date: February 12th. Time: 1:30 pm Location: Heineman Ecumenical & Cultural Center,
Framingham State College

March 15 - **Launching General Gordon's Brown Ale** Time 6:00-7:00 Location: John
Harvard's Brew House Shopper's World, Framingham. Free tasting of this special
brewed ale and assortment of hors d'oeuvres

March 25 - **Then and Now - Framingham's Soldiers in the Civil War and now in
Afghanistan** - Time TBA Location: Edgell Memorial Library In collaboration with
Framingham Veteran's Services Department and the National Guard, this program will
compare soldiers and what they used during the Civil War with what they use on the
battlefield now.

April – **Framingham Remembers: ZAB Adams**– Dr. Paul Griffel *Details TBA*

May 4-6 – **Civil War encampment on Centre Common**

Kick off spring with a Living History Civil War Encampment on Framingham's Center
Common. From Friday afternoon when Union and Confederate soldiers set up camp to
Sunday afternoon, the Common will be transformed into a tableaux of soldier's tents,
field hospitals, front line canon, drills, and a host of other activities. Professional actors
and actresses will mingle throughout the camp taking on the personas of local and
national figures of the period and on Sunday a Ladies Auxiliary Tea at the Village Hall
will bring visitors back to the home front. Special ceremonies around the town's Civil
War memorial, the Edgell Library will bring visitors in to this magnificent structure for
the Framingham History Center's exhibition, *Framingham Remembers...The Civil War.*

There will be book signings throughout the weekend with local authors who have brought Framingham's soldiers to life through recently published works.

June – **Looking at the Civil War Through its Sacred Spaces – The Edgell Memorial Library** - *Details TBA*

July – **On the Trail of George H. Gordon – Framingham's Civil War General** Walking Tour - *Details TBA*

July - **Civil War Teacher Summer Institute** – *Details TBA*

September - **Sanitary Commissions Program** - a look at the contribution of Framingham's women during the Civil War. *Details TBA*

October – **Walking the African American History Trail in Boston.** Featuring General Gordon's training of Robert Gould Shaw (memorial) and Abdiel Smith (a Framingham man) School - first African American school in Boston. *Details TBA*

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Sunday, March 27th – **Memory and Meaning Series – *Collective Memory and Community Engagement*** Dr. David Glassberg – Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Author of *Sense of History: The Place of the Past in American Life* will explore how historians think of memory, the importance of community dialogue and local history. *Location:* Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak St. Framingham 2:00-3:30 pm_

April 12th – **Illumination Night** – In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Ft. Sumter and the beginning of the Civil War, 27 candles will be lit around the Civil War soldier in front of the Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street, Framingham 7:00 pm

June 10th –**Civil War Exhibition pre-opening** member/donor evening. 6:00-8:00 pm Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street, Framingham

June 11th –**Framingham in the Civil War Exhibition** opening - Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street, Framingham 10:00am-4:00 pm

June 12th – **General George H. Gordon – A Framingham Hero** – Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street Framingham 3:00-4:30 pm. Town Historian Fred Wallace will be discussing his recently completed book on this Civil War soldier, and what he means to Framingham now.

September 17th – **On the Trail of George H. Gordon -Framingham's Civil War General** 1:00-4:00 p.m. Old Academy Building, 16 Vernon Street, Framingham This walking tour features ten important sites of General Gordon's life in and around

Framingham's Centre Common. It begins at the Old Academy and winds along the paths of his life in and around Gordon's Corner (corner of Edgell Rd., and Central St.) The trail culminates at the Edgell Memorial Library with an extensive display of memorabilia from Gordon's military career which ranged from the Mexican War to the fall of Richmond and beyond. Rain date Sunday, September 18th.

October 2nd – **Harmony Grove Charette** - The land that Harmony Grove occupied on Farm Pond is currently being considered for urban renewal. The FHC will co-host an architectural Charette looking at the history of Harmony Grove and past, present and future plans for the area.