

# 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**

May 5th – **Contra dancing at the Village Hall** *Details TBA*

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*

## 2011

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – **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 12<sup>th</sup> – **Illumination Night** – In commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> – **Civil War Exhibition pre-opening** member/donor evening. 6:00-8:00 pm  
Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street, Framingham

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

June 12<sup>th</sup> – **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 17<sup>th</sup> – **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 18<sup>th</sup>.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **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.