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### **Plainfield Historical Society's Annual Letter**

The members of the Plainfield Historical Society mourn the loss of Historian William Hosley, one of the most ardent admirers and supporters of the Shaw Hudson House. Bill considered the SHH unique because it contains the intact office of Dr. Samuel Shaw (1790-1870) and the memorabilia of his descendants. Bill, aged 70, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Enfield, Ct. on July 2, 2025. He was formerly director of the Wadsworth Museum in Hartford, Ct. His power point presentation on the importance of the SHH can be seen on YouTube.

The Rowdy Dog Show was such a fun event last year that the members of the Historical Society and Plainfield Recreation Committee are again sponsoring the event. It will be Saturday, July 12 from 2-4 at the Town Park behind the Safety Complex on North Central St. Registration forms are available at the library and town offices or you can register your dog on the day of the event. As one person who came to the show without a dog expressed, "It was just so much fun watching the owners parade their dog around the ring." Each dog will receive a blue ribbon based on one of its unique characteristics listed by the owners on the registration form.. The judges have to decide which characteristic makes each dog special.

Another special event is our annual meeting Tuesday, August 5 @ 7:00 PM at the Shaw Hudson House. Our speaker, Beverly Woolf, and her husband Stephen own the home at 8 Warner Hill Road in Plainfield. The famous writer, Charles Dudley Warner, was born in that house and Beverly will share books, a power point presentation, and her vast knowledge about him.

A special thank you to all of you who baked and bought pies, worked at, and attended the Memorial Day Dinner held at the Town Hall on May 26, 2025. It was a great success and enabled the Historical Society to purchase shelving for the memorabilia stored at the Shaw Hudson House.

Your support and membership in the Plainfield Historical Society are very much appreciated. Please consider a contribution in one of the following categories: Individual \$20; Family \$50; Friend \$100; Patron \$200; Benefactor \$500. Donation checks should be made out to Plainfield Historical Society and mailed to 525 West Main St. Plainfield, MA 01070. Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting August 5, 2025.

Sincerely,

Judith Bryan Williams  
President Plainfield Historical Society