

Annual Caryl Farm Holiday Open House

The Dover Historical Society is pleased to announce that this year's Annual Caryl Farm Holiday Open House will be held Sunday, December 9 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Caryl Farm, 107 Dedham Street in Dover Center.

Our special feature this year will be a performance by the Dover-Sherborn High School A Cappella singing group, Noteworthy.



The group will sing a variety of their favorite songs from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Fisher Barn. Refreshments will be served before and after the performance in the Benjamin Caryl House which will be decorated for the upcoming Holiday Season.

The Caryl House, built in 1774, was home to Dover's first minister, Benjamin Caryl, and his family who first came to what would become Dover in 1762. He was a "Calvinist" minister who would have regarded celebrating Christmas itself as



a sacrilege. He and his congregation would celebrate the fall harvest, the winter season itself, the joy of lovely evenings with family and friends sharing food and beverage snuggled by a warming fire. They likely had a variety of other celebrations as well for one thing or another -- but Christmas was not one of them. By the time his last descendant died in 1898, however, everyone in town would have likely celebrated -- if not Christmas -- then Kwanzaa, or many of the other cultural holiday

festivities which by that time were spreading across the country.

Admission to both the concert and Farm is free and all are welcome to attend.