

THE TOWN OF ACTON  
AND  
THE ACTON MINUTEMEN

**A PROCLAMATION**

**CROWN RESISTANCE DAY**

**WHEREAS** *October 3, 1774, defines the time when the citizens of ACTON in town meeting cast their lot against the CROWN and thereby set forever the course of events leading to the eventual conflict and independence of this nation, and*

**WHEREAS** *At subsequent town meetings there was caused to be raised by volunteer enlistment a company of minutemen to defend the town and the colony of MASSACHUSSETTS in a common cause for liberty;*

**WHEREAS** *Be it resolved that September 24, 2006, be known in the town of ACTON as CROWN RESISTANCE DAY and we commend to the citizens that they mark well the event of 232 years ago which changed the destiny of our town, state and nation.*

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Chairman

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Member

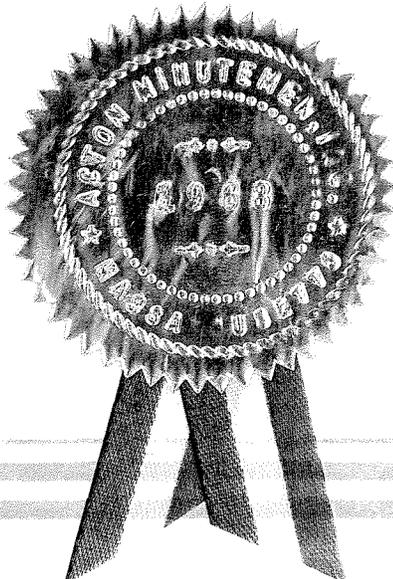
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Vice - Chairman

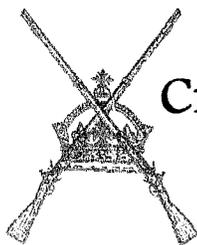
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Member

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Clerk

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Town Manager

*Alan St. Lawrence*  
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Colonel





## Crown Resistance Day ~ Event Schedule

**1:00 – 1:15**

Welcoming Comments

Mr. William Klauer, President, Acton Historical Society

Raising of the American Flag – Acton Minutemen

The Reading of the Crown Resistance Day Proclamation

**1:15 – 3:15**

Tour the Historic Jonathan Hosmer House, Jenks Library and Barn

Be greeted by Cherry Dawson, Milliner, at the front door of the Hosmer House and dress up in 18 century children clothing and have your picture taken.

Miss Sue will teach you how to cross-stitch in the Hosmer House Parlor.

Don't miss your appointment with Dr. Dan Grillo, colonial surgeon and his wife Judith, the town midwife.

Make a small bag to keep your marbles in and learn to play marbles with Eloise Newell by the barn.

Make butter and learn how it was made in the Hosmer House keeping room with Mrs. Reed.

Mr. Samuel Jones will tell you about what a minuteman carries with him to musket drills.

Learn how to assemble and clean your musket with the Acton Minutemen.

Stop by the Barn and shuck some corn with Mrs. Bulette.

1:30 - 1:45

Acton Minutemen's Davis Blues Fife and Drum Corp.

1:45 – 2:00

Acton Minutemen Drill and Musket Volley

2:15 – 2:30

Invited Minutemen Companies Drill & Musket Volley

2:30 – 3:00

Make a tricorn hat.

3:00 – 3:15

Who wants to be a Minuteman?

Children's parade. March with the Acton Minutemen

3:15 – 3:30

Drawing

3:30 – 4:00

"History of the American Flag"

Robert Werner, Past Commander, Acton Minutemen

Steve Crosby, Major, Acton Minutemen

4:00

Closing the Event

Alan St. Lawrence, Commander, Acton Minutemen



## Thank You to our Demonstrators

**Carrie D. Midura** is the owner of Cherry Dawson, Milliner – a tailoring business specializing in historical clothing studies and reproductions. She has been researching and reproducing historic costume since 1992, with a primary focus on eighteenth century methods and styles since 1999. Her clients include Revolutionary War reenactors, education staff at local museums, the Adams National Historical Park and most recently, several tour companies in Boston. Carrie places a great deal of importance on period construction techniques and close attention to detail and she is passionate about creating the perfect historical look from head to toe. She has also developed and presented lectures and hands-on learning experiences on topics ranging from historic hairstyles to accessorizing 18th century dress and from the clothing of New England children to antique undergarments. [www.cherrydawson.com](http://www.cherrydawson.com)

Eighteenth century medicine constituted the extreme ends of the types of care available. This is demonstrated by **Dan & Judy Grillo** who, respectively, portray a Revolutionary War militia surgeon, and a typical herbalist/midwife of that era.

Both have been active in American Revolution re-enactments for almost 20 years, and are well informed about the medical care available to the average citizen of the newly formed Republic. They are also well versed in that times' social, religious, and political aspects.

Dan, as a surgeon, has a wide variety of surgical instruments, both original and reproductions, including dental tools, and shaving equipment, as surgeons also doubled as dentists and barbers. He will discuss the specific use of those tools as well as the history of 18th century medicine and the amazing breakthroughs in treatment of illness.

Judy, in her portrayal, has an impressive display of the variety of herbs used by every 18th century housewife and can speak, in detail, of their amazing curative powers that are still being used in every increasing ways to this day.

**Susan Pye** works for Old Town Trolley Tours as an Instructor. She drives the trolley for the Patriots day celebration here in Acton. Her life long love of history has had doing cross stitching and samplers since she was a girl. Come and join her sewing circle.

**Linda and Barry Greene** are members of the Acton Historical Society and the Acton Minutemen. Linda has been working on bringing historical events to life for the people of Acton through Patriot's Day, monthly open houses and special events. She has been learning from local experts on the correct method of making accurate 18<sup>th</sup> century clothing. Barry is portraying Samuel Jones – the eldest son of the Jones family and who lived in the Jones tavern during the time of Crown Resistance Day. Samuel Jones was a Cooper by trade and his Cooper Shop stood behind Exchange Hall.

**Eloise Newll**, a traditional hand quilter who also enjoys needlepointing, and crocheting. Woodworking, refinishing and upholstering are skills I use as director and teacher at Restoration Project. My membership in Historic New England fosters my interest in antique houses and hone my general carpentry skills maintaining my historic house in Acton

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## Crown Resistance Day Colonial Passport



Hosmer House Tour  
Jenks Library Tour  
Barn Tour  
Colonial Dress-up  
See the Surgeon  
Visit with the midwife  
Learn to Cross-stitch  
Make A Marble Bag  
Play a game of Marbles  
Make some butter  
March with the Minutemen  
Shuck some corn  
Talk with Mr. Samuel Jones  
Learn how to assemble a musket  
Make a tricorn hat

Register to win at the information table by  
the entrance to the Historical Society

THE ACTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AND  
THE ACTON MINUTEMEN

invite you to attend

 **Crown Resistance Day**

*On October 3, 1774 the Town of Acton defied the authority of the British crown, setting us on the road to separation.*

Acton Historical Society  
300 Main St, Acton, MA.

Sunday

September 24, 2006

1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Tour the Hosmer House, Jenks Library, and  
Barn.

Participate in 18th century crafts and games.

Learn more about life in the 1770's.

Watch the Acton Minutemen present their  
"History of the American Flag" ceremony and  
perform musket drills.

Enjoy drum and fife music.

**Parking available at the Parker-Damon Building,  
11 Charter Rd, Acton, MA. (off Rt. 111), around the corner from  
the Hosmer House.**

*Endorsed by the Acton Historical Commission*

