# FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 -24 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### DOCUMENTING HISTORY:

- Published two Kite & Key newsletters plus two special edition Bicentennial editions, articles in the Friends of the Library news
- Continuing research on early Franklin families
- Archivist continues to log and identify donated artifacts related to Franklin history
- Street Smart research to determine how streets were named
- New website developed. franklin-history.org
- Walking in the Footsteps of Henry Cox cemetery tour

## **RECEIVING DONATIONS:**

- Robert Ladner Bigelow family
- Tricia Hanson Wood family
- Byron Hanson Wood family
- Susan Auglur Cox family
- Ted and Chrissy Rundblat- Ken Bristol watercolor

## MUSEUM:

- Installed on a railing on patio steps leading to museum basement
- Preparing garage for future carriage exhibit
- Created the Pickering porch on museum exhibit
- Maintenance on the property (power washing, lawn care, landscape clean up, snow removal)

#### EVENTS:

- Build a Scarecrow or Crow to Go
- Horseshoe Caper
- Everything and Everyone Has a Story talk at the Garden Club

#### BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS:

- Hoofing Through History Exhibit
- Franklin on Foot signs in the village
- Murals (Portraits of the Past) depicting historical scenes
- Picturing the Past photos on light posts along Franklin road with QR codes
- QR codes on historic buildings (in the process)
- Detroit tiger on the green, our town crier announcing upcoming Bicentennial events
- Descendants Homecoming (tour of the museum, lunch at the Kreger house and walking tour of the historic district)
- Walking in the Footsteps of Henry Cox cemetery tour for the cemetery Memorial Day program