

## *America 250 Committee Calendar of Events*



30 Town House Road, P.O. Box 428, Durham, Connecticut 06422

### ***March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Life and Death on Haddam Quarter Road at 3pm***

- Guest speaker Dr. Michael Good will share his research on residents of the Haddam Quarter section of town. Location: Durham Community Center

### ***April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026: Colonial Gardening at 5:30pm***

- Guest speaker Leslie Martino will share her research on colonial gardening. Leslie is a landscape designer with NatureWorks in Northford. Location: Durham Community Center

### ***April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Durham Historical Society Open House from 10am-noon***

### ***April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Durham Historical Society Open House from 10am-1pm***

- Exhibits will feature 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century textiles, including samplers, quilts, and women's clothing, items belonging to Durham soldiers, artwork, and much more!
- Location: 38 Town House Road, next to the town hall

### ***April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Genealogy Workshop: Trace Your Revolutionary Roots 6-7:30pm***

- This will be held on Zoom and in person. Co-sponsored with the Durham Public Library. This event is free and the zoom link will be publicized on the library's website, the historical society's website, and on DurhamCT250's Facebook page.
- Location: Durham Public Library at 7 Maple Avenue

### ***May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026: Main Street Tour at 10am***

- Gather at the Town Hall with comfortable shoes for this approximate 1.5mile round trip walk along Main Street (route will proceed to the area of Rt 68 and then go back to the green).

### ***May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Durham, CT: Early Foundations and Historic Homes at 3pm***

- Guest speaker Brendan Rea, Jr. will discuss Durham's historic origins and a survey of the surviving colonial architecture seen around town. Location: Durham Community Center

***June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Star Spangled Town-Wide Picnic, 2:00pm-8:00pm***

- Co-sponsored with the Recreation Committee, there will be a town-wide picnic to celebrate our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Events: art show and lecture, games, food for sale, pie eating contest, baked bean contest, music. The event is free and food will be available for a nominal price, or families are welcome to bring a picnic.
- Location: Durham Community Center. Parking details will be posted.

***July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026: Declaration of Independence Reading and Time Capsule Committal Ceremony at 6pm.***

- Reading of the Declaration and committal of a 50-year time capsule to be opened during America's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2076. Location: Town Green

***July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026: County Wide Parade, Time TBD***

- Location: Main Street, Middletown

***July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Main Street Tour at 4pm***

***August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Main Street Tour at 4pm***

- Gather at the Town Hall with comfortable shoes for this approximate 1.5mile round trip walk along Main Street (route will proceed to the area of Rt 68 and then go back to the green).

***October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026: General Wadsworth grave marker ceremony at 11am***

- Gather at the Old Durham Cemetery for the ceremony and then move to the Community Center for a guest speaker and reception.

***October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Revolutionary War Encampment 9am-4pm***

- Take part in an immersive Revolutionary War experience. Engage with Continental and British troops, observe mock battles, and learn what civilian and camp life was like for those fighting for American independence. Food will be available for purchase from local non-profit groups and sutlers/vendors will be selling their wares!
- Location: Durham Fairgrounds

***For up-to-date information on events and further details, visit us at:***

***<https://durhamhistoryct.org/america250-events/> or on Facebook at durhamct250.***