

Manchester Historical Society

PITKIN & WOODBRIDGE HISTORY WALK

Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Pitkin Glass Works gate on Parker Street, Manchester
Street-side parking available

\$2 for members of Historical Society and Pitkin Glass Works board, \$4 for non-members.

First we'll visit the historic Pitkin Glass Works off Parker Street. The Pitkin Glass Works operated from 1783 to about 1830, producing demijohns, bottles, flasks, inkwells, and other small items, mostly in shades of green. The remains of the massive stone building have been the site of several archeological digs, which have turned up shards and artifacts. Then we'll walk via Parker, Academy, Pitkin, and East Center Streets to the Woodbridge farmstead. Today's hike will be led by Susan Barlow, Manchester Historical Society, with special guests: Tom Duff, of the Pitkin Glass Works board; Tim McCann, Woodbridge Farmstead committee chairperson.

For more information about local history.

See our web site with vintage photos, articles, and upcoming events: walks, lectures, exhibits at www.manchesterhistory.org.

Books on local history available at Manchester's public libraries, and at the Historical Society.

Woodbridge farmstead, given to the Manchester Historical Society by Ray and Thelma Woodbridge. The farmhouse dates from 1830. The Woodbridge Farm and Meadowbrook Dairy once encompassed many acres at Manchester Green. Location: 495 East Middle Turnpike.



“For providing gun powder during the Revolution, Cap’t Richard Pitkin and his sons were granted a monopoly by the Assembly to manufacture glass and snuff. The chief product was demijohns for the West Indies trade.” – *from the metal plaque installed at the Glass Works in 1973.*

Location: Corner of Parker & Putnam Streets.



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