

# The Jaffrey Meetinghouse



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1775

2025

# PRE-PROGRAM

## TOURS

*of*

The Little Red Schoolhouse

Cathy Proulx, *Host*

*&*

Melville Academy Museum

Suze Campbell, *Docent*

## CANNON SHOTS

*In response to the shots heard from the  
Battle of Bunker Hill during the  
raising of the Meetinghouse  
fired by the*

Lafayette Artillery

Walter Holland, *Captain*

## A HEADSTAND

*Re-enacted by*

Neige Christenson

*In remembrance of the headstand done  
by John Eaton on the ridge pole of  
the Meetinghouse on the day of its raising*

A CELEBRATION ON THE 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
*of*  
THE RAISING OF THE JAFFREY MEETINGHOUSE  
June 17, 2025, at the Meetinghouse  
6 o'clock

PROGRAM

**WELCOME**

The Reverend Laban Ainsworth

*portrayed by* David Torrey

&

Mary Minot

*portrayed by* Kathy Torrey

**A PROCLAMATION**

*presented and read by* Frank Sterling, *Selectman*

**A POEM**

*written and read by* Cassius Webb

**A TUNE**

“Fisher’s Hornpipe”

*performed by* Carol Compton and Randy Miller

**A PROMENADE**

*Participants will be led by The Reverend Laban  
Ainsworth and Mary Minot in a “march” three times  
around the interior of the Meetinghouse.*

**A CONTRA DANCE**

*called by* Kathy Torrey

Carol Compton, *Keyboard & Sound*

Randy Miller, *Fiddle*

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