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NEWSLETTER OF THE DANIEL WEBSTER PRESERVATION TRUST



“It's my fervent wish that your friendship, as a source of happiness to me, may continue to refresh and gladden my way through all the little remainder of the path which is yet to be trodden by me.”

- Daniel Webster

Dear Members and Friends,

Daniel Webster wrote these words to a friend in 1851 where he equates his happiness to this friendship and with the "wish" that this friendship would continue to "refresh" and "gladden" him till the end of his days. It is one thing to wish for such a friendship, yes, that would be so nice and easy, but it is better to remember that friendships take work and that work needs to be ongoing and frequently revisited. And Webster did just that as he corresponded often with family, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, to send his feelings of love, friendship, kindness, praise and thanks throughout his lifetime.

We, the board at Webster, can feel that happiness, that enjoyment, even that kinship that friendships bring. We see it as you sip tea with your friends and others here in this house, we see it at our rentals (18 this year) as families join together to celebrate their special occasions with us at Webster, and we see it within our board of directors as DWPT works together from year to year to continue Webster's legacies such as the importance of friendships, the happiness it brings, and that it must be nurtured and cultivated.

We are busy. Webster is busy. The DWPT is set to go for 2023, in this old house, with our very successful(thank you) yearly events, our teas, Family Fun Day, the Christmas Show House and Gala. And we are so pleased to announce our newest program, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with a medium on Wed. evening Nov. 1st. Our rentals continue to provide that extra source of income needed to support our historic property and already several bridal and baby showers and two weddings are booked. The Webster Estate is town owned and the board of directors are all volunteers and all of Webster events and rentals are fundraisers. And a 143 year old house requires constant care and upkeep, repairs, and unfortunately big budget replacements.

We write to you as our friends. We want you to know that you "gladden" and "refresh us" And we invite you to come and visit the Daniel Webster Estate, the place that he, Daniel Webster, called, "my sweet home".

With kind wishes and many thanks.

The Daniel Webster Preservation Trust

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- *Seasonal Victorian Teas: Spring-Apr 23 ● Summer-June 11 ● Autumn-Sept 10 ● Festive Holiday - Nov 5*
- *Phyllis Nielson's Family Fun Day, Presented by Pembroke School of Performing Arts - July 30*
- *Daniel Webster Preservation Trust, Annual Christmas Show House Gala & Fundraiser- Fri., Dec. 8*
- *Designer Christmas Show House: December 7 through December 17*

Webster Happenings

Yesterday's News!



The time the Gang went to see The Brockton Rox play baseball at Campanelli Stadium!



Our Friends from **Fox Grape Catering**. Thank you for the 2021 Catering Donation.



Our winner and his guests enjoyed an evening of food prepared by Executive Chef Paul Spillane of **Fox Grape Catering** and Wine donated by **MarshfieldToday.com**



After Party for the Christmas Showhouse Committee (2022)



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This Old House

As with all houses there is that need to refresh, repair, replace and this was the year of replacements at the mansion: the oil burner, the refrigerator, the dish washer, all of which had been in the house since 2005 when the Estate opened to the public.

Rand Handy Oil Company installed a Burnham Boiler in February replacing a Smith Boiler which is no longer manufactured.

In a recent Rand Handy newsletter to its customers, they wrote,

"We are proud to support several local events and charitable organizations, year after year."

The DWPT has benefitted from this support and we are grateful to Rand Handy for this assist and for their partnership with Webster these past almost 20 years.

Outside Repairs

The outside porch veranda electrical outlets needed replacement and upgrading, plus additional outlets were necessary as wind and rain during the Christmas Show House annual event caused havoc with the lighting and at the worse possible times.

The automatic sprinkler control for the outside grass and garden watering failed and was replaced last summer.

The Widow's Walk needed repairs, replacement of railings, and painting.



*Join us for our
Annual Victorian Seasonal Teas at the Webster Mansion!*

Ladies find your fascinators- its almost tea time at the Webster mansion!

But first there is a long to-do list, as all the silver needs polishing, recipes need testing, and a new tea lady needs training, as sadly, Ann, our long time tea maven, is retiring from this job.

The Spring Tickets are \$25, and include a tour of our historic 1880 Victorian mansion and three food courses; including scones, seasonal breads, assorted tea sandwiches, and delicious desserts.

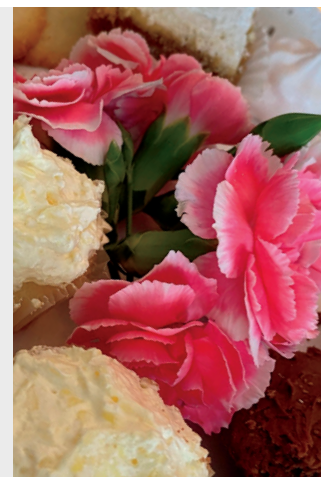
Please note tickets for our Summer, Autumn, and Holiday teas are \$30. Event time is 2pm-4pm, reservations are required.

June's Summer Tea, will be a themed tea: the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, a new experience. The Mad Hatter will be at the door to welcome you and yes Alice will be in attendance as well. And possibly a white rabbit may appear. So- don't be late!

At the Festive Holiday tea in November, and for this tea only, a glass of sparkling wine will be available for a slight charge prior to the formal tea service.

To reserve your spot, please call Carol at 781-834-7818. Our 2023 Seasonal Teas are as follows:

- Spring Tea: April 23rd
- Summer Tea: June 11th, Mad Hatter Theme
- Autumn Tea: September 10th
- Festive Holiday Tea: Nov 5th





Gail is pictured in the doorway wearing a hat.

Resignation of Gail Connolly

It was with sadness that President Carol Kiburis accepted the resignation of long-time board member Gail Connolly.

Gail was an active board member who served almost from the inception of the Preservation Trust. Through the years, Gail devoted innumerable hours to our many events and the general activities of the house.

We are particularly grateful for her work coordinating the Generational Teas, chairing the Scholarship Committee, and for her outstanding direction of the Marshfield third grade field trips to the Estate. Gail and her docents for the school tours (many of them retired Marshfield educators) made sure that every third grader experienced an interactive and fun learning opportunity. We join Gail in thanking her many loyal volunteers.

Gail, we will miss you, but you will not be far from our thoughts. and we wish you much happiness in the years to come.

Third Grade Tours

It's Spring, and that means it's time for eager third graders from the Marshfield School District to pay a visit to the Daniel Webster Estate.

Last year, 2022, our volunteer docents proudly welcomed 242 students over a period of several days. As they tour the mansion, law office, and carriage house, our guides present information on the history of the Estate and its residents from the earliest days through the present. Students learn about the statesman Daniel Webster and his many important contributions to our nation, our state, and our town. The boys and girls look forward to playing lawn games that children of the past might have enjoyed, and there is usually time for a picnic on the grass. These very students are our future citizens and patriots and it's a treat to introduce them to one of Marshfield's jewels.

Our long-time coordinator of the Marshfield school tours has retired from our Board of Directors. However, Board member Lynne Bartos will work with Gail to see that these tours continue in the tradition of past years. If you would be interested in spending time with Marshfield's third graders, we would love to have you join us. We will provide a brief training and no prior docent experience is necessary. It's inspiring and a lot of fun!

Please contact Lynne Bartos at (562) 900-3409 or by email at mariae95@mac.com

Estate History

- 1855—Subdivision of the Webster Estate by his heirs reduces the size of the estate.
- 1884—Caroline Webster sells the Estate to Walton Hall of Marshfield.
- 1996—The Town of Marshfield purchases the remaining 14 acres of the Thomas-Webster Estate.

This Summer- Historic Tours, open to the public.

Tour the lovely Queen Anne-style Victorian mansion built in 1880, then visit Webster's Law Office with Marshfield's Historical Commission, and on to the Carriage House to see Webster's phaeton (buggy) The Estate is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the law office is a National Historic Landmark.

Open on selected Sunday and Thursday afternoons in July, August, September: Hours: 1-4PM. Tours are guided tours given by trained docents who are able to share with you some glimpses into Daniel Webster's life, the history of the Estate, plus interesting highlights of Webster at his beloved Marshfield farm.

**Sunday, July 9 · Thursday, July 20 · Sunday, August 13 · Thursday, August 24
Sunday, September 17 · Thursday, September 28**

Free admission with donations gratefully accepted. Air conditioned and wheelchair access to the first floor of the mansion. Private tours may be arranged by calling Ann at 781-834-6241.

Need to book a special occasion? Please feel free to reach out to our Event Coordinator and schedule time to visit The Estate and walk the grounds, Phone Carol at 781-834-7818.



Editorial By Lynne Bartos, Photo by Laurie France

As soon as one stepped onto the veranda, it was clear that this would be an adventure to remember! The sparkling tree lights and the toys and baubles in Santa's Workshop promised a breathtaking experience, and the 2022 Christmas Decorators Show House didn't disappoint.

The stately double doors opened to reveal the glittering world of Clara and her Nutcracker prince throughout the foyer and up the staircase. Transformed into the Land of Snow, the entrance hall invited one to experience the wonders of the holiday season.

The parlor, titled "Glamorous Wonderland," was both sophisticated and fashionable. This room was the image of cosmopolitan savvy. Decorated in black and white with splashes of rose pink, it was the perfect setting to unwrap a Tiffany bracelet while sipping champagne.

It was New Year's Eve in the dining room, and what an elegant party it was! Set with shining white linen accented with navy blue velvet, the table featured a myriad of gold and silver candles and charger plates designed as clock faces. The gleaming crystal reflected the gold confetti and festive decorations, while a life-sized Baby New Year danced on the mantle.

The wide stairway led to The Kingdom of Sweets, the realm of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The boudoir abounded with satin pointe shoes, silken streamers, gingerbread, and plenty of sugarplums!

Caroline's bedroom transported our guests to Wonderland where "tea" was being served in the Queen's rose garden. Whimsical Christmas trees were decorated with China tea sets, playing cards, and powder blue ribbon, and it appeared that the Mad Hatter left behind his top hat!

Audible gasps were heard when guests encountered a life-sized mermaid snoozing on Daniel Webster's bed. Turtles, shells, and starfish nestled in the fishnet next to her, and one could only wonder what Webster would have thought, with her green sequined tail draping across the bed and onto the floor.

We can only touch on a few of the highlights here, but it can be safely said that every room in the House was aglow with lights, glitter, and color. Every decorator's design was "over the top" in imaginative themes and creativity, making it impossible to choose a favorite. It's said that each year the Show House is bigger and better than the year before. We can't WAIT for 2023!

Christmas Gatherings, Decorators '22



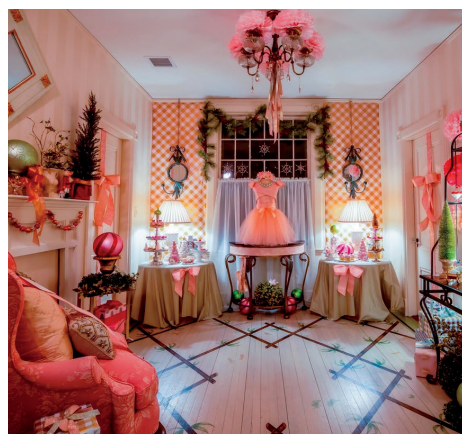
238 Webster

GATHERINGS

The Daniel Webster Preservation Trust (DWPT) hosts an array of Annual **Gatherings**. The **Christmas Designer Show House** is just one of many! Located in Marshfield, MA the property at **238 Webster** is also available as a rental for Private **Events**.

DECORATORS

Entrance - Cindy Castro and David Welch
 Foyer, Staircase, Upper Hall - Deb Dunphy and Jean Peck
 Parlor - Lara Brait and Women in Business, MCOB
 Dining Room - Beth Cook
 Butler's Pantry - Sarah Guilfoyle
 Kitchen - Carol Kemeches, Webster Decorators
 Study - Michele Campion, Stephani Shea, and Meghan Stempel
 Hall Bath - Bath's by Katie and Katie
 Webster's Bedchamber - Chris Prendergast and Cheryl Strazdes
 Caroline's Dressing Room - Jacqui Madden
 Caroline's Bedroom - Robin Arouca, Ideal Design
 Boudoir - Deb Dunphy and Jean Peck
 Blue Toile Room - Casey Lahti, Fable Rentals
 Museum and Back Hall - The Webster Decorators



Christmas Past, Couldn't Do It Without You!



A very big thank you to the **LS Grace Fund** for their generous donation to the Daniel Webster Estate. A shout out to the **Show House volunteer hostesses** who help Webster every year at the admission desk and throughout the house, offering information, answering questions, and being on duty in the morning, afternoon, and two evenings for nine days. They are indispensable! **MHS the Marshalaires**, a group of nine stalwarts bundled up for the cold, as they welcomed and serenaded Gala attendees from the porch veranda with songs of the season. A big thank you also to the **MHS string ensemble** who entertained visitors with classical selections in the historic parlor on one Sunday afternoon. **Many Hands, One Heart** volunteers from the **MHS senior class** and their chaperones, often their parents, have been coming annually in April to help with yard and garden cleanup, and we are grateful for their continued support. **Veronica Sweetcakes**, **B's Ice Cream**, and the **Coffee Shack** provided treats during Santa's visits, and we appreciate their generosity. **Ms. Phoebe Sullivan**, a senior at Cohasset High School, has been a loyal Santa volunteer through cold, drizzle, and snowflakes. We wish her the best of luck in college! **Mr. Geoffrey Stewart of Newfield House** deserves our thanks for his kind donation and for the continued supply of boxes of delicious Christmas cookies for our visitors during the nine days. And to the **MHS football team and their coach**, who have done and continue to do the heavy lifting of chairs, sofas, rugs, tables, Christmas trees, and everything else needed to make events at the Estate a success. We couldn't do it without them! We also express our sincere appreciation to **Dave and Cindy**, our porch veranda decorators these past two years who have found the Webster porch to be a wind tunnel and despite extra framings, bolts and ties, their decorations can still bend and blow. And before dawn they arrive to repair for company coming. And to our Show House sponsors: **Rand Handy, Price Automotive. McNamara Financial, ABC Equipment, Graham Prendergast, Roberta Fairbanks, Beverly Johnson** and our friends **Ed Perry, WATD, Karie O'Donnell, KO Fine Art Gallery**, we are so grateful. Finally, we thank our partners in food preparation and service **familycrestcatering.com**, for all they do for "Webster". Thank You!

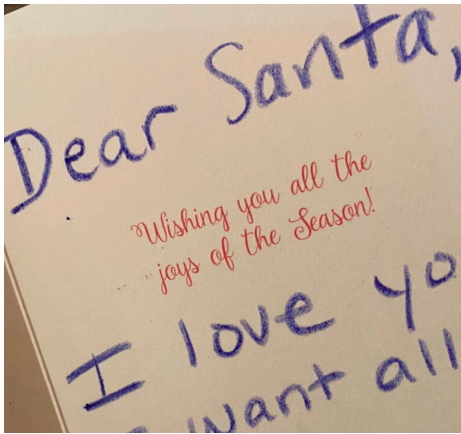
MARSHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for the tremendous help and support your organization has provided to our fundraising efforts. Since joining the Chamber, we have been fortunate to have the additional community support of the Merry Days initiative and the participation of other Chamber members, which has greatly contributed to our success.

Over the years, our partnership has grown stronger, and we were thrilled to have the Women in Business Chamber group volunteer to help decorate our parlor this holiday season. The support and commitment of Lara Brait and Laurie Solomon to the Estate, as well as the support given to the DWPT Board, have been invaluable. We are incredibly grateful for the Chamber's continued support, and we look forward to doing more together in the future. Thank you again for your unwavering dedication to our cause.



Santa's PJ Party 2022



SANTA'S PJ PARTY, '22

Santa Claus visited with Marshfield Children from his Santa chair on the porch veranda at the Webster Estate on Saturday and Sunday evenings Dec. 10th and 11th from 6-8PM.

The visits were sponsored by **MarshfieldToday.com** and the **Marshfield Chamber of Commerce**. A Christmas goody bag, filled with candies, peeps, stickers, a gift card for **B's Ice cream**, candy canes, and light sticks was given to each child. Everyone was encouraged to visit with Santa in their best Christmas PJ's and they did! Even some moms and dads arrived suitably attired in matching jammies. That was an extra treat. And this was a sit on Santa's lap if you wish as there were no masks or 6 foot separations required. There were almost 200 children who visited and talked with Santa those two nights and he chatted with them all! And as one said, "This is the real Santa!" This event has become one of the Webster Estate's most beloved activities. Children are such lovely people!



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Christmas Recap, Plus, Future Dates

Christmas at Marshfield,

Our 18th Christmas Designer Show House: 2023

Open Week Days:

Mon.- Wed. December 11,12,13 from 11AM-4PM

Open Week Ends:

December 9,10,16,17 from 11AM-5PM

Open Two Evenings:

Thur. and Fri, December 14, 15 from 11AM-9PM

Tickets available at the door, General Public: \$15

Seniors (62 years), DWPT Members \$10

Santa's PJ Party Returns on December 16, 17

Annual Show House Preview Party and Gala

Friday, December 8 From 7-10PM

Reservations only. Please call Carol Kiburis 781-834-7818.

Gala Tickets \$60 Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

Gala 2022 was SOLD OUT!

And, the 2022 Winners Are...

Three GRAND prizes awaited the lucky winners of the Christmas Show House drawings this year: A Proper Afternoon Tea with a champagne toast for 20 guests in the lovely parlor of the historic Webster mansion. This was won by **Patty Sneyd, Weymouth** (name on the lucky ticket) but **co-owned with her friend Jean Griffin, Quincy**.

The \$100 Millionaire Tree, \$100 worth of scratch tickets in a variety of denominations. **Donna Cavanaugh, NH**, won this game of chance. Donna in 2017 decorated the Hall Bath for the Christmas Show House. And even more interesting, these 3 winners with 3 other friends toured this year's Christmas Show House as a group, as they have done since Donna's decorating adventure at Webster. They then continue with a Girl's Night Out in their Marshfield friend's home. They and others will "take tea" with Webster on Saturday July 22 at 2PM. And then, some will "scratch" and all will hope for "Big Money" as they sip tea.

The \$800 worth of gift cards for 18 Marshfield food establishments from ice cream to pizza to sit down dinners was won by **Ann Moreno of Humarock**.

Thank you **Laurie Solomon** and the **Marshfield Chamber of Commerce** for organizing the restaurant collection.

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The Mug	\$50
The Point	\$50
Slacktide	\$25
Slacktide 2 lbs Coffee	
Cured Market	\$50
TOTAL VALUE \$800	

Thank you to our fellow Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Partners for Contributing

Phyllis Nielsen's Annual Family Fun Day



FFD 2023, Presented by Pembroke School of Performing Arts



Save the Date as Family Fun Day returns to the Daniel Webster Estate, Summer of 2023.

We are delighted to share the Estate with the Community. This Annual Gathering and Fundraiser benefits, The Daniel Webster Preservation Trust.

Sunday, July 30th, 12-4PM

Featuring: Bouncy Houses, Dance Performances, Storytelling, Face Painting, Touch A Truck, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Food, Music, Goodies, Enchanted Garden & Sidewalk Chalk Activities!

*FREE to first 200 kids under 10, Special Effects Neon Sidewalk Chalk!

Entry is Free,
Most Activities Have Fees



Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below and also our social media and tag yourself!



Thank you to our sponsors and donors from FFD 2022



PHYLLIS NIELSEN

Family Fun Day, Founder

Phyllis Nielsen, a DWPT board member since the Estate opened to the public in 2005, died last July only a few weeks shy of her 87th birthday and just days before Family Fun Day, Webster's summer family event.

2022 was the 12th FFD thanks to Phyllis who had organized the very first FFD in 2009 after finally convincing the Webster board that this was a grand idea. Phyllis felt there was a need to create an event that was family friendly, that younger families with small children of Marshfield should know of the Webster Estate. And what better way to do this than with a big summer lawn party?

Phyllis had been confined mostly to her home these past few years with health issues. She and her husband Rick were longtime Marshfield residents raising 4 children here and she retiring from the Marshfield Center Post Office after many years of service. She had served on the 350th Marshfield committee, a year long birthday celebration in 1990, and at that time she had another idea for the Daniel Webster Estate- again a summer party- a "Ball"! The Estate was privately owned at this time so lots of planning was needed for her July party. She had local businesses bring in furniture, curtains, rugs, even a grand piano to decorate the first floor of the mansion for a Friday night cocktail party and on Saturday with two tents out on the front lawn, a catered dinner was served, a 10 piece orchestra played and "over 500 people attended"(Marshfield Mariner) and they indeed had a Ball! And Phyllis made her entrance in a horse drawn carriage. That was "our" Phyllis.

She knew everyone in town. She was a "can do" person, pleasantly persuasive either face to face or via the telephone. She had ideas galore and she didn't take no for an answer.

And she will be remembered at Daniel Webster, especially every July, as FFD was last year renamed, The Phyllis Nielsen Family Fun Day.

Family Fun Day is on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

For companies and organizations that want to share their message and develop new leads.

Please consider a sponsorship for this event!

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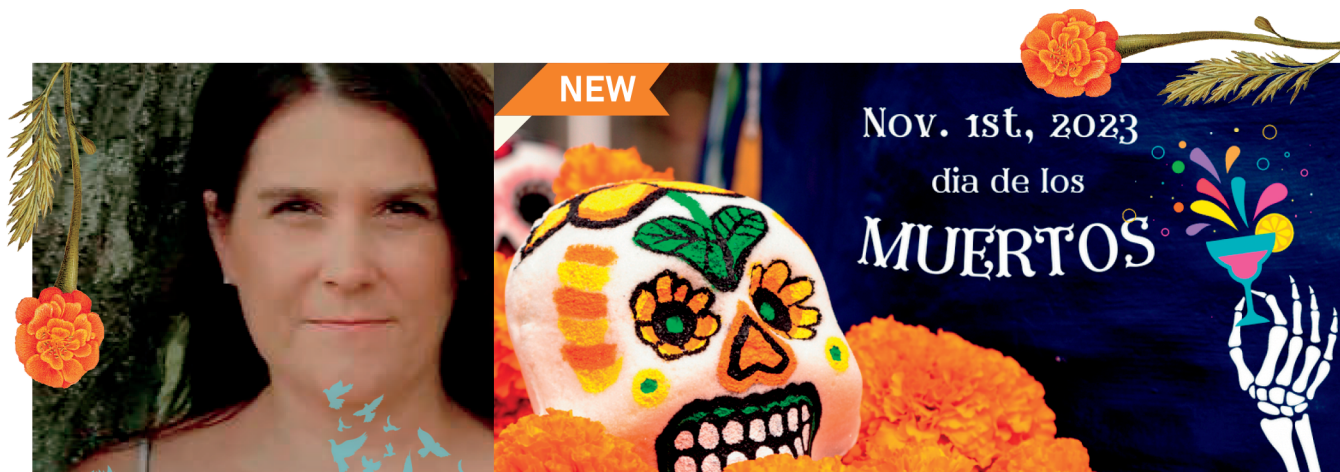
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The DWPT is an all volunteer, self supporting, non profit organization that depends on your annual financial support to fulfill its mission of preserving, maintaining, and operating, The Daniel Webster Estate & Heritage Center.

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Sarah Angley

SPRIT MEDIUM

- Plus, Angel Card Readings
- Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres
- Facepainting & Photos

Come join Webster's newest event on Wednesday evening, November 1st at the Webster Estate Grounds from 6:30-9:00! The event will feature medium Sarah Angley and Fellow Spirit Connectors.

In Mexico, there's a special celebration held on November 1st to honor departed souls. This celebration is not marked by sadness, but instead by traditional food and drinks, colorful and bright paper decorations, candles, marigolds, and mariachi bands. You'll also find sugar skulls and the Calavera Catrina, a skeletal figure adorned with fancy clothing and hats.

Learn more about Sarah, visit SarahAngley.com
Tickets are priced at \$50, online purchase only at TheDanielWebsterEstate.org beginning May 1st 2023.

