



<< **Thomas Smith House**, 251 North West Street, Feeding Hills, Mass.

Thomas Smith House “Clothesline” Art Show

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans will hold a *Clothesline Art Show* and sale at the Thomas Smith House at 251 North West Street in Feeding Hills on **Saturday, September 8th**, 2018 from **10am-4pm**. Rain date Saturday, September 15th, 2018.

Many of the artists are juried in their art form. The art displayed for sale will range from oils, watercolor, pen and ink, to pencil, gourds, and acrylics. This art fair will be free and open to all.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Agawam Historical Association, members of which will also be in attendance that day.

Known as the “little red house” the **Thomas Smith House** has evaded significant alteration for more than 250 years. The home was occupied until the 1950s without modern conveniences, such as central heating and running water.



The house has retained much of its original hardware, along with the bake oven in the common room, wallpaper and raised panel walls.

Shards of old dishes, remnants of a porcelain doll, and even a newspaper clipping about Babe Ruth tucked inside a fireplace helped tell the story of past lives.

Now, with the support of Community Preservation Act funding, donations from area businesses and generous individuals who are willing to pay the mortgage and insurance, the house has taken on a new life.

(Clothesline Art Show – cont.)

Also, on Saturday, during the show, *A. Burris Jenkins* will be performing from 11 am to 3 pm. He will entertain with jazz adaptations of the likes of J.S. Bach, along with several other original jazz pieces. Jenkins is a longtime Pioneer Valley resident. Originally from the New York area, Mr. Jenkins studied music and guitar at the Berklee College of Music in the 1980s. Since relocating to Northampton, he has become a regular performer in the Western Mass area.

Enjoy browsing this outdoor *Clothesline Art Show*, and support the Community Artists of Agawam. Look for unframed art which will be hanging from clotheslines on the trees. A very unique concept! There will be framed art and 3-D art for sale. Plenty of free parking on the grounds/grass of the home. Follow the signs to 251 North West Street in Feeding Hills, on Saturday, September 8th from 10am-4pm (rain date Saturday, September 15th)!

For further information please call Ceil Rossi at (413) 207-1247, or you can e-mail to: tocarefree2@hotmail.com

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