

Patriots' Day - April 19, 1775

**"The Shot Heard 'Round the World"**

*By Bob Hurd*

On April 22, 2017, the Rootstown Historical Society sponsored a living history event in the Rootstown Middle School cafeteria. This event focused on the first day of open warfare between the colonists and Great Britain - the battles of Lexington and Concord.

Twenty-five living historians provided their portrayal of colonial life. Lt. Jeremiah Greenman and wife Mary spoke of days in the Continental Army. Other colonials played violins, danced, displayed spinning wheels, discussed the function of a flintlock musket, provided bagpipe music and demonstrated beeswax candle dipping.

The Rootstown band provided patriotic music and the Brigade of the American Revolution demonstrated a "live fire" musket drill. Popcorn was provided by Bonnie Howe with helping hand Shirley Riemenschneider. About 130 guests enjoyed the afternoon of "colonial times."

The Rootstown Historical Society would like to thank all who helped with this event - Matt Collins, Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCloskey, Boy Scout Troop 556, Rootstown School Band, Ohio Senator Eklund, and all others who helped make the day a great success.

Thank you,  
Rootstown Historical Society  
Event Organizers: Bob and Dorothy Hurd