



## *Ellington Historical Society*

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### **February 2008 Newsletter**

#### **Meeting Notice**

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. The business meeting will be followed by a program by Ms. Angelina DeLuca on Connecticut Itinerant Painters of the 19th Century.

Ms. DeLuca is a thirty five year veteran art teacher in the West Hartford School System. She received her BA from Central CT State University and her Masters from the Hartt Art School University of Hartford. She has received two Fulbright scholarships.

The public is invited and new members are welcome to join. Refreshments will follow the program.

Thank you to Doris Johnson and Ellen Karadimas for the refreshments for our January meeting. The bakers for our February meeting are Tina Fiore and Mary Temple.

#### **Storm Cancellations**

We have arranged to have our storm cancellations announced on WFSB Channel 3. If you have any questions about whether a meeting has been cancelled, please contact Tim Fahy

#### **News from the Archivist-Lynn Fahy**

Arcadia Publishing has accepted my proposal for a new pictorial history of Ellington. The new book in Arcadia's *Images of America* will be titled: *Crystal Lake: Tolland County*. The finished manuscript and approximately 200 photographs are due at the publisher's in November, and the scheduled publication date is spring 2009.

Shirley Hayden has finished scanning slides from Nellie McKnight's collection. Shirley corrected the color and enhanced the images on the faded and deteriorated slides, which we hope to present to the society at a future program. This is one of the slides, a photograph of the stone house known as the Millstone on Route 140, Sadds Mill Road.

An article in the May 23, 1908 Hartford Courant reveals the origin of the house: “Dr. Everett J. McKnight has bought of George L. McLean a part of the old Dunham Mill Property in Ellington opposite the residence of Carlos Bradley. This property is situated near Dr. McKnight’s boyhood home. The mill canal, along which he traveled to the swimming pond in his boyhood days, now has magnificent elms on either side, making a delightful walk. Dr. McKnight contemplates putting up a bungalow and reconstructing the pond, which will cover several acres of land. The whole, when completed, will make a most attractive summer home.”

