



Ellington Historical Society

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October 2008 Newsletter

Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Free. All are welcome.

Our program this month is The History and Joy of Cloth Doll Collecting. The program will be presented by Renee Irvin of Vernon. Ms. Irvin has been collecting cloth dolls and studying vintage textiles for over twenty years. She has written a children's book on the subject, "The Rag Dolls of Rockville", describing her efforts to keep cloth dolls on the list of cherished childhood toys. The program will present a history on cloth dolls and New England's contribution to the cloth doll industry. She will bring examples of significant dolls from her collection. Her book will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. All proceeds from the sale of her book are given to Hockanum Valley Community Council, of which she is President of the Board of Directors.

Attendees are invited to bring a favorite cloth doll to the meeting!

Thank you to all who signed our refreshment list for meetings this year. Refreshments for this meeting will be provided by Connie Nichols and Karyn Kloter.

Windsor Parade

The Windsor Parade was scheduled for Saturday, September 27 but predicted heavy rain postponed the parade until Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m. The float was decorated with town flags, corn stalks, mums, pumpkins, apples and hay bales and assembled on site in Windsor.

Special thanks to Tim Fahy who arranged for the float, planned the decorations and marched in the parade. Tim and Lynn also hosted an "after the parade" cookout for all who rode or worked on the float.

We would like to thank the following people: Mildred Dimock who portrayed Nellie McKnight and sat on the float reading to Owen, Luke and Emma Kloter, children of Karyn and Bruce Kloter. The Ellington Parish Train Band represented by Alex Cardoni, Rob Wallace, Dennis Carroll, Kenneth Carroll, and Basil Stone. Local craftsman, Ed Ricard, donated a windmill to the museum and this windmill represented the Halladay windmill on the float. Thank you to Denise Archibald for her efforts in arranging for the windmill.

Peter Pagani of Pagani Construction donated the use of his truck and trailer and his time for the day to drive the float in the parade. Mary Temple contacted Johnny Appleseed who donated the mums, pumpkins and apples for the float. Don Ellis donated hay for the float, helped decorate and marched in the parade. Sue Phillips arranged for the use of two town flags, decorated, and made the book for Mildred to read to the children and marched in the parade. Nancy Long arranged for the banners, made the float signs, decorated and marched in the parade.

Pictures of the parade and our float can be seen on our website www.ellingtonhistsoc.org and will also be circulated at this meeting.

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

It may be October but plans are already underway for the holidays. The museum visiting hours on Thursday afternoons are officially over but museum tours are still available by appointment by contacting Nancy Long or Tim Fahy.

Wreaths

We will once again be offering wreaths for sale this year. Advance orders will be taken at this meeting or by calling Mary Temple. The price will remain the same as last year: \$10 for a wreath and bow; \$12 for a wreath with a bow and decorations. All proceeds benefit Ellington Historical Society.

Open House/Winterfest

Saturday, December 6 we will have a holiday open house as part of the town wide Winterfest celebration. The museum will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will be featuring a newly discovered wardrobe trunk in the front parlor and use this trunk as the foundation for a display of early 1900s clothing. Holiday decorations and lots of homemade cookies will be offered to all and we hope for a good crowd for this open house.

Membership

It's that time again! Membership dues are "due" in September and we have enclosed a form to fill out and include with your dues payment.

Ellington Historical Society Membership Dues

Class of Membership	_____	Individual \$10.00
	_____	Senior Individual \$8.00 (Over 62)
	_____	Family \$20.00
	_____	Senior Family \$15.00 (Over 62)
(Check one)	_____	Patron \$25.00
	_____	Business \$50.00

Name _____
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