



Ellington Historical Society

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January 2009 Newsletter

January Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. The business meeting will be followed by a program by Jim Klopfer, who will compare American painted tole ware to utilitarian tin ware. He will show examples from his collections and share information on the dating and care of these items. The public is invited and new members are welcome to join. Refreshments will follow the program.

The bakers for our January meeting are Sharon Czyz and Doris Johnson.

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

Open House/Winterfest

Our open house was graced with good weather and good attendance. The new wardrobe trunk display was a real hit! Numerous press releases had the public curious about our new offering and we plan to keep the exhibit on display for the summer season for those who missed it at the holidays.

We appreciate the support of our members for this event including the following people:

Bakers: Diane Augustus, Myrtle Benjamin, Lennie Ellis, Gerry Gillung, Doris Johnson, Marcia Kupferschmid, Nadene Lake, Nancy Lemek, Kerry Lorenzet, Evelyn Luginbuhl, Tonya Magnuson, Hilary Brady, Mary Temple, Tina Fiore, Helen Dahl, Connie Nichols, Karyn Kloter, Sharon Czyz, Mildred Dimock, Pat Clapp, Charlene Carson-Hyde, Lynn Fahy, Dot Manner.

Volunteers: Mildred Dimock, Nadene Lake, Connie Nichols, Nancy Lemek, Karyn Kloter, Ben Kloter, Dave Lehmann, Mary Temple, Tina Fiore, Don Ellis, Dave Abel, Shirley Hayden, Tim Fahy, Lynn Fahy, Jim Long, Nancy Long.

Special thanks to: Tim Fahy for all of his help with planning, decorating and staffing at the event. Tim also loaned family items for exhibit at the museum; Don and Lennie Ellis for picking up wreaths and delivering them to the museum for decorating; Mary Temple for soliciting wreath orders and decorating wreaths and museum; Tina Fiore for decorating wreaths and museum and helping dust and clean; Angie DeLuca for decorating a tree for the Hall Memorial Library tree festival; Debbie Wallace for donating handcrafted decorations for sale at museum; Mildred Dimock for dusting and cleaning at the museum.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

Special thanks to our Curator, Nancy Long for the success of the Winterfest open house. She had a hand in virtually every one of our activities. Her arrangement of the trunk exhibit was superb.

With the help of Herman Dahl, we got our steam heating system working properly. We insulated all the steam pipes in the basement, put in the proper oil nozzle for a steam boiler, and insured that the radiators were properly pitched.

I know these are tough times financially, but please pay your dues, if you haven't already so we may continue the work of our Historical Society. We would really appreciate your support. Please make your check payable to "Ellington Historical Society" and mail it to the address on the previous page. Individual \$10, Senior Individual \$8 (over 62), Family \$20, Senior Family \$15 (both over 62), Patron \$25, Business \$50.

News from the Webmaster-Jim Long

Web site update: <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org/>

The EHS web site has been redesigned to a style that is more like other web sites. The old link buttons have been replaced by a more consistent link list in the left column.

The Genealogy page has been revamped to take advantage of the Ellington Genealogy information that Shirley Hayden is researching. John McKnight and Nellie McKnight are the first two names featured.

A new Museum Store page has been added. The *Images of America: Ellington* book is the only item listed so far, but other items that the Museum has for sale will be photographed and added to this page.

Behind the scene, the design software has been upgraded to Microsoft Expression Web 2. This was done to eliminate upload errors caused by problems with Microsoft FrontPage, which is no longer supported by Microsoft.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

Many thanks to Morgan Campbell of Vernon, a descendant of the Pinney family of Ellington, who has donated family photographs and memorabilia to the Historical Society.

Crystal Lake, Tolland County, a new book in Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series, will be published on Monday, April 13th. It will contain 200 images and captions that create a pictorial history of the lake community in Ellington from around 1870 to 1970. Most of the photographs are never before published ones from private collections. The 128-page-book will sell for \$21.99. It was written by Lynn Kloter Fahy for the Crystal Lake Historical Society, and the proceeds will benefit the restoration of the 18th century Methodist parsonage on Sandy Beach Road, which the society plans to open as a museum.