



## *Ellington Historical Society*

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### **February 2009 Newsletter**

#### **February Meeting Notice**

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. The business meeting will be followed by a program on Dutch Belted cattle, which are admired for their peculiar and striking marking. Kathy Bach of Tolland will talk about how she and her husband, veterinarian Louis Bach, are restoring a herd of this nearly extinct cattle breed to the Lakeview Farm at Leonard's Corner. The Bachs' herd is one of two nationally renowned herds in America. The public is invited and new members are welcome to join. Refreshments will follow the program.

The bakers for our February meeting will be Mary Temple and Tina Fiore.

#### **News from the Curator-Nancy Long**

A new display titled "Little Looms" has been installed at Hall Memorial Library. Weave-It looms were manufactured from the early 1930s and copied by many companies. The looms were very popular with weavers and knitters and have resurfaced today as the Weavette loom. Nellie McKnight enjoyed working with these small looms and two of the looms on display belonged to Nellie. Also shown is a metal loom from the 1950s for making potholders with jersey loops. This was a popular toy from that era and is still available today for young crafters. This exhibit will be on display until early April.



### **News from the President-Tim Fahy**

Our condolences to the families of Christena Lehmann and Ralph Edwards, who passed away in October. Ralph was a member of the society. Tena was a member of the Executive Board and worked at many society events over the years, including taking reservations and setting up for the society's tag sale at the Fair on the Green each May. They will be missed. Books have been donated to the Hall Memorial Library in their memory.

Check out the new, redesigned Ellington Historical Society web site at:

<http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org/>