



Ellington Historical Society

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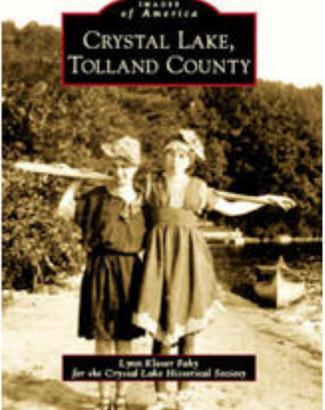
April 2009 Newsletter

April Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. The program will be a joint one with the library. Brendan Hanrahan's award-winning program will take us "on a tour of local places that reveal where continents once collided, where molten rock flooded the landscape, where dinosaurs roamed, where glacial ice left its marks and the great variety of wild places found here today." Slides, animations and video clips have made Hanrahan's *Exploring Connecticut's Natural Wonders* program a popular favorite. The public is invited. Free. Refreshments will follow the program.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

Crystal Lake, Tolland County, part of Arcadia Publishing Co.'s Images of America series, will be published on April 13th. I took on the project of writing this pictorial history of the Crystal Lake section of Ellington at the request of Chrystal Skinner Montgomery of the Crystal Lake Historical Society. Chrystal is a descendant of one of the original families who settled at the lake while Native Americans still lived on its shores, and she was named after the lake. This book complements my 2005 book from the same series, *Ellington*. The 200 vintage photographs in the new book, which sells for \$21.99, are primarily from private family collections and have never before been published. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward the restoration of the first Methodist parsonage in New England, which is being restored as a museum. Copies of *Ellington* will also be available for \$19.99, with proceeds benefiting the Ellington Historical Society. I hope to see you at a book signing soon. Books will be available at the library, local stores, chain bookstores, and online bookstores.



Meet the author
Lynn Kloter Fahy
Crystal Lake Historical Society Meeting
Community House
278 Sandy Beach Road, Ellington
Sunday April 19, 2009-- 2:00

Hall Memorial Library
93 Main Street, Ellington
Saturday, May 2, 2009 and
Saturday, May 9, 2009
From 10:00-4:00
Books available for sale at \$21.99

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

A new season begins at the Nellie McKnight Museum! We will begin our Thursday afternoon openings from 1:00-4:00 on Thursday May 14. The museum will be open Thursday afternoons through the end of September.



There will not be a Fair on the Green this year but we plan to hold our **Flea Market/Bake Sale** on **Saturday May 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on the grounds of the museum. The rain date is May 23. Spaces are 10' x 20' for a donation of \$20 for non-members and \$15 for members. Exhibitors of typical flea market/tag sale items are welcome. Craft and food exhibitors will not be accepted. Call Tim Fahy for a registration form or call Nancy Long for general information. Our event coincides with the Ellington Congregational Church indoor tag sale so we hope by combining our venues we will all benefit from the crowd. This is our major fund raising event of the year so we hope you will stop in at the museum for the festivities. The first floor of the museum will be open for tours and the new **Images of America book *Crystal Lake, Tolland County*** will be available for sale and signing by author Lynn Kloter Fahy.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

I am pleased to report some news on the preservation front. A few weeks ago I met with Rachael T. de Rham on her farm which is located along RT 140 between the towns of Ellington and East Windsor. Rachael is a member of the Thompson family, which has farmed this land since 1731 when they first acquired it. Some of you may remember the cider mill that operated on the property after it opened 1863. The family is restoring the large barn which was built in 1800 and is still in use today. I wrote a letter of support in hopes that they will be approved for a Barn Grant. At a time when so many family farms are vanishing, it is heartening to see a farm family working to preserve its heritage. Rachael donated to the Ellington Historical Society archives some wonderful copies of pictures and articles that document the history of the Thompson family on this farm.