



Ellington Historical Society

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June 2009 Newsletter



June Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and potluck supper on Thursday, June 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Those with last names beginning with A-M are asked to bring a main dish. Those with last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring a salad. Beverages will be provided. Our traditional strawberry shortcake will be served for dessert.

Following the supper, we will hold our annual meeting during which we will elect officers for 2009-2010. A slate of officers will be presented and nominations can also be made from the floor.

Out of the Attic: Inventing Antiques

After the potluck dinner, there will be a program at 7:30 sponsored by the library. It will be open to the public. *Out of the Attic: Inventing Antiques in 20th Century New England*, presented by Briann Greenfield, SSCU Associate Professor of History, is about how antiques became a cultural phenomenon. She will discuss why caring, obsessing, and collecting antiques did not begin until the 20th century.

News from the Curator

Museum Season

The museum began the Thursday afternoon openings from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on May 14. This schedule will continue through the end of September.

The preseason museum clean-up was held on Thursday, May 7. Members Tina Fiore, Tim Fahy, Karyn Kloter, Luke Kloter and Nancy Long dusted and vacuumed Nellie's house in preparation for the Bake Sale/Flea Market on May 16 and the museum season. Thank you to all who helped!

Farmer's Market

Karyn Kloter has arranged to have an Ellington Historical Society booth at the Farmer's Market at Arbor Park. The first EHS booth was set up on May 16 and we will continue to have a booth there on the 3rd Saturday of the month through September. Karyn will be staffing the booth, and museum books and maps will be on sale. Activities will vary each month and we urge members to stop in and support our efforts to increase the community awareness of the historical society. Thank you Karyn for your efforts with this booth! Members interested in helping staff the booth should contact Karyn Kloter.

Flea Market/Bake Sale

We had a very successful day on May 16. We sold fifteen flea market spaces and all of our baked goods. The crowd seemed to flow between our flea market and the church tag sale without any problems with parking. The church allowed the use of their rest rooms for our event so we were saved the expense of renting a portable facility.

Thank you to Mildred Dimock for her many phone calls to round up bakers for our bake sale. Twenty eight of our members baked for this sale! We know this is a busy time of year and we really appreciate the help of our members in providing wonderful home baked goodies.

Our volunteers who staffed the bake sale were: Nadene Lake, Connie Nichols, Shirley Hayden, Mary Temple and Tina Fiore. Our museum and flea market volunteers were: Lynn and Tim Fahy, Don and Lennie Ellis, Dave Lehmann, and Nancy and Jim Long.

School Tours

Nancy Long and Tim Fahy have visited the Windermere School and Center School third grade classes. We have once again brought items from the museum collection including a foot warmer, bottle capper, ice tongs, popcorn popper and a number of laundry items. The children are always enthusiastic and we urge them to come and visit the museum on a Thursday afternoon during the summer.

News from the President

Our condolences go out to the family of EHS member Evelyn Back, aunt of member Joan Landers. Evelyn passed away in May. A book will be donated in her name to the Hall Memorial Library.

The windmill built by Ed Ricard to represent Daniel Halladay's windmill and donated to our historical society is now installed on the museum grounds. It is a welcome addition to the landscape.

We have installed a second high pressure cutoff on our steam boiler to comply with regulations that require this device in public buildings.

News from the Archivist

Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Enfield Commons, 25 Hazard Ave, Enfield, will hold a book signing event from 1:00-3:00 on Saturday, June 27th for Lynn Kloter Fahy's pictorial history, *Crystal Lake, Tolland County*. Books will be available for sale for \$21.99, and the author will personally inscribe them.

Crystal Lake, Tolland County and Lynn's 2005 book, *Ellington* are available at the Hall Memorial Library, Crystal Blueprint in Rockville, and other retail outlets.