



## *Ellington Historical Society*

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### **January 2011 Newsletter**

#### **January Meeting Notice**

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Following the business meeting, the program will be: *The Story of the Ellington Congregational Church - 1733—2008*, a presentation of the history of the church by Mildred Dimock and Deborah Wallace.

The script for this presentation was originally written by Mildred C. McKnight and presented with slides in 1983 for the 250th Anniversary Celebration, with credit also to historian Nellie E McKnight. The script was updated by Deborah and Mildred and pictures were added by photographer Fred Bird and others.



The third meeting house  
of the Ellington Congregational Church,  
built in 1867 and 1868.

The public is invited and new members are welcome to join. Refreshments will follow the program.

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## News from the Curator-Nancy Long

### Open House/Winterfest



A clear day and seasonable temperatures made December 4 a good day to attend town activities, the Winterfest parade and visit our museum. As 2:00 p.m. arrived, our first guests appeared and we had a steady stream of visitors through the afternoon and early evening. This was the first viewing of the ice harvesting exhibit and video in the front parlor. The exhibit will move to Hall Memorial Library in January and will be presented by Nancy Long at the February historical society meeting. Karen Hayes demonstrated weaving on Nellie's loom upstairs. Children visiting the museum were given gingerbread men.

Many thanks to our volunteers who cleaned, decorated and acted as docents for the afternoon. A special thank you to Tim Fahy for his support whenever and wherever needed! After the event, Tim helped take down the decorations and then drained the pipes and winterized the museum for the long cold winter.

Volunteers: Mary Temple, Tina Fiore, Hilary Brady, Don and Lennie Ellis, Mildred Dimock, Dave Lehmann, Shirley Hayden, Tim and Lynn Fahy, Karen Hayes, Patricia Bowen, Jim and Nancy Long.

Gingerbread Men Bakers: Tim Fahy and Mildred Dimock

### News from the President-Tim Fahy

Our Winterfest open house was one of the most successful events we've had for some time. We had some very interested, and interesting, people visit Nellie's house. A couple came from Hampton because they saw our advertising in the paper. At least two people that I know of, came because they saw our "Open" flag. Some people who have lived in town for many years came for the first time. A woman told me that the Christmas season doesn't start for her until she has seen the museum decorated for the holidays. Many folks showed up specifically to see the Ice Harvesting exhibit. The children got to see that popcorn wasn't always made in a microwave. Visitors were also treated to a weaving demonstration done on Nellie's loom.

Out thanks go to Nancy Long, our curator, who produced the Ice Harvesting exhibit and coordinated all things pertaining to the open house. Great job.