



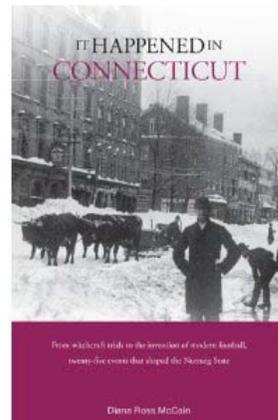
Ellington Historical Society

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April 2012 Newsletter

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Following the business meeting, Diana Ross McCain will talk about her book *It Happened in Connecticut*, which “tells more than two dozen true tales of famous--and infamous--people and events from the state’s past, ranging from witchcraft trials to the Wiffle ball, from mass murder for profit to the modern game of football.”—amazon.com Bakers for our April meeting are Tina Fiore and Mary Temple.



News from the Curator--Nancy Long



The Nellie McKnight Museum will be open for the season on Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be open on Thursdays through the end of September. The featured exhibit in the front parlor celebrates the 200th anniversary of Nellie McKnight’s home. Pictures from the late 1800s through the 1940s chronicle the changes in the building including the ell addition on the west rear side of the house.

Ellington Historical Society Flea Market and Bake Sale

Our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on May 19, 2012 on the Nellie McKnight Museum grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Fair on the Green is not being held this year and thus we are hoping for a busy morning in the center of town. The Ellington Congregational Church will hold their indoor tag sale on this same date and the Farmer’s Market will be open at

Arbor Park. There is no rain date for our event. 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 cannot be accepted. Call 860-875-1136 for an application form or call 860-875-7160 for general information. Applications are also available on our website: www.ellingtonhistsoc.org

The historical society bake sale will also be held on May 19 in the Nellie McKnight Museum from 9:00-2:00. Members will be contacted to bake and help staff this bake sale. In keeping with the guidelines given by North Central District Health, we are asking our bakers to package their baked goods so they are ready for sale. We do not want to handle or repackage the baked items. If we only have to price the item, it really speeds up the bake sale setup. We thank you for your observance of these guidelines--the rules protect us all!

The museum will be open for tours on May 19. We hope you will stop in for a visit and see Nellie's bedroom if you missed the open house during the town Winterfest celebration.

News from the President—Tim Fahy

On April 2nd, we had a visitor at the museum. Jennifer Schaller, a student at ECSU and a former resident of Ellington, came to film an interview at the museum. Jen is also an intern at Charter CTV14 where the interview will air. She interviewed Nancy Long and Lynn Fahy as well as filming every room in the house. We don't get Charter cable in our area but Jen promised to send us a copy of the DVD.

The date for the archaeological dig has been finalized. EHS member and archaeologist Mandy Ranslow will oversee the dig on July 14th, rain or shine. We are encouraging kids 10-16 to sign up. Donations are \$15 and \$10 for members. We hope to have enough participation to have 2 two-hour sessions. Visit our website for more information. www.ellingtonhistsoc.org

The Ellington Farmer's Market theme on June 30th will be "Farming Through the Years" and will feature the Ellington Historical Society. We will have antique farming equipment on display at the market at Arbor Park. Visit www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library--Potluck supper and annual elections (Members Only)

Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library--Ruth Shapleigh Brown, Founder and Executive Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network and a member of the Connecticut State Library staff, will present a thought provoking discussion filled with surprising tales and mysteries about the three earliest burying grounds of Hartford. Shapleigh Brown's illustrated talk will explain the beginnings of these three historic cemeteries, mentioning some important local colonial residents and stone-carvers. www.ctgravestones.com