



Ellington Historical Society

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October 2012 Newsletter

October Meeting

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, Elizabeth Abbe, Director of Public Outreach at the Connecticut Historical Society will present **From Hula Hoops to High Fashion: G. Fox in the 1950s.**



In the 1950s, just about every major city had a landmark department store. In Connecticut, it was G. Fox & Co in Hartford! This presentation will bring you back in time to Fox's heyday as we go from floor to floor and recall departments ranging from accessories on the "street" floor, to designer dresses on 6, and ending at Toyland on 11. You'll also learn about Beatrice Fox Auerbach, the remarkable woman who made every visit to Fox's so enjoyable and set the standard for customer service. We promise to stir pleasant memories of date nut bread in the Connecticut Room, back-to-school shopping, and the wonderful Christmas season at G. Fox & Co.!

The presenter encourages people attending her talks to bring their memories and favorite purchases from the store.

Refreshments will be provided by Connie Nichols, Bev Nichols, and Mandy Ranslow.

This program is made possible through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Hall Memorial Library. The public is welcome and is asked to register online on the library's web site or by calling the library. Members of the historical society do not need to register for the program.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

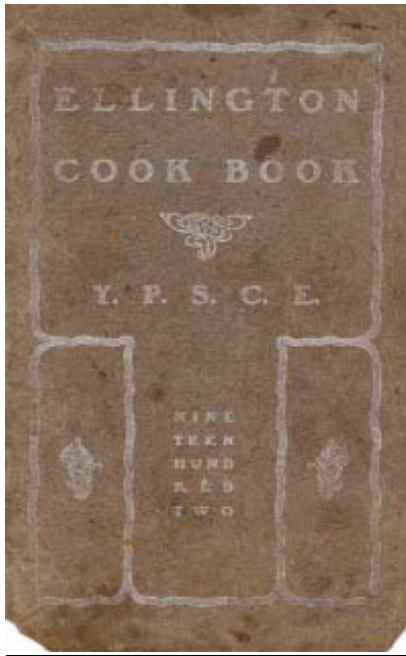
This is a reminder to send in your dues if you have not done so already. Those of you who pay attention to the treasurer's report at our meetings know that our expenditures exceed our revenues on a regular basis. Insurance on the museum alone is now up to \$2000 a year. Unlike the government, we can't raise the debt ceiling, or print our own, and we don't want to raise dues in this economy. So please, send in your dues. Thank you.

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

The museum has closed for the season leaving us more time to work on the archives, photograph the collection, and complete restoration of the upstairs hall closet and its contents. These are all ongoing projects but we try to get work done in the museum before the cold weather sets in. The pantry closet in the kitchen has been restored and will feature a new display of china and kitchenware.

The museum will be open for Winterfest on Saturday, December 1, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will be contacting our members for volunteers in the museum that day. Our exhibit in the front parlor heralding the 200th birthday of Nellie's house will still be on display with an added video showing the archaeological dig and performance by the Sailing Masters of 1812 a fife and drum corps from Essex.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy



I have cataloged and entered into our online PastPerfect catalog a 1902 cookbook, published by the Y.P.S.C.E. (The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor). To see all 66 pages, go to the web site at <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org> and click on "Search Our Collections." Enter "Ellington Cook Book" in the search box.

The names of some of the contributors to the cookbook are familiar. Ida M. Bancroft, librarian at Hall Memorial Library from 1905-1916, sent in her recipe for chocolate pudding, which is on p. 29.

Heat 1 quart of milk in double boiler. When hot stir in 3 tablespoons grated chocolate (moistened with a little cold milk). Stir into this mixture $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar and a large $\frac{1}{4}$ cup corn starch. Stir until well thickened. Serve with whipped cream.

Shirley Hayden has provided an update on her Ellington Cemetery Project:

We already have photographs from most of the smaller cemeteries in Ellington posted on our website. Now the photographs for the main cemetery are complete. The Center cemetery has burials for over 4000 people and all of the stones that still exist have been photographed. There are a little over 100 of these existing stones that are no longer legible. A number of stones that were recorded in the 1859 book, *The History of Ancient Windsor* or in the 1930s *Hale Collection*, could not be located, but will be included in the database for the cemetery. Thus we do not have photos of stones for every person ever buried in the cemetery, but this is the most complete record possible at this point. The Ellington Cemetery Association is currently working on a census of all people buried at the cemetery, which will not include photos. It is hoped that we can work with them to produce a complete list with our photos.

In the meantime, we are trying to find a way to make our information available to the public. The next step in the Ellington Cemetery Project is to photograph stones in the Congregation Knesseth Israel Cemetery, also known as the "Jewish Cemetery." This smaller cemetery is immediately adjacent to the Ellington Center Cemetery. Work on this last part of the Ellington Cemetery Project has already begun.

More Rockville High School Graduates

Here are a few more Rockville High School graduates from the town of Ellington, these from the class of 1936.



Left to right: Clara DeCarli (Logan), Annie Gale (Chenette), Virginia Hambach, Emily Kupferschmidt, John Lanz, and Wesley Schlude.

Other Ellington graduates in this class, but not pictured included Rachel Clark, Agnes Ericson, Edwin Dyjak, Harriet Fitzgerald, Rita Harrington, Evelyn Peterson, Kerwin Rau, Rita St. Louis, Marjorie Tuttle, and Marian Wraight.

Upcoming meetings

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

Steve Marshall, a restoration specialist, will talk about the restoration of the Nathan Hale Schoolhouse in New London.

Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Storyteller Vicki Graw

Thursday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Marty Podskoch will talk about Connecticut CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) Camps: History Memories & Legacy