



Ellington Historical Society

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October 2013 Newsletter



The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, T. Garth (Tim) Connelly, a noted and award-winning naval historian and author of books and articles, will discuss different types of PT boats, their armament, radar and camouflage and will give an overall view of how they were used in combat.

Photo from the Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division. U.S. Navy, 1940-1946.

The program was arranged by Francie Berger of the Hall Memorial Library and is made possible by a grant from The Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The program is free, and the public is invited. New members are always welcome. Bakers for this meeting will be Connie Nichols and Bev Nichols.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

Fall Flea Market—During our spring flea market, a number of vendors expressed interest in having a flea market again in the fall. We decided to give it a try and held it on Saturday, September 7th, a bright and sunny day. Volunteers were Tim and Lynn Fahy, Dave Lehmann, Hilary Brady, Mary Temple, and Tina Fiore. Fifteen vendors rented spaces and most were happy with their sales.



Homestead Fuel Inc. has once again donated a tank of oil to the museum. We are closed during the winter, so this should last two years and enable the staff to work in the museum during cold weather. It also means a comfortable building during Winterfest. Thank you Homestead!

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

The season of Thursday afternoon openings has ended for the 2013. Our visitors seemed to come in multiples thus giving us some very busy days doing tours and other days devoted to our continuing work at the museum. Tina Fiore has joined Lynn Fahy, Tim Fahy, Jim Long and Nancy Long as a regular on Thursdays. Nancy and Tina plan to keep working on Thursdays while the weather permits to create the Ellington Parish Train Band exhibit for our Winterfest event. The ongoing project of documenting and photographing the museum collection will continue through the winter.

Archaeology Fair on October 19

As part of the Celebration of Archaeology Awareness Month, we will be participating an Archaeology Fair sponsored by Friends of the Office of State Archeology (FOSA) and the Archaeology Society of CT (ASC). The fair will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the Keeney Memorial Center at 200 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public but a \$5 donation is suggested. Our exhibit will feature the video and artifacts from last year's excavation at the Nellie McKnight Museum and photographs of the museum building in its two hundred year history. We also plan to show some of our museum's American Indian collection recently sorted and identified by graduate students and archaeologist and member Mandy Ranslow.

Winterfest on December 7

The museum will be open for Winterfest on Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will be contacting our members for volunteers in the museum that day. Our exhibit will feature the Ellington Parish Train Band, formed in 1774 and reorganized in 1974 as part of the nation's bicentennial festivities. We have been very fortunate to have the assistance of Alex Cardoni in creating this exhibit. We will be showing uniforms, musical instruments, posters and memorabilia from the band's more recent history.



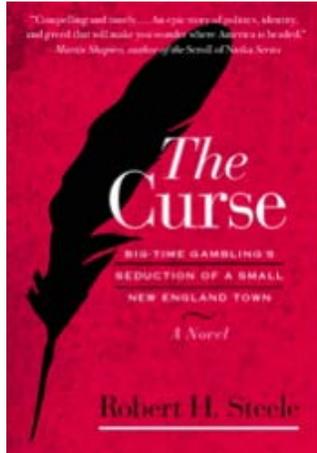
Upcoming meetings

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library



Storyteller Vicki Graw

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library



Author Bob Steele will discuss his book *The Curse: Big-Time Gambling's Seduction of a Small New England Town* (Levellers Press).

The book is a novel set against the explosion of casino gambling that hit Connecticut during the 1990s, when two Indian tribes built the world's two biggest casinos in the southeastern corner of the state.

If you did not renew your membership in September, we have enclosed a form to fill out and include with your dues payment.

Ellington Historical Society Membership Dues

Class of Membership	_____	Individual \$10.00
	_____	Senior Individual \$8.00 (Over 62)
	_____	Family \$20.00
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