

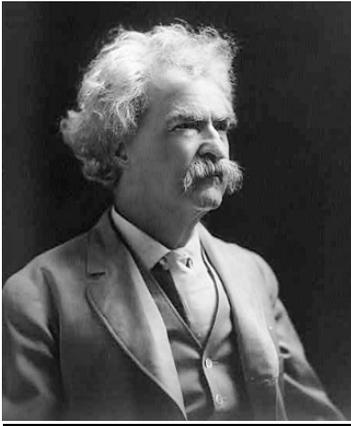


Ellington Historical Society

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January 2014 Newsletter



The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, a program will be presented by storyteller Vicki Graw about Hartford's own Mark Twain about "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

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. Refreshments for the January meeting will be provided by Dave Danforth and Hilary Brady.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

Our condolences to the family of **Mahlon Shoup**, who passed away recently. He and his wife Esther have been members for many years. A donation was made to the Hall Memorial Library for a book to be purchased in his memory.

We want to acknowledge a very generous monetary donation from member **Shirley Hayden** to the Ellington Historical Society. Thank you, Shirley, for your continuing support!

Our members may be interested in a program at the Hall Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30. **Marian Pierre-Louis: Researching Your Historic House.** You can research the History of your house whether it is 20 or 150 years old. Pierre-Louis will introduce where to find the deeds to your house, how to chain a deed, and locating other sources of information such as the U.S. Federal Census records. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. Call 860-870-3160 or register on the library's web site.

As part of the Celebration of Archaeology Awareness Month, we participated in the Archaeology Fair sponsored by Friends of the Office of State Archeology (FOSA) and the Archaeology Society of CT (ASC) on Saturday, October 19 in Wethersfield. At the event, Ellington Historical Society member and archaeologist **Mandy Ranslow** was presented with the Lyent Russell award. It is bestowed on those who have contributed materially to the ASC and Connecticut archaeology and funds archaeologists working in Connecticut. Mandy organized an archaeological dig for young people on the grounds of the Nellie McKnight Museum in July 2012. Congratulations, Mandy!

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

The Winterfest celebration and our open house on Saturday December 7 were graced with clear and cold weather. The visitors began arriving shortly after 2:00 and continued until closing at 7:00. Our featured exhibit this year was the Ellington Parrish Train Band. On display in the front parlor were drums, costumes, flags and memorabilia from the band. Band members Alex Cardoni and Dennis Carroll were on hand to share the band's story with the public and play the drum and fife. A video and recording of the band were playing while visitors looked at posters and awards. This display will remain in the museum for the 2014 season.



Thank you to our members who helped clean, decorate and volunteer for the day's events: Hilary Brady, Tina Fiore, Angie DeLuca, Dave Danforth, Mary Temple, Don Ellis, Shirley Hayden, Alex Cardoni, Lynn Fahy, Tim Fahy, Jim Long and Nancy Long. We extend a special thank you to Tim Fahy and his friend Rick for draining the pipes and winterizing the museum for the season.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

Follow us on **Facebook!** Vice-President Hilary Brady created a Facebook page for the Ellington Historical Society. Hilary is posting news, events, and photos on the page. “Like” our page!

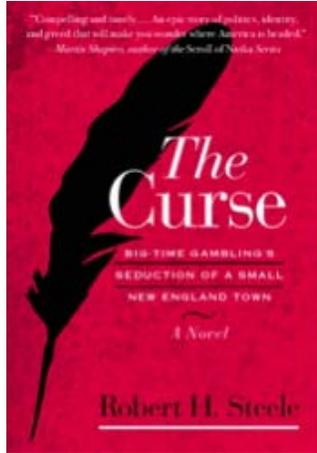


We were contacted recently by a woman who purchased the house at 132 Frog Hollow Road several years ago and had it dismantled and shipped to California. Debby Wallace found the house on a 1935 list prepared by the Ellington Women’s Club as having been built in 1805. On 1857 and 1869 maps, it was owned by John Hamilton, a farmer. It was later known as the “Clark House.” The house is going to be reconstructed and used as a studio for the woman, who creates flower arrangements with fresh and dried flowers. A happy ending!



Upcoming meetings

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.

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library

Matthew Bartlett presents: *For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies in the Civil War*

Connecticut resident and American military historian Bartlett will discuss his new book, which tell the stories of four extraordinary women who risked all for their countries during the American Civil War as spies.

Thursday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library--Potluck supper and annual elections (Members Only)