

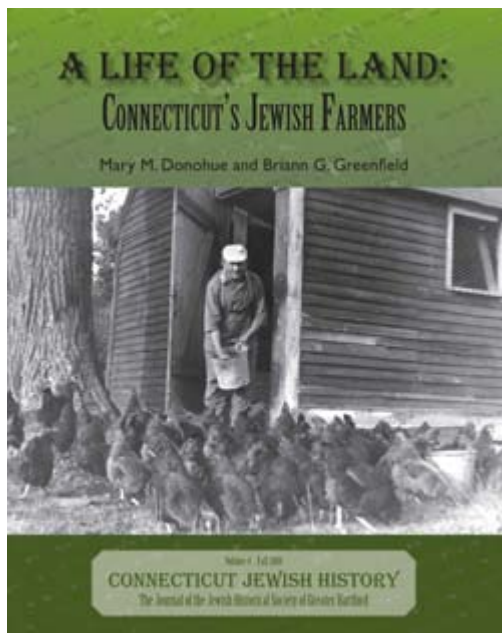


Ellington Historical Society

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October 2015 Newsletter



The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief business meeting, Mary Donohue, Architectural Historian with the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, will explore the history of Jewish farmers in Connecticut.

Why did these immigrants come to Connecticut? How did they operate successful enterprises with little or no farming experience? Who and what helped support and sustain them? Hear the story of the resilience and perseverance of these men and women, and how they impacted their communities.

For those of you who are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in the subject, Donohue's book is available from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Hartford. <http://www.jhsg.org/index.html>

The program is free, and the public is invited. New members are always welcome. Bakers will be Shirley Hayden and Connie Nichols.

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

The museum will be open for Winterfest on Saturday, December 5, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. "The Best of Ellington" will feature topics we have researched and pictured for past events such as ice harvesting, the Halladay windmill, Ellington Parrish Train Band and 200 years of the McKnight museum building. This public venue for Winterfest is the perfect time to remind us of the special town history we share in Ellington.

Thank you to our members who signed up to be docents on December 5. We will give you a reminder call about two weeks in advance of the event.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

The feature article in The Ellington Connection, written by First Selectman Maurice Blanchette about the needs of the Ellington Historical Society, has generated little interest from the people in town. We were contacted by a former resident now living in California, by a new person to town who had some well -meaning ideas that were not practical in our situation, and by a couple who volunteered to help. We also had a couple visit the museum fearing they would be unable to do so in the future. At this point, we have attracted no new members.

The roof on the west side of the museum porch has been re-shingled. Our thanks to Rick Ameika from Vernon for helping to shingle, and to Doug Flamino from CD Builders, who donated the shingles for the job.

Community Voice Channel (CVC), located in Bolton, came to the museum on October 8th to record a tour to be shown on their channel at a later date. They also wanted to see some of our farm equipment in action, so we demonstrated the apple press, corn sheller, and feed chopper.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Fahy

Visit the Ellington Historical Society at <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org> and on our Facebook page. You can search the museum collections to see objects such as the saucer below from our web page by clicking on “Resources” and then “Collections.”

This decorative bowl was originally in the Hall Memorial Library’s historical collection.

The round shallow wooden saucer is decorated with the words “The Art Gallery. Philadelphia Exposition. Centennial 1876” and a drawing of the exposition building.

President Ulysses S. Grant officially opened the 1876 Centennial Exposition on May 10, 1876. It was first world's fair held in the United States and celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

