



Ellington Historical Society

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April 2017 Newsletter



The Ellington Historical Society will meet on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street.

After a brief business meeting, our own member, Joe Ouellette will present a program on **PT Barnum --The Prince of Humbugs**

American showman, businessman, entertainer, promoter of hoaxes, founder of the circus as we know it today, author, publisher, politician, philanthropist and the first show business millionaire. He left a great legacy.

The program is free, and the public is invited. The bakers for our 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 4, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be open on Thursdays through the end of September.
- A new exhibit is on display at the Hall Memorial Library highlighting the 50th anniversary of our historical society.
- Tim Fahy and Nancy Long visited the third grade classes at Windermere School on March 30.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Fahy

There have been two recent donations to the Archives. Gloria Wraight of Tolland donated two scrapbooks with photos and news clippings about the Windermere School spanning the years 1987-1990. Also included are teacher contracts, annual salary agreements, and three-year

contracts between the Ellington Education Association and the Ellington Board of Education, 1984-2013. The actual documents are in the Archives, but the acquisition is discoverable in the PastPerfect catalog.

The second donation is from Charlotte Stenlake of Somers, a former resident of Crystal Lake. It is a framed map, 16 x 20 in. of the Aborn subdivision of "North Lot" on south east shore of Crystal Lake. Surveyed Oct. 1919 and Apr. 1920. On the back is a list of property owners in 1984. Images of the map and the list on the back accompany the catalog record in PastPerfect.

EHS Flea Market and Bake Sale

Our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 on the Nellie McKnight Museum grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 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 \$25 for non-members and \$20 for members. This donation is nonrefundable. Exhibitors of typical flea market/tag sale items and crafts are welcome. Food exhibitors cannot be accepted. Applications are available on our website: www.ellingtonhistsoc.org

The historical society bake sale will also be held on May 20 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 thank you for your observance of these guidelines.

The museum will be open for tours on May 20. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the bake sale and museum staffing will be available at our April 27 meeting.

Connecticut Open House Day



We will participate with museums statewide in the Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The museum will be open for tours, and there will be a display celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ellington Historical Society. We are planning events for children such as weaving, washing clothes and beating rugs. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed for the day and we hope our members will help support this event.



Saturday, June 24
9 a.m. – 12 noon

We will have a booth at the market at the Farmer's Market in Arbor Park featuring items from the kitchen of the Nellie McKnight Museum. Try your hand at chores of a farmer's wife and weaving on a hand loom.

Upcoming meeting



Thursday, June 22, 2016 6:30 p.m. at the
Hall Memorial Library
Potluck supper (Members Only)

Visit our web site at <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org>

Go Fund Me -- To replace the funds spent on removing the maple tree and replacing the roof. A Go Fund Me account has been set up on the internet. A link to this fundraiser has been placed on our website. The link is <https://www.gofundme.com/museum-roof> . There are no fees to the donor for donations sent in.

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