



## *Ellington Historical Society*

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### **April 2018 Newsletter**

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street.



Richard N. Symonds, Jr. of Tolland will discuss the latest book in his Lost Mill Sites in Tolland County series, *Location of Water-Powered Mill Sites, Ellington, Connecticut*. The mills played an important part in local history, but the history and many of the locations have been lost. Symonds visited many of the sites in Ellington to document them and record their locations. His book includes maps and photographs. Copies of the book will be available for sale for \$20, and Symonds will generously donate the proceeds to the Ellington Historical Society.

Refreshments for the April meeting will be provided by Mary Temple and Tina Fiore.

#### **News from the Curator-Nancy Long**

Our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2018 on the Nellie McKnight Museum grounds at 70 Main Street 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 30' for a donation of \$20 for non-members and \$15 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](http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org)

The historical society bake sale will also be held on May 19 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 19. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for the bake sale and museum staffing will be available at our April 26 meeting. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we hope you will participate by baking or volunteering.

### **Museum Opening**

The Nellie McKnight Museum will open for the season the beginning of June. The hours are 1:00-4:00 on Thursday afternoons through the end of August. Tours by appointment are available by contacting us through our website.

### **Help Needed**

Want to do some gardening? We need help with the maintenance of the gardens and foundation plantings at the museum. Jobs include planting annuals, weeding, trimming and pruning. Please contact the curator for the specifics about the jobs.

### **New Hall Memorial Library Exhibit**

Items from the museum collection of American Indian artifacts are on display at the library. We are grateful to members of the community who, over the years, have donated their private collections from both local tribes and elsewhere in the country. We still have a large exhibit at the museum to view if you visit!

### **News from the President-Tim Fahy**

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Alex Cardoni and family on the passing of his wife, Judie, in February. A book in her memory was donated to the Hall Memorial Library.

Henry Hayden also passed away in February at the age of 99 in Claremont, CA. He was a member and the cousin of Shirley Hayden. Henry lived in Ellington from 1924-1926 and shared his memories of his years in Ellington in our October 2016 newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events**



Town of Ellington Celebrates Earth Day  
Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10:00 to 2:00.

[ellington-ct.gov](http://ellington-ct.gov)

There is no rain date.

For Ellington's first Earth Day celebration, vendors and displays will be set up between the Congregational Church parking lot and along Church Street by the Town Green. Plans are still being made, but here is the list of proposed activities on the grounds of the Nellie McKnight Museum:

- Edging and mulching of beds around museum building
- Replacement of railroad ties bordering herb garden and perennial garden to be done by Boy Scouts; disposal of old ties by Public Works Department.
- Planting of linden tree on northwest front quadrant of museum grounds by Mountain Tree Service
- Pruning of grape arbor and various trees in museum yard



The Nellie McKnight Museum at 70 Main Street, Ellington will be open from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Featured will be tours and activities including hand weaving and demonstrations of our Edison phonograph.

Saturday June 23- Join us at the Ellington Farmers Market at Arbor Park, Main Street, Ellington to help the farmer's wife in doing wash, churning butter, and beating rugs.



**June 2018 meeting, Thursday, June 28th 6:30 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library**

Annual potluck supper (Members Only)