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FROM THE BOARD ROOM TO OUR MEMBERS - GREETINGS! We come to you in a new format, in a newsletter that will be issued quarterly, hoping to bring you inter-existing information about what goes on in your Historical Society.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: JOHN IFKOVIC

Thanks to all the members of the Board and the Committee Chairs who have served with dedication during the past year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank several individuals who have made contributions to the Society during the past year. They are Alice Lambert who donated a computer, Hope Carloni who prepared posters for the Strawberry Festival, Dougherty Oil which donated fifty dollars, a free cleaning and service and John Kirby who had an oil painting of the Harrison House reframed.

For the second year the Society awarded a three hundred dollar scholarship to a graduating Branford High School student who has demonstrated both an interest and achievement in history. The recipient this year is Joseph St. John.

The Annual Dinner brought out 80 people to hear Igor Sikorsky, Jr. speak about the history of helicopters and the life of his father. The dinner was delicious, as usual.

As you renew your membership, please note the areas in which you would be willing to volunteer. We need active members.

ON SALE AT THE MUSEUM SHOP:



Ask at Harrison House or the Blackstone Library for the following items. Look over the list of offerings and think Christmas gifts or memorabilia for your home.

“The Thimble Islands Book” by Archie Hanna, still available in the hard cover edition. \$10

“A Bird’s Eye View of Branford,” a map suitable for framing. 30" x 24" \$ 5

“Posters of Postcards,” views of early Branford areas. 15 cards to each poster of Town Center, Stony Creek, Indian Neck and Pine Orchard. Each poster \$ 2 Set of four \$ 8

“An Early History of Branford” Paper back \$ 5

Note paper and postcards of Harrison House are also available.



HARRISON HOUSE - BEST KEPT SECRET

The best kept secret in the Historical Society may be the Harrison House itself.

Have you been to see this lovely and livable house which was part of Branford's early history some 250 years ago?

Have you taken a guided tour of the House?

Do you know that volunteer guides give tours Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 - 5 pm through September as well as by appointment?

Do you know that the Harrison House is owned by The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA)?

Do you know that our Society is under contract with SPNEA to maintain and repair the House?

THE SECOND BEST KEPT SECRET

The BUDGET may be the second best kept secret. This year's budget is \$11,881 a large amount for an organization without an endowment.

The money is raised through the Harvest Festival, the Strawberry Festival and dues.

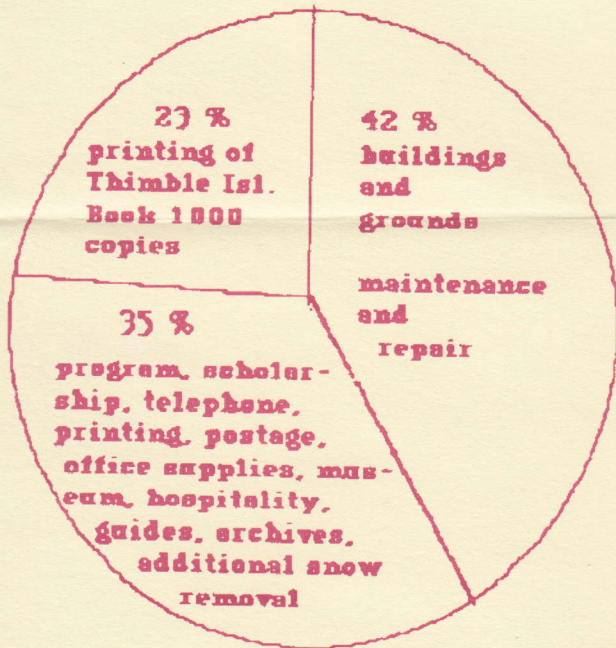
We do have a modest savings, the interest of which we use for major expenses outside of the operating budget, including a gift for the renovation of the Blackstone Library.

NO LONGER A SECRET

There is a modest increase in our dues this year as you will note on the enclosed dues envelope. The need for this is reported elsewhere.

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INCOME



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