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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.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL RECAP

Our main fund-raiser of the year was not quite as successful this past June.

The possible reasons for this:

- a. overall drop in Branford Festival attendance.
- b. fewer members bought all four tickets.
- c. higher price of strawberries.

We plan to pay more attention to our visibility at the Branford Festival.

We will attempt to ensure that we are the only purveyors of strawberry shortcake at the Festival.

We may extend the hours for serving shortcake.

This time all the strawberries were not used. Long-time member, Peg Hampton, made her delicious jelly, which sold quickly to Harrison House visitors.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

FROM THE HOUSE CHAIRMAN

George Goeben reports:

"Approximately 42 % of our expenses are committed to the House. There is on-going painting done, and in the past year the wood shingles of the roof were stripped of moss growth, cleaned and re-sealed. The heat is maintained all through the winter to preserve the contents of the House and to allow tours to be conducted on request."

George has supplied the graph information on the opposite page.

PLEDGE TO BLACKSTONE RENOVATION

The Board has pledged a two-year total of \$1,000 to be used in the Branford Room where the Historical Society will have space for its archives.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE

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OCTOBER 19 10 AM - 3 PM. HARVEST FESTIVAL October 20, rain date

This Festival, an annual tag and bake sale, is our next event. Held on the grounds of the Harrison House, it enables us to show off the House and Colonial Garden. The garden is maintained by the Garden Club under the supervision of Winifred Judge.

The success of the day depends on the number and quality of the sale items which you provide for us, so please search your house for small pieces of furniture, household bric-a-brac, small working appliances or books. No clothes, please. For pick-up, call George Goeben, 481-9200 or the House, 488-4828. Articles may be dropped off Thurs, Fri or Sat, 2 - 5 through September or October 18 in the afternoon. We would like to have them as soon as possible for pricing. Baked goods may be left Friday 18th afternoon or Saturday morning. All donations are most welcome!

NOVEMBER 14 7:30 REFRESHMENTS, 8 PM PROGRAM

"Biographical Sketches" delivered by "Dusty Dave" Driessens.

DECEMBER 8 1 - 5 PM HARRISON HOUSE

Our annual open house with festive punch, lovely decorations, candlelight and music. Members, guests and the public are invited.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: A March bus tour is being planned yo visit the Daniel Webster House, the Old State House and, possibly, the Governor's Mansion. More later.

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, Griday 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

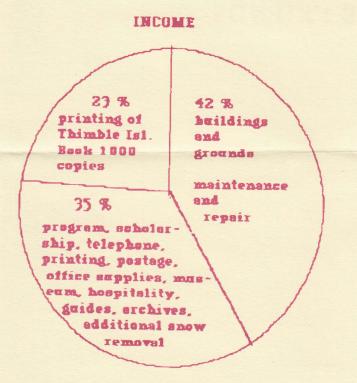
The BUDGET may be the second best kept secret. This year's budget is \$11,881 a large amount for an organization without an endowment.

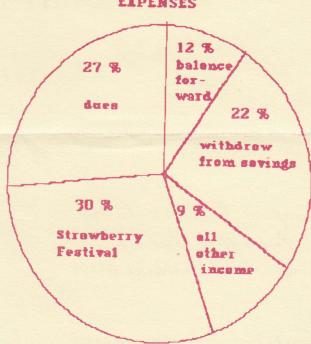
The money is raised through the Harvest Festival, the Strawberry Festival and dues.

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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