



# From The Harrison House

The Branford Historical Society Newsletter

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## From the President...

Our Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser at the Branford Festival was again blessed with good weather, many, many volunteer workers, and enthusiastic patrons. We made a net profit of \$2,956, with sale of our publications adding almost another \$300.

There is always a certain amount of uncertainty as regards the quality of strawberries, depending on weather, the amount to buy, and sale of tickets. Pre-sale of tickets to members was not quite as good as last year, but over all we did well. My thanks to all of you who contributed time and effort. We will be looking for committee persons for next year - and would be glad to hear from you NOW! Procedures and tasks are well recorded and laid out.



The proposed Antiques Show for the Branford Green, was canceled due to lack of dealer participation. A good idea - perhaps another time.

The appraisal day, which Clock Tower Antiques held for the benefit of the Society, gave us a check for \$500, which is heartily appreciated.

Our new membership chairman, Judy Greenhalgh, will be processing the 1989-99 dues and has great ideas for increasing the number of members. May I draw your attention to the category of Sustaining member for \$25, and encourage more of you to make this generous commitment with your dues. Any contribution in excess of dues is a tax deductible gift. Your prompt return of the application will ease our budget worries and leave you with the satisfaction of having supported an important and interesting society.

We are still looking for people to serve on committees, and particularly need some hospitality people. Please call me if you could help at the October meeting.

Suggestions or criticisms always welcome.

*Bob Bescher, 488-0100*

## Membership Renewal Now!

Here we are at the membership renewal month for the 1998-99 season and, of course, everyone wants to be an active member for the year 2000!

What an exciting time to be preserving our heritage as we prepare to enter the millennium!

If you're not sure about the status of your membership, please check the code on your mailing label. "C" indicates that your membership is current through 1998; "R" means you have not yet renewed your membership; "L" indicates a Life Member.

The enclosed envelope is for your convenience, and our record keeping.

Thank you all for promptness, and for your serious consideration to up-grade to being a sustaining member, with a larger contribution.

*Judy Greenhalgh, Chairman  
481-7434*

*We extend our sympathy, on behalf of the Board  
and the Society members, to Jane Bouley for  
the recent death of her husband, Bob.*





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# Fall & Winter Program

Branford Historical Society members and the public at large are invited to attend any of our Fall and Winter programs. All lecture programs will be at the Blackstone Library, which has wheelchair and elevator access. A reminder is in order: we will be paying \$50 an evening for the use of this space, and, therefore, will accept donations to cover that expense. Look for the basket on the table.

## October 17th \_\_\_\_\_

### Fall Festival and Tag Sale

Join us for our Fall Festival and Tag Sale at the Harrison House on Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Rain date October 18th)

Please call Eva Peterson to tell her what you will bring for the bake sale, 488-0450. Tag sale items may include children's books and paperbacks, tools and attic treasures - no clothes. Receipts for tax purposes are available for items worth \$20 or more.

Sale items may be dropped off at the Harrison House on Friday and Saturday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. through September. Call George at 481-9200 for pick-up. *Many hands make light work!*

**CALL AND SIGN UP TO HELP.**



*Be sure to join us for this year's Fall Festival and Tag Sale on October 17th!*

## October 21 \_\_\_\_\_

### Witchcraft Trials in 17th Century Connecticut

Come celebrate Halloween! On Wednesday, October 21, enjoy "Witchcraft Trials in 17th Century Connecticut," a slide lecture by Lisa Broberg Quintana. The Blackstone meeting room will be open for refreshments at 7:30 p.m. with the lecture following at 8:00.

## December 6 \_\_\_\_\_

### Holiday Open House

You're invited to our popular Open House Holiday Party, on Sunday December 6 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come see the House in Yuletide decorations, a decorated tree to raffle, delicious punch and sweets, and your favorite music in the parlor.