



*Branford Historical Society
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NEWSLETTER: May 1985

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Branford Historical Society will take place at the Branford Community House on Thursday, May 23rd at 8:00. The meeting will be preceded by a covered dish supper. Members are asked to bring a main dish or salad as well as their own plates and silver. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served by the Society. A contribution of \$1.00 will be asked at the door.

Following the election of officers there will be a slide show and talk on the Statue of Liberty.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Jeffrey Clark, has presented the following slate:

President: Janet Gaines
Vice President: Charles Kingsley
Secretary: Robert Mercer-Falkoff
Treasurer: Jeffrey Clark
Ass't Secretary-Treas.: Jane Bouley
Members at large: Mary Hitchcock
and Frank Kinney

HISTORY PUZZLER

Which is the oldest standing house in Branford? On June 21 and 22 it will be the scene of a nationwide family reunion.

GUIDES

A tea for prospective and past guides for the Harrison House will be held at the Harrison House on Tuesday, May 7th, at 4:00 p.m. Do come and learn more about Branford's history.

TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR GUIDES

On Wednesday, May 15th, the first workshop for training new guides will begin. This will be followed by a second session on Tuesday, May 21st. Both workshops will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Harrison House. Experienced guides will meet on Wednesday, May 29th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Interested prospective guides please call Peggy Hotchkiss, Guide Chairman at 481-5240.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 23 families as new members this year. A list of their names is attached.

BEQUESTS

The year 1984-85 has brought us our first and very welcome bequests. Mrs. Eleanor Harding Reynolds left a sum of money to add to our Endowment Fund and

Miss Mabel Shepard left us her antique furniture and flat silver.

Miss Shepard's furniture and silver will be on display in the Exhibit Room this summer.

DONORS

We are grateful to the many people who contributed to our museum this year. A list of their names is attached. Thank you very much.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

On Thursday, July 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., we will have our annual Garden Party to meet new members. Our newly renovated barn will be on view and perhaps some art work.

CONNECTICUT'S BIRTHDAY

This year our state celebrates its 350th year as a settlement. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

COMING UP NEXT

The Strawberry Festival, our principle fund raising event of the year, will take place at the Academy-on-the-Green on Saturday, June 15th, 12:00 to 5:00. This year the Branford Festival on the Green will be the same day - so lots of things to see! We also need volunteers to operate a booth on the green during the festival. Contact Janet Gaines for details.

HARRISON HOUSE OPENS

The Harrison House opens June 1st through October 1st, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. It is also open anytime by special appointment. Bring your out-of-town guests for a special Branford treat.

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