



*Branford Historical Society*  
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NEWSLETTER: May 1986

ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

The annual meeting will be held at the Community House on Thursday, May 22nd. The meeting will start at 8:00. The dinner will start at 6:45. Again it will be a covered dish affair. You bring whatever you wish - but not too much. Last year we believe a lot was left over. For \$1.00 at the door we will serve decaffeinated coffee, tea and dessert. Please bring your own plates and silver.

The entertainment will be the slide show taken by the Woman's Club of the Harrison House interior. Call 488-4580 or 488-0542 for reservations.

GALA OPENING OF H.H.

On Saturday, May 31st, the H.H. will open for the season. We have asked the Boards of the Art League and Garden Club as well as our Board members to be on hand. Donald Armistead of Madison will arrive at 12:00 to set up his fascinating miniature exhibit of a weaving mill and a blacksmith shop. This should be of great interest to children as well as adults. There will be art work in the barn and Garden Club members to identify the herbs.

Hours are from 2 to 5 and refreshments will be served.

GUIDES

Peg Hotchkiss, New Senior Deacon of the Congregational Church, is in charge of guides. There will be an orientation tea on Thursday, May 1st at 4:00 at the Harrison House. Anyone willing to donate one afternoon every two weeks or once a month is welcome. Call Peg or Janet to talk it over.

ARCHIVAL COLLECTION

Manuscripts and Archives.

A manuscript is anything written but unpublished. Archives are the records of organizations. The Branford Historical Society now owns about 9 board feet of acid free Holinger boxes containing manuscripts and archives. In time perhaps these will be combined with those in the Blackstone Library to form a Branford Collection in an atmosphere conducive to study. At present Betty Linsley is making up a card for every subject on which we have material. Do call for information.

ERNEST HAAS

Vermont has called our dear Ernie Haas - artist and Buildings and Grounds man for the Harrison House. Last year Ernie painted the outside of the Harrison House. This year he spray-painted the office files and scraped and painted the ceiling in the

Memorabilia Room. He has a lovely painting of the Harrison House on exhibit at the Connecticut National Bank on Montowese Street. Wouldn't some good angel like to present this to the Historical Society? We shall miss our loyal and capable cohort.

#### HURRICANE GLORIA

Four trees fell on our newly refurbished barn. Luckily we were covered by insurance and David Hagstrom has now completed a new barn roof - come and admire!

#### WALKING TOUR

The Architectural Preservation Trust of Branford is working on a brochure listing some fifty buildings. These will be described architecturally and historically and be pictured. The tour will take in buildings on Main Street, South Main and Montowese Streets and will offer an interesting tour for visitors and townspeople. They will be on sale at the Historical Society's Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 14th.

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