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October 1992

HARVEST FESTIVAL. The Harvest Festival, an exciting day for the entire family, is scheduled for Saturday, 17 October from 9 am to 3 pm with the rain date Sunday, 18 October.

The Committee has plans this year to expand the festival around the side of Harrison House to the back yard where a variety of events can be held. The antique dealers will continue to occupy the front yard while the tag sale will be moved towards the back door of the building. Tour guides will be available to take visitors through our 18th century house and answer questions about customs of that time. Homemade gingerbread, decorated gingerbread men, coffee, cider, soda and sandwiches will be offered for purchase along with other bake sale items. This year, plans have been made to encourage the children to learn more about history in a totally painless manner by playing games, listening to stories and practicing crafts from 18th century America.

Please bring tag sale items to the Harrison House on Saturday, 10 October or Friday, 16 October from 10 am to 3 pm.

Please come, bring friends, family, or yourself and spend the day having fun!

MARLENE PALMQUIST & MICHAEL SYKES.

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PROGRAM. Forty-five people braved the threat of rain to attend the 7th annual walking tour on September 27th. The tour of Averill Place was enjoyed by all and many old stories were exchanged by former residents.

Lisa Quintana, Curator at the New Haven Colony Historical Society, will be our speaker on October 22 at the Community House. She will speak on family life in Connecticut after the Revolution.

The November 19th program is "Nostalgia through the Mail - the history of the picture postcard." For details, see your schedule.

JANE BOULEY

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CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS AND PREPARATIONS. Additional volunteers will be welcome to prepare for our Christmas Party to be held Sunday, 6 December from 3 - 5 pm at the Harrison House. Our decorations will include candles, fresh greens and holly. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to hearing the Branford High School Ensemble Singers led by Cathyann Rothermel. Volunteers for decorating or refreshments, please call either:

MICHAEL (488-3270) OR MARLENE (488-1441.)

MUSEUM/ACQUISITIONS. It is really hard to believe that the 1992 season of "Open House" at the Harrison House is over. We took down our MIF display in May. In packing things away, I was amazed at the number of persons who had contributed to it. The Indian display is now the major one and will be added to and left up in 1993. Several other contemporary displays will be replaced. We hope to have "A History of the Lock Works" and a display on the history, construction details, occupants and restoration of the Harrison House completed for the opening of the house next year.

As customary, there will be a list of all 1992 donors to the Branford Historical Society in the first 1993 newsletter. I do want to thank one donor at this time for an outstanding contribution. Eleanor Scherer presented us with a handsome pair of pewter candlesticks which had come from the home of Orin Squire, a prominent businessman and public official in Branford in the early 1800's. These candlesticks are now displayed with pride in our Hall below a portrait of Orin Squire painted when he was a young man.

We sincerely appreciate all donations. I also want to express my thanks to Marlene Palmquist and the Blackstone Library for the loan of many artifacts and to Priscilla Oliver for furnishing literature and information for our Indian display. NANCY HENDRICKS

ARCHIVE acquisitions. Donations of paper and photographic material continue to be added to our collection. Included are new views of the Linden Avenue area at the turn of the century and larger collections taken by the late mason Foote Smith and Valdemar T. Hammer. JANE BOULEY

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS. The rainy summer contributed to the healthy growth of hedges and bushes. It took a good deal of attention to keep them in shape. Fast and heavy growth of vines covering and invading the outhouse also had to be stopped by heavy pruning.

The area behind the House is a natural background for our activities and is in need of care. Our fall plans include professional removal of dead trees and limbs in the back yard.

The Garden Club members - both men and women - have done a wonderful job renovating, planting and maintaining the new memorial garden. It has been greatly admired by members and visitors alike.

You would not recognize the kitchen if you haven't seen it since last spring. It had been fully remodeled into a very efficient and good looking area. After the Society purchased a compact refrigerator and stove, our generous members, Peg and Harry Hampton gave both time, labor and materials and not only painted the cabinets but installed a new vinyl floor. Their efforts are most appreciated by the Board and members, especially those who have "kitchen duties."

Sincere thanks to the Garden Club and to the Hamptons on behalf of the Society. PAUL DWYER

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GUIDES. This past season our regular guides were augmented by four "Junior Guides," all high school students. Our appreciation to Denise Rock, Jeri Neely, Patty Wells and Rachael Sunny. Their presence and willingness to learn and help was enjoyed by both the Senior Guides and the visitors.

HARRISON HOUSE, 17 OCTOBER, 9 am - 3 pm



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