



*Branford Historical Society
Post Office Box 504
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SPRING 1993

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT BILL JOHNSTON

This year I am pleased to report that the planned maintenance projects mentioned last spring have been completed, with the exception of the painting of the front of the House. Weather permitting, even that will be completed by opening day.

Much repair and replacement work was necessary for the front door, as I mentioned in our October newsletter. During the process it was discovered that the door originally was much shorter with a transom window above. It was also hung from the opposite side. Much correspondence and inspection transpired between our Society and SPNEA. The final result was to repair the sill and frame and to return the door to the frame as per the Frederick J. Kelly restoration. Unfortunately we do not have a picture in our archives showing the original doorway.

Special thanks go to Marlene Palmquist and Michael Sykes for not only providing refreshments for our program meetings but also for taking charge of the Christmas party. We thank all those who decorated, baked or served as well. Also thanks to the Branford High School Ensemble Singers who delight us all.

The Board is pleased to announce the recent acceptance by Winifred Judge to supervise the grounds. Winnie will also act as liaison with the Branford Garden Club, which takes such good care of our Alta Newton Memorial Garden.

Jackie Ulrich was very successful in spreading news of us not only in the newspapers but by putting flyers in several locations, including Connecticut State information kiosks. We greatly appreciate her efforts.

I also want to thank other members of the Board: Betty Linsley, Bob Sherwood, Jean Szeifert, Jane Bouley, John Loeb and those who have notes in this newsletter, for their enthusiastic performance of their duties.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Dinner in May. **THANK YOU.**

MEMBERSHIP+++++ALICE LAMBERT

Please double check your mailing label. If you see "XX", you have overlooked your 1992-1993 dues. We send out dues notices in October for the following year. This is a primary source of income for the Society so not only do we appreciate your interest, we also need your funds. Due to the high cost of printing and postage, this will be the last mailing to "XX". Membership remains \$7.50 Single, \$12 Family, \$25 Sustaining and \$50 Contributing. Please, if you have "XX", send your dues to me at 21 Sunset Beach Road, Branford CT 06405. Thank you.

MUSEUM/ACQUISITIONS *** NANCY HENDRICKS**

With the coming of Spring, thoughts go to the opening of the Harrison House to our 1993 visitors. I will have some new displays in our museum to welcome them. A great portion of our 1992 acquisitions consisted of books, photographs, maps, postcards and documents. We are most grateful to all of our donors for their additions to our growing archive and photograph collections. As Branford grows and changes so rapidly, I feel it becomes more and more important to retain for posterity the history and sights of our lovely little town "as we were." The small personal histories, observations, work experiences, hopes and fears revealed in old letters, diaries, logs or even inventory records and bills of sale are part of our town.

Many thanks again to all of our DONORS and LOANERS listed below:

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IN MEMORIAM *** PRISCILLA OLIVER**

We extend our condolences to our President, Bill Johnston, on the death of his mother, Jeannette Marie Johnston. Donations to our Memorial Fund have been received in her memory.

BUILDING and GROUNDS RESTORATION *** WINIFRED JUDGE**

Rich Baker has been hired on a regular basis through out the warm months to mow the lawn and to trim around the edges of the flower beds, trees and shrubs. He will also do a spring and fall cleanup and will trim certain shrubs when necessary. The area at the back of the raised flower bed will be completed this spring with the addition of a cedar log to contain the shell pathway and with the planting of three regosa rose shrubs.

ONWARD TO THE 350th *** JANE BOULEY**

A group of citizens has formed a 350th committee and have been meeting to set policy and begin preparations for Branford's grand celebration in 1994. The committee hopes that many organizations and individuals will participate and the goal of the year is to *HAVE FUN*. Possible activities will be centered around the current Branford Festival and fireworks, a parade, opening celebration and Gala Ball. Many other activities will occur during the year. Jane Bouley is Historical Chairman and also represents the Historical Society on the committee.



NOTICE of ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER



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Date: THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1993

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Branford Community House

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

A RESERVATION REQUEST FORM
IS FURNISHED BELOW FOR
COMPLETION AND RETURN
NOT LATER THAN MAY 17

DINNER COST IS \$8.75 PER PERSON

BUFFET MENU

- Chicken Marsala
- Roast Loin of Pork
- Seafood Newburg
- Baked Ziti
- Sauteed Fresh Vegetables
- Tossed Garden Salad
- Waldorf Slaw
- Fruit Salad
- Bread-Rolls-Butter

DESSERTS

- Assorted pies and cakes
- Coffee - tea

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK ATTACHED.

DINNER SERVICE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30 pm

A short business meeting will follow dinner, about 7:30 pm. Brief reports will be given by officers and some committee chairman.

A slide lecture will be presented after the business meeting by Jane Bouley. She will take a brief look at Stony Creek's development from colonial settlement to the summer resort period.

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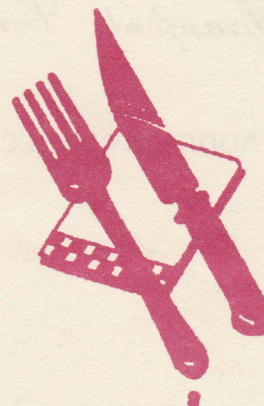
MARLENE PALMQUIST

YES! I WILL ATTEND THE SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL MEETING-DINNER-PROGRAM
ON THURSDAY, MAY 20 AT 6:30 pm

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GUIDES ++++++ INEZ BURNE

The Harrison House is the visible asset of our Society. The goal of the Society is to make the museum available to the public. Usually a few people give a great deal of time to this end, a system which no longer works. We need to have an extensive roster so that a new person could be teamed with a veteran to allow familiarity to develop over the season. A very small percentage of our 300+ members serve as guides. Please consider putting your name on the list for the coming year. The Guide Committee will provide training and simplified guide sheets enabling new docents to speak comfortably about the House. This year the House will be open 1-4 pm, Thursday to Saturday, June 4 to September 26. **Please contact Inez Burne at 481-9498.**

 **IT'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN** 

The Society will be having our 13th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 20. This is a major undertaking and requires everybody's assistance. It is our biggest fund raiser. Proceeds from this event help us to maintain the Harrison House building as well as our various collections of Branford memorabilia. Over 500 people enjoyed the hospitality of the Harrison House in 1991, including many school children. We know the funds are well spent.

You will be receiving tickets in the mail and we hope that you will support the Strawberry Festival by purchasing them in advance. Each ticket will entitle you to a generous portion of strawberry shortcake topped with real whipped cream and either coffee or lemonade.

There are other ways in which you can help to make the Festival a continuing success.

We need the following people:

- Committee Chairmen
- Hullers for Friday, June 19, 3-6 pm
- Volunteers for a variety of jobs on Saturday
- Truck owners to pick up the berries
- Strong backs for Saturday morning set up
- More strong backs for cleanup

And the loan of this equipment :

- OSTER food processors - Friday
- KITCHEN-AIDE heavy duty cream whippers - Saturday
- Large coolers for lemonade
- 100 cup coffee maker

We thank you in advance for all your help, especially those who have already volunteered. If you have questions, suggestions, or can give of your time, please call:

BETTY LINSLEY - 488-0884 or JANE BOULEY - 488-6531



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