



*Branford Historical Society
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NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHN IFKOVIC

SPRING 1994

This year I am pleased to report that the painting of the front of the Harrison House is complete and the reglazing of the windows is finished. Our thanks to Bill Johnston for supervising the house repairs and dealing with SPNEA.

Special thanks go to Marlene Palmquist and Michael Sykes for providing refreshments for our program meetings, organizing some of our 350th activities and 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.

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: Mary Hitchcock, Bob Sherwood, Jean Szeifert, John Loeb and those who have notes in this newsletter, for their enthusiastic performance of their duties.

A committee of Mary Hitchcock, Elinor King and Winifred Judge are hard at work revising the By-laws.

We need to recruit a Program Chairman for next year. If you are willing and/or interested, please contact me. We expect to revise the program schedule for next year.

Do you expect to upgrade your computer soon? We would greatly appreciate a (tax-deductible) gift of your old 286 or 386 computer system. We'd like to computerize our archive and accession records and bring the 17th century into the 21st..

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



MEMBERSHIP+++++ALICE LAMBERT

Thanks to those of you who responded to our late notices. This is the first year in several that we have sent reminders. We send out regular 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. Please make a special effort to recruit your family, friends and neighbors for membership during this 350th year.

MUSEUM/ACQUISITIONS *** NANCY HENDRICKS**

A great portion of our 1993 acquisitions consisted of books, photographs, maps, postcards and documents, including one of the oldest bibles in Connecticut (dated 1673.) Among items donated were a spy-glass used by Capt. John Spencer on the Jenny Lind, an 18th century quilt made by Betty Linsley Pond and four panels from the Branford Lockworks displaying their hardware.

Please remember the Branford Historical Society in 1994, Branford's 350th Anniversary. Any items, documents or photographs relating to persons or places from Branford's past will be especially welcome during this celebration.

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

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IN MEMORIAM *** PRISCILLA OLIVER**

Memorial donations continue to arrive for our invaluable member, Betty Linsley. The Board has made a contribution to the Branford 350th memorial plaque for Betty's name.

GROUND *** VINIFRED JUDGE**

Rick Barker continues 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 has completed the spring clean-up. The daffodills planted last fall are in full bloom. The Harrison House will be on the 350th House Tour and the Men of the Branford Garden Club will provide the floral arrangements.

BUILDINGS***BILL JOHNSTON**

After consulting with SPNEA, we are going to do a complete restoration of the outhouse, replace the front gutter and leaders on the Harrison House and plan to secure the well with a grating and hinged cover. Future renovations must include replacement of the southeast corner post.

ENJOY THE 350th***JANE BOULEY**

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the Society is active in several areas. The Harrison House will be on the House Tour, the House will have expanded visiting hours and the 350th quilt will be displayed at the Annual Dinner. In addition, we've been working with Marlene Palmquist on the displays at the Blackstone Library. We are planning to take part in the 350th Parade and would welcome your participation.

NOTICE of ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER



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Date: THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1993

Time: 6:30 pm promptly

Place: Branford Community House

BUFFET MENU

- Boneless Chicken Breast
- Baked Ham
- Seafood Newburg
- Baked Ziti
- Sausage & Peppers
- Rice Pilaf
- Tossed Garden Salad
- Pasta Salad Vinigrette
- Waldorf Slaw
- Fruit Salad
- Bread-Rolls-Butter
- Assorted pies and cakes
- Coffee - tea

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

A RESERVATION REQUEST FORM
IS FURNISHED BELOW FOR
COMPLETION AND RETURN
NOT LATER THAN MAY 11

DINNER COST IS \$9.00 PER PERSON

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK ATTACHED.
DINNER SERVICE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30 pm

The 350th Quilt, made by many quilters in town, will be on display.

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 Dr. Nicholas F. Bellantoni, CT State Archeologist. The subject will be on 10,000 years of occupation in Connecticut.

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DINNER RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

COMPLETE AND DETACH

RETURN BY MAY 11 TO:

MARLENE PALMQUIST

BLACKSTONE LIBRARY

YES! I WILL ATTEND THE SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL MEETING-DINNER-PROGRAM
ON THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 6:30 pm

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PLEASE RESERVE _____ BUFFET SUPPERS
EACH AT \$9.00. MY CHECK FOR \$ _____
(payable to BHS) is enclosed.

NAME & ADDRESS (if different from label on reverse)

GUIDES ++++++ELINOR KING

Can you spare six hours a month during June, July, August and September? We need volunteer guides to show the Harrison House on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 2 - 5 pm. The expanded schedule is to accomodate the 350th year interest. The larger the roster of volunteers, the easier it is to match experienced guides with new guides. Guide sheets are available to help the volunteers to speak comfortably about the House. Two training sessions will be provided during May.

Please contact Elinor King at 488-1258.

 **IT'S STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN** 

The Society will be having our 15th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 18. 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 400 people enjoyed the hospitality of the Harrison House in 1993, 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 17, 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:

WINIFRED JUDGE - 488-8755 or JANE BOULEY - 488-6531



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