



*Branford Historical Society
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NOTES FROM PRESIDENT JOHN IFKOVIC

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The Board is pleased to announce the establishment of the Branford Historical Society Annual Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating Branford High School senior who has demonstrated an interest in history. The \$300 scholarship will be given during the graduation ceremony.

The excitement of Branford's 350th celebration was topped off by a payment of \$1,250 to Branford Historical Society as our share of the proceeds. We are delighted to add this amount to our endowment funds.

Another benefit of the 350th is the donation of the grand model of Harrison House created by Arnold Peterson. We are very pleased to receive it.

This year we completed work on the North Well by installing an iron grate and wooden cover as well as renovating the Outhouse by re-setting foundation stones, selectively replacing boards and adding new cedar roof shingles. We also repaired the kitchen and bathroom sinks, and installed a new toilet in the downstairs bathroom.

Special thanks go to Marlene Palmquist and Michael Sykes for providing refreshments for our program meetings and for taking charge of both the Harvest Festival and the Christmas party. We thank all those who decorated, baked or served as well. Also thanks to the Branford High School Music Makers (formerly Ensemble Singers) who delight us all at Christmas..

Jackie Ulrich was very successful in attaining BRANFORD REVIEW coverage.. We greatly appreciate her efforts. We're hoping to expand our exposure into other media next year.

I also want to thank other members of the Board: Mary Hitchcock, Bob Sherwood, Priscilla Oliver, Jane Bouley, Bill Johnston, Al Russell and 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 still hard at work revising the By-laws and expect to present the revisions at the '96 Annual Dinner.

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



MEMBERSHIP+++++ALICE LAMBERT

Please take a moment to look at your address label. If it has "94" or "L" on the first line, you are a dues paying member in good standing. All others might like to send dues to me at 21 Sunset Beach Road., Branford. (Individual \$7.50, Family \$12, Contributing \$25)

MUSEUM/ACQUISITIONS ++++++ NANCY HENDRICKS

More visitors than usual came through the museum at the Harrison House this past year particularly during the special events of Branford's 350th Anniversary Celebration. In addition we had the Branford Garden Club House Tour as well as our Harvest Festival and Christmas Open House. We were pleased with the visitors' interest and favorable comments on our displays.

I want to express my special appreciation to Arnold Peterson for the outstanding model of the Harrison House which he made and incorporated into our float for the 350th Grand Parade. The model has been and will continue to be on display for special occasions in the future. Arnold has also made and donated a display on the Laurel Street School which we will feature in the museum this summer.

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

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GROUNDSS ++++++ WINIFRED JUDGE

The grounds of the Harrison House have been cleaned up for the spring. During the year, tree work including removal of hemlock trees, pruning of other trees and brush removal was completed. At the end of April the Garden Club will conduct their annual survey of the gardens. The daffodils, planted in front of the Harrison House for the 350th Anniversary last year, are blooming and are an attractive addition to the House.

The major project for the coming year will address the plantings in the front of the House.

GUIDES ++++++ ELINOR KING

The Harrison House opens in June and will be open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until September 30th. A training session for new guides will be held in May. If you can spare a few hours during the months of June, July, August and September, we would be pleased to have you show the Harrison House. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer guide, please call Elinor at 488-1258

POSTHUMOUS AWARDS ACCEPTED ++++++

Priscilla Oliver and Jane Bouley accepted awards from the CT League of Historical Societies on behalf of the Branford Historical Society. Betty Linsley received a lifetime achievement award for historical excellence. Betty and Elizabeth Radulski received an award for the publication of **DIARY OF MALACHI LINSLEY.**