



The Branford Historical Society's **45th Annual** **STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FESTIVAL**

There are some **CONTINUING** changes this year, so please read about:

Who: Us! All of us members, whether you're enjoying the food, and/or pitching in to help with the preparation and serving, and/or paying for the enclosed four ****unpaid**** tickets, or want to buy extra tickets as gifts for friends and family.

What: Delicious ingredients, as always: Freshly sliced-and-sugared strawberries marinated overnight in their own juice, from the **Cecarelli family's Harrison Hill Farm in North Branford**; sweet, flaky biscuits; cream that's whipped fresh, right there in our tent, with a touch of vanilla; and, a light sprinkling of sugar on top.

When: **Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (or until berries run out - so come early!); please send your payments by June 10th (or pay online - see below in the "How" section).

Where: At the Branford Festival, at **HAMMER FIELD** again this year due to the upgrades taking place on Branford's Town Green.

Why: You love the strawberry shortcake AND this is the Society's largest source of income apart from your annual dues.

How: See below (very important for the details for payment).

Supporting this event allows the Branford Historical Society - us! - to continue to operate and to fulfill our missions of preservation and education. This year, we're sending out 4 tickets to each member at a special pre-event price. We hope that every member who is able, will support us by paying for at least 2 of their 4 tickets. You can then use those tickets for you and your family or give them to friends to use. If you decide to give the tickets to family or friends but not pay for them in advance, please be sure to let them know that they are **not paid for. We will still honor the pre-event price if a ticket is presented at our booth that hasn't yet been paid for.**

How to Reserve Your Tickets and Submit Payment:

- Four "Unpaid-For" tickets are enclosed at the discounted pre-event price of \$10 per ticket (the day-of-sale price is \$14); as we are continuing to mail out and provide physical "tickets" in 2026. (The numbered tickets correspond to your membership.)
- If you would like to purchase additional tickets, you may indicate this on the form below, as well as in the memo of your check, which will specify how many additional tickets (maximum of 6, plus originals – 10 total) you are paying for, in addition to your original 2 tickets (*for example, a check for \$60.00 would cover the original four included tickets, plus two more which will be mailed to you*). The form below will tell us how many additional tickets we need to mail to you if applicable.
- **You can also pay for your tickets and purchase additional tickets at BranfordHistoricalSociety.org/Strawberry-Festival if you prefer.**

Make checks payable to & **mail by June 10th (please!)**:

The Branford Historical Society, P.O. Box 504, Branford, CT 06405

To volunteer at this event, contact Mike Russo at 203-824-9519 or email us at membership@branfordhistoricalsociety.org

2026 Volunteer Information

Berry Hulling

Friday, June 19th starting at Noon at Trinity Church (it's fun!)

Festival Work (whipping cream, sugaring, serving, sales, etc.)

Saturday, June 20th, with two-hour shifts starting at 8 am

(Detach here and mail the form below with your payment - unless you decide to pay online)

Your name, and the best way to contact you (phone/email):

Please check all that apply for you:

- I'm paying for one of the four tickets mailed to me.
- I'm paying for two of the four tickets mailed to me.
- I'm paying for three of the four tickets mailed to me.
- I'm paying for all of the four tickets mailed to me.
- I'm paying for ___ additional tickets at \$10 each - please mail them to me.
- I'm including an additional *donation* of \$___ on top of the ticket price.

Thank you for your support!