



Ellington Historical Society

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September 2018 Newsletter

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street.



After our business meeting, a program on World War I monuments in Connecticut will be presented by historian Richard Donohue. He has visited and cataloged more than 220 monuments in Connecticut's 169 towns. The war memorial on the Ellington Town Green is pictured.

The program is free, and the public is invited. New members are always welcome.

Refreshments will be provided by Nancy Long and Tim Fahy. A sign-up sheet for doing refreshments this year will be circulated at the meeting. We urge members to help with baking for our meetings. Our attendance has increased due to the programming from Hall Memorial Library and we need three bakers per meeting.

News from the Curator—Nancy Long

We have just completed our Thursday afternoon hours for the season. This year we were open June, July and August and, in spite of the heat, had some very interested guests who were either visiting town after a long absence or doing research. We are still available for tours by appointment by contacting us on our website: <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org>

This season marked the end of the perennial garden. Thanks to the help from the town Public Works Department and Boy Scout Troop 96, the area has been graded, raked and grass seed planted. It was a hot summer to start a lawn so we will be adding more grass seed in September.

The Public Works Department donated new railroad ties for the borders of the herb garden and these were installed by the Boy Scout troop. Many thanks to the community volunteers who worked on this project. A border of perennials from the garden has been planted along the back porch and rear of the museum.

A note of special thanks to Tim Fahy who has steadfastly watered the new maple tree on the museum front lawn. Owing to the size of the tree and the hot summer it was necessary to water almost daily to insure the survival of the tree. While on the museum grounds, Tim also watered the newly seeded lawn and the herb garden. Thank you Tim!

Winterfest: The Warner family exhibit will remain on display until our Winterfest celebration on Saturday, December 1, 2018. The museum will be open from 2:00 -7:00 p.m. on that day. Sign-ups for volunteers will be done at the October meeting.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

The Ellington Historical Society had a booth at the Ice Cream Social sponsored by the East Windsor Historical Society on Saturday, August 11. It was a rainy day, but a relief from the hot weather we had been having. Their society was celebrating an expansion of their property on Scantic Road with the purchase of 40 adjoining acres and barns. They are also re-constructing the Barber School House. There were many activities for all ages, including an actual wedding ceremony at the Courthouse Museum. The bride and groom arrived in a horse-drawn carriage. Our traditional hands-on activity of washing clothes in a tub with a washboard and posser was popular with the children, as was cleaning rugs with an old-fashioned rug beater.



News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy

The Ellington Historical Society is lending a painting from the museum to the Wood Memorial Library & Museum, 793 Main Street, South Windsor for a collaborative exhibit from area historical societies and museums. The watercolor painting of the Pinney House was painted by Peg Winther and donated by her daughter, Nancy Masters, after Peg's death in 2001. Peg was a member of our society and was active in the art community, including the Tolland County Art Association.

The Pinney House on Pinney Street was built after the Revolutionary War by Lt. Eleazer Pinney, who distinguished himself in the campaign against Burgoyne and at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga in 1777. The painting usually hangs in the back parlor on the first floor of the Nellie McKnight Museum. It will be at the Wood through October. Their annual Harvest Moon Dinner, whose theme this year is "A Night at the Museum," will be held on Tuesday, September 25th. <http://www.woodmemoriallibrary.org> 860-289-1783

October meeting, Thursday 24th at the Hall Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.



"First Ladies: An Adventure in Glamour, Guts, and Gumption," presented by Mariann Millard, whose experience as a licensed tour guide in Washington, DC enhance her lively presentation.

January meeting, Thursday January 24, 2019 at the Hall Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.



"The Golden Years of TV," presented by our own member, Joe Ouellette.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER. SEE P. 4

Membership dues are due in September and we have enclosed a form to fill out and include with your dues payment.

Ellington Historical Society Membership Dues

Class of Membership	_____	Individual \$10.00
	_____	Senior Individual \$8.00 (Over 62)
	_____	Family \$20.00
	_____	Senior Family \$15.00 (Over 62)
(Check one)	_____	Patron \$25.00
	_____	Business \$50.00

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