



Ellington Historical Society

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November 2009 Newsletter



News from the Curator

The holiday season is upon us and we are busy preparing Nellie's house for the town Winterfest celebration. The museum will be open to the public on Saturday, December 5 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to staff the museum especially during the busy hours of 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. If you can help with staffing, please contact Nancy Long.

Robert Dawson has donated material about Daniel Halladay that we are developing into an exhibit to be on display for the December 5 open house. Halladay invented the "Halladay Standard Wind Mill" in his machine shop on Main Street in Ellington. Production later moved to Coventry CT and then to Batavia IL. Reproductions of the original patent, advertisements and engineering diagrams will be shown. We hope you will stop by to see our "indoor" windmill moved inside from the museum yard to the front parlor for the winter season!

The museum store will be open for the sale of ornaments and historical society publications as well as *Images of America: Ellington* by historical society archivist Lynn Kloter Fahy. All proceeds benefit the Ellington Historical Society. Fahy's new book, *Images of America: Crystal Lake, Tolland County* will also be for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Crystal Lake Historical Society.

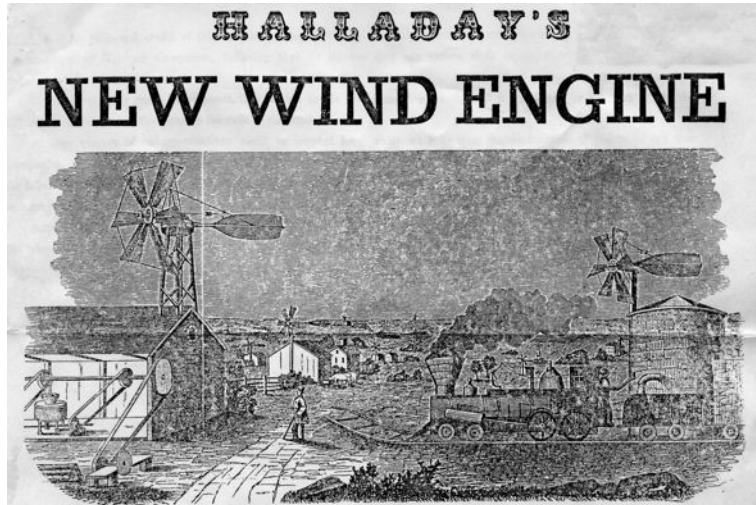


Image from the new Halladay windmill exhibit at the Nellie McKnight Museum

News from the President

Our October meeting at the Tolland Historical Society's Old County Jail and Museum was a huge success. I received many positive comments from our members. Some felt it was a welcome change to have an afternoon meeting. I am working on having a meeting next year at the Tobacco Museum in Windsor.

Those of you who are planning to come to the winter open house to see the new exhibit should come before 4 p.m. so you have plenty of time to see it. The last three hours of the day will be very crowded.



EHS members explore the kitchen at the Tolland Historical Society Museum.