



Ellington Historical Society

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October 2010 Newsletter

October Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. After a brief meeting, we will attend a program presented by M. William Phelps and sponsored by the library. A local resident, Phelps is a crime expert, lecturer, acclaimed investigative journalist, and the national bestselling, award-winning author of sixteen nonfiction books. He will discuss his recently published book, *The Devil's Rooming House: The True Story of America's Deadliest Female Serial Killer*. It is about famed Windsor serial killer Amy Archer-Gilligan, whose life story and 1916 arrest was the basis for the Broadway play and Hollywood film *Arsenic & Old Lace*. Refreshments following the program will be provided by Pat Clapp, Pat Szemplinski, and Connie Nichols.



News from the Curator-Nancy Long



Ice harvesting at Crystal Lake

Winterfest--The museum will be open for Winterfest on Saturday, December 4, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We have been working on an exhibit about ice harvesting to be displayed in the front parlor. A video, photos and tools will show how labor intensive the ice business really was and how refrigeration has changed our lives. We hope to move this exhibit to Hall Memorial Library early in 2011 and use this as a program for one of our winter meetings.

The museum may be closed for the season but the work isn't over! A display of vintage games from the museum collection has been put on display at Hall Memorial Library. A trip to Nellie's attic revealed some interesting pieces of office equipment including a Burroughs adding machine and an Underwood typewriter. A display of these machines as well as a portable Underwood typewriter, two telephones and a pencil sharpener are a new exhibit in the back parlor of the museum.

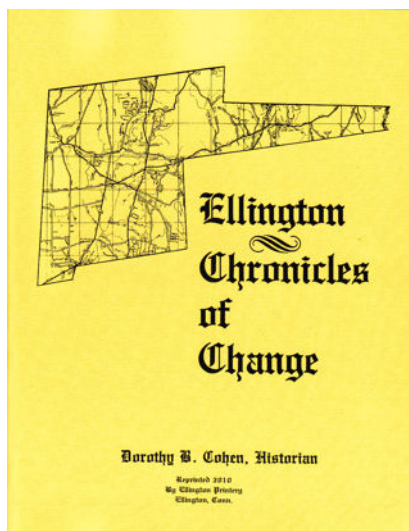


News from the President-Tim Fahy

I want to take this opportunity to thank two of our hardest working members for all they do. Once again, Nancy Long was at the museum every Thursday afternoon from May through September to give tours to interested visitors. She also created the Daniel Halladay exhibit which was on display at the library as well as the museum. Nancy has created a business machine exhibit and is working on an ice harvesting exhibit for December. The displays in the library are also Nancy's creations. Our monthly meetings go as smoothly as they do because Nancy helps set up the chairs ahead of time and makes sure we have all the supplies we need to serve refreshments.

Thanks also to Lynn Kloter Fahy. Lynn works full time at Trinity College but still finds time to write books, write and send out our newsletter, arrange for publicity for our programs, and research answers to the questions that seem to find their way to her on a weekly basis. We are fortunate indeed to have these two remarkable women as members of the Ellington Historical Society.

News from the Archivist-Lynn Kloter Fahy



Ellington, Chronicles of Change, the 1987 book by Dorothy Cohen, has been reprinted by Ellington Printery and copies are now available for sale at the Hall Memorial Library. Copies will also be available at our October meeting. The cost is \$20 each. Proceeds benefit the historical society

