



Ellington Historical Society

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June 2011 Newsletter

June Meeting Notice

The Ellington Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and potluck supper on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street. Those with last names beginning with A-J are asked to bring a main dish. Those with last names beginning with K-Z are asked to bring a salad. (Note that we changed the division of names this year to A-J and K-Z. This is because the previous dividing line resulted in too many salads last year.) Beverages will be provided. Our traditional strawberry shortcake will be served for dessert.

Following the supper, we will hold our annual meeting during which we will elect officers for 2011/2012. A slate of officers will be presented and nominations can also be made from the floor.

News from the Curator-Nancy Long

Flea Market/Bake Sale

Saturday May 7 dawned sunny and pleasant. A perfect day for our event and the Fair on the Green! Just about the 2:00 closing time clouds and showers came and we all scurried for home after a very successful day. The bake sale was well attended and featured a wonderful variety of cookies, bars, candies, breads and pies.

Thank you to all who baked for the sale as well as our volunteers who worked the bake sale: Connie Nichols, Pat Szemplinski, Pat Clapp, Lynn Lettieri, Mary Temple, Ann Berak and Hilary Brady. Thanks also to Mildred Dimock for making phone calls to recruit bakers. We had many visitors tour the first floor of the museum and even a guest who remembered having piano lessons taught by Nellie McKnight in what is now the dining room. Thank you to our museum volunteers: David Danforth, Hilary Brady, Matt Mullin and Shirley Hayden. Dave Lehmann and Jim Long helped out in the museum after they checked in our flea market participants so a special thank you to them for their help.

School Tours

School tours are scheduled for Monday, June 6 at Windermere School, Wednesday, June 8 at Center School and Friday, June 10 at Crystal Lake School. Items from the museum collection are brought for discussion with the children emphasizing how different our lives would be if we lived a hundred years ago or even fifty years ago. A rug beater, wash board, iron, foot warmer and bottle capper are among the items shown to the classes. This year we will focus a little more on ice harvesting tools and will bring framed pictures of ice harvesting from our current exhibit to show to the children. The students are invited to visit the museum this summer while on summer vacation. Tim Fahy, Lynn Fahy and Nancy Long will be doing the school presentations.

Herb Garden

The herb garden on the museum grounds has been planted and mulched. Thank you to the Tussie Mussies from the Ellington Women's Club for their efforts getting the garden ready and maintaining it through the summer season.

News from the President-Tim Fahy

We are planning to have a booth at the Ellington Farmer's Market two Saturdays this summer. Activities will include participation by children and adults. *Images of America: Ellington, Images of America: Crystal Lake, Tolland County* by Lynn Kloter Fahy, and copies of the reprint of Dorothy Cohen's 1987 book *Ellington: Chronicles of Change* will be for sale. The dates haven't been determined as this newsletter goes to press, but stop by the market at Arbor Park on Saturdays from 9:00 to 12:30 through October and look for us.

We mourn the passing of two longtime members of our society this year. Katherine "Kay" Peckham, wife of Homer Peckham, passed away in October, 2010. Robert "Bob" Hyde, husband of Charlyne "Goldie" Carson-Hyde, passed away this March. We are grateful for their efforts on behalf of the society over the years and extend our sympathy to their spouses and families. A book in each of their names will be donated to Hall Memorial Library in their memory.

We have begun some of the repair work necessary to get the museum in shape for the 200th anniversary celebration next year. We thank members Jim McKnight, Denise Archibald, and Sue Krowchenko for their generous contributions toward this effort. I encourage all those who can to contribute to this cause. We receive no money from any outside source and keeping the museum open is increasingly difficult.

News from the Archivist- Lynn Kloter Fahy

Shirley Hayden and Hilary Brady have begun helping in the museum archives. Their help is very much appreciated! More archival supplies have been purchased and the PastPerfect Museum software that I have been using has been upgraded.

Be sure to check out our website at <http://www.ellingtonhistsoc.org/>