



Ellington Historical Society

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January 2020 Newsletter

The Ellington Historical Society will meet on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall Memorial Library at 93 Main Street.



Friendly's historian, Rose Slate, will talk about the founders of Friendly's restaurants, including S. Prestley Blake.

Photo: Friendly's Restaurants

This program is free. Pre-registration is required for guests, but not for members of the Ellington Historical Society. To register, call the Hall Memorial Library at 860-870-3160 or go online at <http://library.ellington-ct.gov>

News from the President-Tim Fahy

We extend our condolences to Bob Dawson and his family on the passing of his wife Marge on November 8. Bob and Marge were longtime members of the Historical Society.

I have some good news concerning the Ellington Historical Society. For the last three months, Dianne Trueb, Market Master of the Ellington Farmers Market, has been hard at work learning about our problems and seeking solutions for them. She has proposed a very ambitious plan using grants and fundraisers to repair, enhance, and extend the purposes of the buildings on the property. The plan will not work without dedicated people behind it, so Dianne has recruited a team of new members to make her plan a reality. The current officers and Executive Board opened the Nellie McKnight Museum on Friday evening, December 6th, so that new members could tour the building and ask questions.

The existing Executive Board welcomes this infusion of new blood and new ideas. We stand ready to help with the transition and to being as active in the future as our time, health, and energy allow. Members are encouraged to attend the January meeting and vote on the proposed slate of new officers.

THE JANUARY 23rd PROGRAM AT 7:00 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A BUSINESS MEETING IN WHICH A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE PROPOSED AND VOTED ON. MEMBERS: PLEASE PLAN TO STAY FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING AFTER THE PROGRAM.

Proposed slate of officers: President, Mark Maciolek; Vice-President, Dianne Trueb; Secretary, Wanda DeLand; Treasurer, Marie Bedor. Executive Board: Karyn Kloter, Laura Mateya, Jeff Gerber, Caitlyn Francis, Jon Moser, Angie Moser, Adam Rhan, Katherine Heminway.

New members include: Ron Bahler, Bonnie Bahler, Marie Bedor, Linda Brown, Margaret Cavanaugh, Donna Couzens, Wanda DeLand, Didi Eckhardt, Don Emery, Marita Francis, Caitlin Francis, Jeff Gerber, Katherine Heminway, Michael Hoffman, Luann Hoffman, Karyn Kloter, Jason Kloter, Marcia Kupferschmid, Kay Luginbuhl, Mark Maciolek, Nancy Mamunes, Laura Mateya, Patricia McAuley, Pamela Moriarty, Jason Moriarty, Jon Moser, Angie Moser, Adam Rhan, Sam Schneider, Lori Spielman, Sue Stack, Thomas Trueb, Dianne Trueb.

News from the Curator—Nancy Long



The town Winterfest celebration on December 7th was blessed with clear and cold weather. The Nellie McKnight Museum was open from 3:00-6:00, and a steady stream of visitors came for a warm-up and tour while waiting for the torchlight parade. There was a weaving demonstration upstairs with Karen Hayes and Eliza Hayes weaving and explaining what the guests were seeing. Our volunteers included Tina Fiore, Mary Temple, Hilary Brady, Lynn Fahy, Timothy Fahy, Jim Long and Nancy Long.

Thank you to all who helped with decorating and greeting guests. The holiday decorations were packed away, and the pipes drained by December 10. Thank you to Tim Fahy and his friend Rick for draining the system, as well as Dianne Trueb and friends who were anxious to learn the process.

The winter solstice has passed, and the days are getting longer. Spring is coming! Earth Day is the next event.

February meeting, Thursday February 27, 2020 at the Hall Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.



Joe Ouellette will present a talk titled “Was Mary Todd Lincoln Really Insane?”

April meeting, Thursday April 23, 2020 at the Hall Memorial Library, 7:00 p.m.



Mariann Millard will present a program on the "Centennial of Women's Voting Rights."

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