



Becker's Catering

### HSEH Annual Dinner Meeting

September 16<sup>th</sup> 2015

First Congregational Church East Hartford

White and Dark Meat Roasted Turkey

Baked Ham

Roasted Baby New Potatoes

Green Beans with Shallot Butter

New England Apple Sausage Cranberry  
Stuffing

Tossed Salad with Italian Vinaigrette

Bottled Water, Tea, Coffee

Rolls with Butter

Pumpkin Pie with Fresh Whipped Cream

## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The September 16, 2015 Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street in East Hartford. The usual awesome buffet style dinner catered by Matt Becker of Becker's Catering awaits your dining pleasure. Reservations for the dinner must be received by Monday, September 14, 2015 using the required reservation form enclosed in the newsletter. The cost will be \$20, the same for both members and guests of members. A menu is included (left). Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner starts promptly at 6:30. For anyone wanting not to attend the dinner but would like to see the program, you can arrive after 7:30 p.m. There is plenty of free parking available in the back of the church. Call Craig Johnson at 860-568-2884 for information or if you have any questions.

*Craig Johnson*

## PROGRAM TO FEATURE BETH LAPIN, AUTHOR OF CARAVAN OF DREAMS

Our after-dinner entertainment will feature Middletown author Beth Lapin (right) who will present a PowerPoint program on her book entitled Caravan of Dreams which is a true story about an English Gypsy family with ties to 19th century East Hartford. Thomas and Victoria Williams were well-known horse traders in town and are buried in Center Cemetery. Based on historical records, Caravan of Dreams traces the lives, loves and aspirations of English Gypsies arriving in America during the middle 1800s and offers



insight into a mysterious culture. It also harbors Victoria's grief, pain and loss as a wife and mother with a tragic family story. Victoria herself was found dead on the East Hartford railroad tracks in 1896. Beth Lapin has been writing most of her life. Her publications focus on relationships, with an undercurrent of sleuthing in historical contexts. Having advanced degrees in social and biological sciences, she has been a facilitator of creative writing groups since the 1990s. Beth will have books available for sale at the church for anyone wishing to purchase an autographed copy.

Craig Johnson

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indiv \$15, 1 address \$20, student \$10,  
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**Deadline** Nov Newsletter – Oct 31, 2015

**Clip art:**

[www.canstockphoto.com/illustration/caravan.html](http://www.canstockphoto.com/illustration/caravan.html)



### Sept Dinner/Program

**Date:** Wed, Sept 16, 2015

**Doors Open:** 6:00pm

**Dinner:** 6:30pm

**Meal:** Becker's Catering

**Program:** *Beth Lapin Caravan of Dreams*

**Where:** 1<sup>st</sup> Cong Church,

**Address:** 837 Main St

**Fee:** Dinner & Program \$20

**Fee:** Program only, 7:30pm, no fee

**Info:** Craig, 860-568-2884

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## SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 ANNUAL DINNER/PROGRAM

**Reservation Must be Received by Sept, 14, 2015.**

**Tickets are \$20.00**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make a check for the dinner reservation out to: **The Historical Society of East Hartford, Inc.**

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