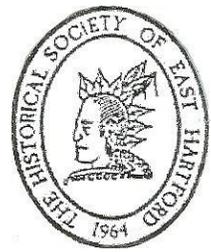


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, September 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another warm summer is slowly ending which brings us to that time of the year when we can enjoy our annual dinner meeting. This will be my last article as the President of the Historical Society. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you again in this position. In looking back, I've served seven one-year terms as President since my first in 2008-2009, so it's time for a change. My replacement is innovative, enthusiastic and brings a lot of new ideas to the table. The most successful accomplishment as President is the new roof replacement on the Huguenot House. It took a full three years to complete with generous help from many different sources but we made it happen. For another season, our museum buildings at Martin Park were open for eight consecutive Sunday afternoons during July and August. Thanks to all who volunteered.

A special thanks is given to those members who worked this summer on a special committee to review and update the Historical Society Purpose, Constitution and By-laws. We held a special meeting at the Library last month to distribute advance paper copies during the Show and Tell program. For those of you who did not attend, a paper copy has been sent to you separately. If you receive this newsletter by postal mail, that copy has been included in the mailing.

Since our last newsletter, we have lost two long-time members of the Historical Society, **Ronald Pelton Sr.** and **Margaret 'Peg' Spiller**, who both passed away on the same day, May 2, 2019. We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Pelton and Spiller families.

The September 18th, 2019 Historical Society annual dinner meeting will again be at the First Congregational Church, 837 Main Street at Church Corners. A fabulous buffet style dinner by Becker's Catering will be enjoyed. The menu is the same as last year. Following our annual dinner, there will be a short business meeting that includes a vote on the updated Purpose, Constitution and By-laws and the election of officers and directors for the upcoming year.

The newsletter includes a renewal notice for Historical Society membership in the September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020 year and a required reservation form for the annual dinner. You can save some postage by returning both forms in one envelope with the payment. For anyone wanting to attend the program without joining us for dinner, there is no cost. Free parking is available in the back of the Church. I hope to see you all on Wednesday, September 18th.

Craig Johnson

1877 HARTFORD LITHOGRAPH TO BE UNVEILED

The HSEH's original 1877 color lithograph of Hartford has been restored and placed in a new frame. The ceremony to unveil the lithograph will take place on October 5, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., in the Main Street entrance to the Raymond Library. Please stop by for the ceremony to see the lithograph. It is absolutely beautiful. S Strange



Becker's Catering

**HSEH Annual Dinner Meeting
September 18th 2019**

**First Congregational Church East
Hartford**

White and Dark Meat Roasted Turkey

Baked Ham

Roasted Baby New Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

**New England Apple Sausage Cranberry
Stuffing**

Tossed Salad with Italian Vinaigrette

Rolls with Butter

Bottled Water, Tea, Coffee

**Pumpkin Pie with Fresh Whipped
Cream**

HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

Confirmation and payment for the annual dinner must be received by Saturday, September 14th using the required reservation form enclosed in the newsletter. The cost of the "all you can eat" buffet dinner is \$20 per person, which is the same as last year. Historical Society members are encouraged to bring guests and the doors to the lower level of the Church will open at 6:00 pm. Dinner starts promptly at 6:30. If you have any questions, please call me at 860-869-4642. Craig Johnson

ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM

The speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Historical Society of East Hartford will be Howard Severino. Howard, who is the historian for the First Church of Christ Congregational at Church Corners, will give a brief presentation on the history of the church and its role in East Hartford. Steve Strange

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee (Karen Johnson, Eileen Driscoll, Joyce Yoo, Vicki Hart and Sue Kies) have proposed the following slate of Officers and Directors for the 2019 – 2020 Historical Society of East Hartford Executive Board:

President:	Steven Strange
Vice President:	Craig Johnson
Secretary:	Eileen Driscoll
Treasurer:	Joyce Yoo

Directors:	
4 Year:	Christine Dolinski
3 Year:	Jeffrey Cummings
2 Year:	Ruth Shapleigh-Brown
1 Year:	Dan Russell

The election will be held at the Annual Meeting. According to *Robert's Rules of Order*, there can be nominations from the floor. We welcome Christine Dolinski to accept the offer of the 4-year term as a Director. Although Karen

Johnson's term as a Director has ended, we congratulate her on being the new Chairperson for the Committee on the Recording and Organization of the Historical Society Collections. We also want to thank Vice President Steve Strange for accepting the Historical Society President position. All of the above officers, directors and Standing Committee Chairpersons are much appreciated for their continued loyalty in serving the Society. Craig Johnson

BOOKS FOR SALE AT SELDEN BREWER HOUSE

The Historical Society participated in the development of two hardcover books that were recently published and we have a limited supply of the books available for sale to members and guests. One is a book authored by Marty Podskoch called the "Connecticut 169 Club" and it was me who wrote the chapter on the history and areas of interest in the town of East Hartford. The cost is \$24.95. The other book is called "Greater Hartford Memories" and the Historical Society with several other partner organizations participated with The Hartford Courant on this picture book. We had a number of photographs imaged from our own collection and from the Raymond Library collection. The cost is \$44.95. To help us out, please consider purchasing these books from the Historical Society (cash or check only) and you can save on shipping / handling costs. The books also make great gifts. You can call me at 860-869-4642 to arrange a pick-up time at the Selden Brewer House, 165 Main Street. We are usually there on Tuesdays. Craig Johnson

REMINDER ON NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND HSEH MAIL

This is a friendly reminder to all members about the Society's rules on the non-payment of dues and the sending of HSEH mail. According to the New By-Laws of the Historical Society of East Hartford, Connecticut, Incorporated "Upon non-payment of dues for two (2) full fiscal years without explanation or response to statements, the delinquent names shall be reported by the Membership Chair and upon Executive Board recommendation shall be dropped from the membership roll". During these years, HSEH mail (hard copy/email) will continue. Mail will stop at the termination of membership. If there is a hardship in the payment of dues, please do contact the Membership Chair, Judy Hillmann, in confidence, at 860-568-7261 or judithhillmann@sbcglobal.net. Thank you. Judith Hillmann

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Deadline Nov Newsletter – Oct 26, 2019

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Sept Dinner/Program

Date - Wed, Sept 18, 2019

Doors Open - 6:00pm

Dinner - 6:30pm

Meal - Becker's Catering

Program - A Brief History of
E Htfd's First Congregational
Church

Where - First Cong Church,

Address - 837 Main St

Fee - Dinner, Program \$20

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

Info - Craig, 860-869-4642

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 ANNUAL DINNER & PROGRAM

Reservation Must Be Received by September 14, 2019.

Tickets are \$20.00

NAME: _____ \$ _____

NAME: _____ \$ _____

TOTAL:
\$ _____

Make a check for the dinner reservation out to: **The Historical Society of East Hartford, Inc.**
Mail check to: **Historical Society of East Hartford, Inc., Po Box 380166, East Hartford, CT, 06138-0166**

MEMBERSHIP DUES: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 – AUGUST 31, 2020

Annual memberships are now due; please mail them in or pay at the Annual Dinner.

Once again it is time to renew our memberships. The Historical Society depends on your membership to keep doing our community projects, sharing our rich history, and keeping our historical buildings open.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

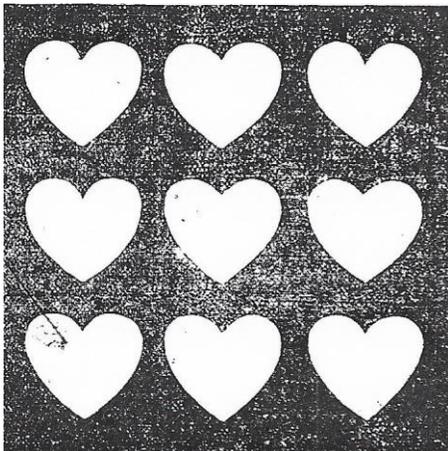
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ \$15.00 / Individual \$20.00/One address
\$10.00 / Student \$50.00/Patron \$250.00/Lifetime

Make a check for membership out to: **The Historical Society of East Hartford, Inc. (HSEH)**
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LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE? SOLVE THIS PUZZLE FROM THE WEEKLY GAZETTE OF JAN 5, 1917

This puzzle was found when doing research for a story on East Hartford men in WWI. It was part of an ad for the Lord & Co Piano Store of Norwich Conn. Solve it and you could have won a “Beautiful 1917 Model Upright Mahogany Piano” or one of many prizes. We can’t offer those prizes but we can offer a paid one-year membership in the HSEH to the first correct answer received by Oct 31, 2019. Mail (no email) your solution to the HSEH address above. Rules are: Take any number from 7 to 15 inclusive. Do not use any number more than twice. Place a number in each heart so that when added perpendicularly or horizontally the total will be 33. Have fun!