

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

January 2007

Next meeting: February 7, 2007 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, 330 Park Ave., Bloomfield, CT

Program: Farm Implement Museum in Bloomfield

Speakers: Debra Carson & Will Phillips

President's Message:

I am pleased to announce that the second \$20,000 bequest from the estate of Cynthia Barnard has been received. As with the first bequest, her desire was to have it used for the Old Farm School, thus it goes into the Capitol Development Account.

Paul Walek, member of the Prosser Library Board, has agreed to serve as the library's representative on our board. This is the result of a requirement, when the Society was first organized in 1959, to have a member of the Library board serve on our Board.

The February 7th meeting should give us a fascinating look into the life of Will Phillips—see you on the 7th.

Old Farm School Activity—Since the fall of '06 a great deal of activity has taken place in the name of the Society, most but not all revolving around the Old Farm School. The September and November meetings with Mary Murray's use of the background found about the school, may have sparked some of this interest. As reported in the November newsletter, 28 people visited the school, during the scheduled Open House. In October there was a call from Laurel School, in reference to someone coming to the school and giving background on economic, transportation and educational activity in early Bloomfield. As it turned out the return call to actually come and make the presentation until 12/9—this was followed 12/19 by a bus tour, under the direction of Historian Fred Hesketh—ending up at the Old Farm School. There Fred along with Bruce Hale and Homer Guilmartin told of the early school days. This was a group of 60-2nd graders. For the school visitation, they were divided into two groups—so that it made it much easier to relate stories. Yesterday (1/12) I picked up letters written by the students to Fred and myself—which will be on view, for your reading pleasure, at the February meeting.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

Our Publications

Wintonbury to Bloomfield (\$16.50), Images: Old Bloomfield (\$20., or to a member \$18.); History of the Bloomfield Catholic Church (\$15); Barnard Genealogy (\$10.); Good Old Days (\$10.); Cook Book (\$7.); Over Tunxis Trails (\$5.); Bicentennial Activities (\$3); Note Paper (8 pk - \$3.); Filley House T shirts (\$12.); Brown Drums and Brown family (\$10.).

To order these items send a check in the above amount plus \$3. for S & H to: Wintonbury Historical Society, P.O. Box 7454, Bloomfield, CT 06002

This and That

During a holiday gathering, at a local facility, the Simsbury Bank (local manager) called attention to the use of WHS Images pictures in their new facility.

Members may recall that Fred had reviewed all the books which had been passed along to the Society over the years. Through a referral from Bob McComb, a dealer was here to look them over, and \$300. was realized for the WHS general fund. This list had been printed earlier, in a newsletter, in case anyone desired any of the books.

We are pleased to learn that Spencer Shaw will be honored at the 2007 Black History Awards Celebration, as a Librarian, Educator, Consultant and Storyteller. We are proud to know that this honor is coming to him.

Sorry to learn of Janice Bartlett's passing. It was her husband Richard, who as President of the Society, was the working force in the restoration of the Old Farm School in 1976.

Date has been set for the Tag /Bake Sale April 28th. Rain date May 5th.

The news of Don Moore's catastrophe is much on our minds—we do think of him and his loss.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

Committee Reports

Acquisition Committee: A formal acquisition policy is being developed. If you would like to help with this committee's work contact the chairman.

Judge Jerry Wagner, Chairman

Education Committee: No report

Financial Development Committee: Plans are under way for the Annual Tag Sale, April 28th, at the Old Farm School.

Winnie Granger, Chairman

Membership Committee:

Welcome new member!

James Amis of Hartford, CT

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

National Register Committee: Just prior to Thanksgiving, Sharon Steinberg presented two copies of the National Register application, as compiled by Jan Cunningham, our consultant. This is available for any member to view. This application, if accepted and approved, will be the fourth National Register this Society has been able to secure—Old Farm School, Southwest District School and the Gillette House.

Newsletter: The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie the weekend before each of the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. For 2006 the deadlines are:

May 20th (Bd Meeting May 23rd)

Aug 26th (Bd Meeting Aug 29th)

Oct 21st (Bd Meeting Oct 24th)

Fannie Gabriel & Janis Langston

Website Committee: Because of the website WHS continues to receive research requests with regard to historical places and people of Bloomfield. WHS has also received donations of historical items pertinent to Bloomfield because the donor found us via the website.

So, if you are working on a project and would like to share it with the world, or if you would like to expand the material already available on the site, please contact me and we can make the information available as part of the resources of the Society on its website.

Janis Langston, Webmaster

Flea Market/Tag & Bake Sale

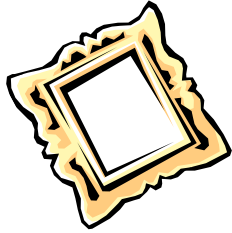
April 28th (Rain Date May 5th) 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Old Farm School (corner Park & School Streets)



Preview for WHS Members & Friends

Friday, April 27th 4 - 6 p.m.

“Come and get some gems you can’t live without”



This popular event allows members, and friends to donate their “treasures (?)” and receive a tax credit or rent a space to sell your wares yourself - **\$20.00 for a 20' x 20' space.** Contact Louise Schmoll (242-2953) to reserve your space

Items being donated may be brought to the Old Farm School on
Sunday, April 22nd 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 25th 3-5 p.m.
Friday, April 27th 4-6 p.m.



Volunteers are needed to set-up, take down, traffic control and on Saturday to staff the WHS tables and bake sale area.

Bakers needed to donate “goodies” for the Bake Sale table

Leaving A Legacy

The Wintonbury Historical Society is a charitable and non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical sites of Bloomfield, and the memory of the ones who created them.

The Society is in dire need of funds or gifts in order to continue the restorations, and preservations in progress. We are therefore, soliciting the commitment of citizens who value the history of Bloomfield now and in the years ahead.

Listed are a few ways to leave a legacy:

1. Set aside a gift in your will to the Society
2. Name the Society as beneficiary of an insurance policy.
3. Remember your loved ones with a gift in their honor.
4. Name the Society as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401K.

There are several other means, just talk with your financial advisor.

Financial Development Committee

Calendar of Events

2007

Feb 7	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Mar 22	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Apr 4	Conn Historical Society Sharon Steinberg giving a tour of resource treasures
Apr 27	Flea market/Tag Sale Preview for members and friends (4 - 6 pm)
Apr 28	Flea market/Tag & Bake Sale (rain date May 5th) Old Farm School (8 am - 3 pm)
May 20	Old Farm School opens for the Season (1 - 4 pm)
May 28	Memorial Day Parade (call Fannie if interested in participating)
Jun 6	WHS Annual Pot Luck Supper with Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Sept 12	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Nov 7	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center

Visit the WHS website at: www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

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