

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

March 2006

Next meeting: April 5, 2006 7:30 p.m.

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

Program: Connecticut Witch Trials

Speaker: Dr. Walter Woodward, Connecticut State Historian

President's Message:

Monday March 13th WHS was able to make its presentation to the Bloomfield Town Council regarding the Filley House Renovation. My sincere thanks, from this officer, for the strong support of members at this meeting. We were very pleased with the depth of questions, and interest, in the presentation. Possibly you were able to catch it on Channel #5-since Town Council meetings are broadcast. This was now forwarded to the March 20th meeting of the Finance Committee. We will await further developments. Stay Tuned

The March 5th concert at the Congregational Church by Belles, Beaus and Buddies, thanks to your support, produced a full house—and a great concert. At this writing there are no figures on the amount which will be turned over to the Society, since the concert was for the benefit of the Society. At the March 6th meeting of the WHS Finance Committee, it was voted to have the funds go into the current Money Market Account. Stay tuned for results (which means attending the April 5th meeting).

And speaking of meeting—Bob McComb has, again, offered us an outstanding program—Dr. Walter Woodward, Connecticut State Historian. He is Assistant History Professor at UConn's Greater Hartford Campus-with a specialty in Early American/Atlantic World/Connecticut History. Currently he is working on a book about John Winthrop, Jr, founder of New London.

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

Alma Paull has donated Glenn Weavers 1969 books about the Hartford Electric Light Company—which includes the period when member Joseph McCormick was President of this company.

Members appreciated the research Alison Hunt did on the Wilcox family and property on Hoskins Road—as presented at our February meeting. Thanks again Alison.

On February 4th at the pancake breakfast held for the support of the Prosser Library under the auspices of Bloomfield Alliance for Children \$2500 was raised. The questions at the tables were the same on Old Bloomfield, which Bob McComb used for our June Annual Meeting.

February 9th a full house greeted Estelle Taylor and her family, as a Prosser Library program—this was the same program she had presented to our Society some years ago—but on the 9th the family added many fascinating stories about their father Johnny Taylor of the Negro baseball league.

From March 17th, it seems a long way to May 29th, but Emily Kissel, Director of the Bloomfield Leisure Dept. wants us to think Memorial Day Parade—anyone interested—please let Fannie know.

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 30th, at the Old Farm School.

Carrie Allison and Winnie Granger Co-Chairman

Membership Committee:

Welcome new member!

Cheryl Fox of Bloomfield, CT

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

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 21st (Bd Meeting May 24th)

Aug 27th (Bd Meeting Aug 30st)

Oct 15th (Bd Meeting Oct 18th)

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

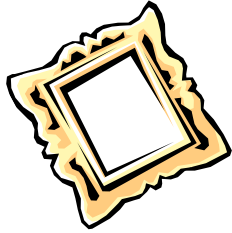
April 29th (Rain Date May 6th) 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Old Farm School (corner Park & School Streets)



Preview for WHS Members & Friends

Friday, April 28th 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 23rd 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26th 3-5 p.m.
Friday, April 28th 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 2006

Apr 5	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center - Dr. Walter Woodward, CT Historian
Apr 28	Flea market/Tag Sale Preview for members and friends (4 - 6 pm)
Apr 29	Flea market/Tag & Bake Sale (rain date May 6th) Old Farm School (8 am - 3 pm)
May 14	Old Farm School opens for the Season (1 - 4 pm)
May 18-20	Prosser Library - Book Sale
May 29	Memorial Day Parade (call Fannie if interested in participating)
Jun 7	WHS Annual Pot Luck Supper with Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Sept 13	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
Nov 1	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center

Visit the WHS website at: www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

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