

# The Wintonbury Drummer



## *Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society*

*Bloomfield, Connecticut*

*March 2007*

**Next meeting:** April 4, 2007 7:30 p.m.

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

**Program:** Bloomfield Highways from 1792 to 2007 along Route 9 & 291

**Speakers:** Fred Hesketh

### *President's Message:*

Last year I received an annuity from my brother, and wondered how it could be used. Therefore, March 7th a Special Board Meeting was called to make this offer.

I should like to offer the annuity to the Society, for the construction of an office, library and place for our papers. The Society has also been offered an anonymous gift-this plus the annuity should make this happen.

This offer was accepted by the Board with the following motion: A committee be formed to explore ramifications of possible location of small office, library on the Old Farm School Property, following a generous gift from Fannie Gabriel. Motion passed. Committee formed George Merrow, Charlie Regini, Fred Hesketh and Jerry Wagner.

This offer will in no way interfere with the Filley/Pinney/LaSalette renovation effort. following current stabilization and acceptance by the National Register, the project will proceed for an Educational Center and for our Society artifacts.

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

Old Farm School will open for the season the middle of May-Sundays from 1-4. Let Angela know that you are willing to act as docent.

The 2/11 benefit concert for Don Moore netted about \$1000., saw 8 WHS members present — about 100 attended. Considering this was put together in about a week—that was due to a lot of hard work by the committee.

Invitation to be part of the Bloomfield Memorial Day Parade on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May has been received—if interested in being a part—let Fannie know.

We recall that the letters from the Laurel School students, Re December talk, bus ride and OFS visit, are being put into a booklet by Angela—then placed in the school for visitors to see and read. Thank you Angela.

Condolences to Homer Guilmartin on the passing of his Mother and to Yolanda Hesketh on the recent passing of her Mother in Rhode Island. We wish a speedy recovery to Barbara Case.

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:**

No new Members

Jean Buscarello, Chairman

**National Register Committee:** On March 6, our application to have the Filley House put on the National Register of Historic Houses was approved by the State. The application will probably be reviewed some time this summer and approved in the fall.

Sharon Steinberg, Chairman

**Newsletter:** The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie. For 2007 the deadlines are:

**May 20th**

**Aug 26th**

**Oct 21st**

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

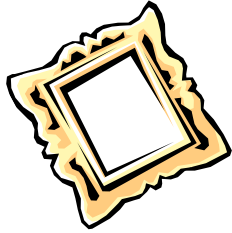
April 28th (Rain Date May 5th) 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
at the Old Farm School (corner Park & School Streets)



## 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

Apr 4	WHS Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
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](http://www.bloomfieldcthistory.org)

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