# Historical Society of East Hartford Newsletter, March 2019



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the Huguenot House roof replacement, I do have some wonderful news to share with you. At its February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the East Hartford Rotary Club presented the Historical Society with a check for \$3,850 to enable to us to proceed with the completion of this project. With the \$15,000 we had raised through grants, fund-raisers, cash donations and a \$6,000 donation of wood shingles we were still short. Using a good portion of our general fund to cover the full \$24,850 cost would have badly reduced our working balance to an unacceptable level. On behalf of the Historical Society, I wish to gratefully thank the East Hartford Rotary Club for this check. I especially want to give a special thanks to Rotarian Mary Martin. Now that the project is fully funded, construction will start shortly.

We've been holding our regular business meetings and programs at the East Hartford Public Library for as long as I can remember. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May and November the two hours from 6 to 8 pm ending when the Library closes (formerly 7 to 9) has been a time slot convenient to most of our membership, many of whom still are employed. On some occasions, it works out better to schedule the program on a different day from the business meeting. Saturday afternoon at 1 pm on March 23<sup>rd</sup> we have booked a family-oriented program at the Library. A good turn-out from the public including children are expected to attend, so we will hold the March business meeting at the Selden Brewer House on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This will be open to all members as if it were held at the Library combined with a program. Please join us if you can.

In just a few days on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm the Historical Society will sponsor a free artifact evaluation program at the Selden Brewer House presented by Connecticut's State Archeologist Dr. Brian Jones. We will offer light refreshments so please look at the flyer and article in the newsletter and plan on attending.

Craig Johnson, President



### MARCH 23, 2019 PROGRAM OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Saturday March 23, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Raymond Library in East Hartford, Louise DeMars, Executive Director of the New England Carousel Museum in Bristol, CT, will give a presentation on the history of carousels in Connecticut, and a brief overview of the Carousel Museum.

There is scheduled to be activities for children, so bring the entire family for an afternoon of history and fun.

Steven Strange, Vice-President

# AN AFTERNOON OF ARTIFACTS & ARCHEOLOGY: HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF EAST HARTFORD

Saturday March 9, 2019 at the Brewer House Exhibit Opens at 12:00 Item Evaluation 1pm – 3pm

Found anything on your property? Have a simple stone or fragment that grandpa found years ago?

On Saturday March 9th the Historical Society of East Hartford will be sponsoring a session where local folks may bring in an artifact for evaluation by our State Archeologist, Dr. Brian Jones.

The doors will be open at 12:00 for visitors to view some of the HSEH collection and artifacts such as arrow heads, old coins and some old bottles. Dr. Jones will be available from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to look at items and perhaps identify who has found what. (Monetary values will not be given.)

Information on the Friends of the State Archeologist (FOSA) will also be available for those interested in these adventures. More information on FOSA can be found at www.fosa-ct.org

Come and visit us at the Selden Brewer House, 167 Main St., East Hartford. (Near the Glastonbury line between Maple St. and Naubuc Ave.) There is no charge for this visit but please note that the Historical Society very much needs your support and new members. Please visit our web site at www.hseh.org

For appointments to bring in an item (not needed but helpful) or more information you may contact Ruthie Brown at 860-643-5652 and please leave a message or Karen Johnson at 860-430-9618. If a rain date is needed for this event it will be March 16th at the same time.

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<u>Deadline</u> May Newsletter – Apr 27, 2019

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## March Program

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2019

Program: "History of Carousel Museums in CT & the Carousel Museum"

Speaker: Louise DeMars

Where: Raymond Library
Address: 740 Main St
Time: Meeting 1:00 pm
Fee: none; public welcome
Info: Craig, 860-568-2884

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