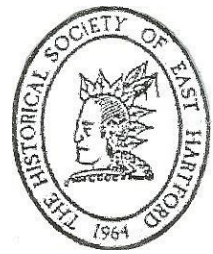


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, November 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends of the East Hartford Historical Society, and Members:

As your newly elected President, I am still learning as I become accustomed to procedures, needs, responsibilities, and obligations of the office. I am looking forward to counting on both seasoned members and new members to help me to move the Historical Society of East Hartford forward. The tasks confronting us are challenging and formidable, but there is strength in numbers, understanding, and expertise.

As President of the Historical Society of East Hartford, I would like to encourage additional communication with the Town Hall, and other organizations to help foster a greater understanding of the history of East Hartford, and the talents and expertise that abound in our community. Such organizations as the East Hartford Art League, The Commission of Fine Arts and Culture, the Historic District Commission, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Moose Club, Knights of Columbus, Raymond Library Corporation, etc. have skills and expertise that are valuable assets that can move our efforts forward to success.

Please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of East Hartford. Your suggestions, comments, observations, interests, and input will make the Historical Society of East Hartford a valuable contributor to a greater understanding of our past, present, and future. As the motto of East Hartford states in Latin *Carpe Diem*, or *Seize the Day*, let us not only seize the day, but all those opportunities and challenges that will make us grow and prosper.

Respectfully,

Steven Strange, M.A., M.S.

President, Historical Society of East Hartford

NOVEMBER 20TH PROGRAM ARTIST HENRY HAMMOND AHL

The Historical Society is proud to have East Hartford's Raymond Tubbs as its speaker for the November meeting. Ray will give a presentation on our town's most famous artist, Henry Hammond Ahl (1869-1953) who later this year will have a celebration of the 150th anniversary of his birth in East Hartford. Ray's talk for the Historical Society is centered on the current Raymond Library exhibition of Ahl's works. Prior to going upstairs to the atrium to view the exhibition, he will briefly discuss aspects of Ahl's life (with some flavorful anecdotes related to his character), his long financially successful career, and his place in American art history. Plus, just enough art history to give the works on display (hung in chronological order) context and allow for informed viewing and the ability to relate each of the paintings to the various art movements that he was a part of or that influenced his painting styles. Ray will tell you which works are deserving of special attention. The group of extraordinary drawings from the 1890s in the atrium's Recess Galley is not to be missed. You will view the works on your own, but Ray will be there for guidance and to answer any and all questions. Copies of the richly illustrated monograph will be available.

Raymond E. Tubbs, with an academic background in liberal arts, education and art history, has been involved in the art world since 1969, both in the United States and Europe. Beginning as a partner and director of an art gallery for 10 years, he moved on as a private art dealer, artist agent, independent curator and consultant, writer on the arts, and as an expert in the esoteric field of fresco- secco mural restoration (the WPA-era mural in the Main Street post office is an example of this). He has had special interest in the life and work of lesser-known American artists of the Great Depression era through the 1950s. Plus, in certain artists of the Scuola Romana, a nebulous Italian art movement of the same decades of the 20th century.

He has written numerous essays for the catalogs of museum and gallery exhibitions, reviews and critiques, and art-critical essays for various art-related publications. Previous to the recent monograph, *Henry Hammond Abl - Life and Art: Refinement and Composure*, he authored *Joseph Presser 1909-1967*, and *How to See Through a Brick, The Work of George Soppelsa*, both published in Germany in both English and German. Now mostly retired, he still on occasion writes or serves as a consultant on cultural assets, be they historical artifacts or works of fine art.

Following a short 6:30pm business meeting, the Wednesday November 20th program will be held in meeting room #1 at the Raymond Library, 840 Main Street, in East Hartford. There is plenty of free parking available in the back of the Library.

For any questions, please call Craig Johnson at 860-568-2884.

Craig Johnson, Vice President / Program Chair

MARTIN PARK MUSEUM BUILDINGS CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

With the Park and Recreation Maintenance crew turning off the water to Martin Park, our Historical Society museum buildings are now officially closed for the off season. We had a good year beginning with Connecticut Open House Day in June, then into our regular Sunday afternoon openings during July and August. During the month of September we hosted a bus group from Pennsylvania and in October we gave a museum tour to 60 3rd grade students from Pitkin Elementary School. None of this would have been possible if it were not for our dedicated members who volunteered their time to make it happen. Our last event was participating in a two-day film shoot and recording session with musician and filmmaker Michael Paris who did an episode of his “*Tune Trek*” at our museum. Sometime next year, after it get edited, we should get a copy of the finished product that we might be able to share with you at a future Historical Society meeting.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

PITKIN 3RD GRADERS ENJOYED OUR HISTORY

Would like to mention how wonderful our visit from the 3rd graders at Pitkin School was on Oct. 23rd. They came to visit the historical complex at Martin Park. They were so excited and very well behaved. Their teachers prepared them to be respectful and appreciative of this field trip. I was impressed. Hopefully we can do this again next year!!!

Judy Hillmann, Membership & Docent

HIGH SCHOOL GRADS OF 1941, 1943 AND THE 1950s

Ruthie is working with Raymond Library to have a Winter exhibit of old East Hartford High School graduation photos and reunions. We are hoping that seniors and their families will visit to look at these and perhaps help us identify those years we cannot and perhaps also name a few students in the photos. There will also be information and some photos displayed at the South end Senior center as well. For those in the 1950's we also have copies available if anyone would like to purchase one.

THE HSEH IS ON FACEBOOK



Check out facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2274713595973459/> This is the new facebook page of the Historical Society of East Hartford. It is now public; anyone can see it and post on it. Use it to read about East Hartford's history, put your own stories and photos up, and start conversations about your own puzzling, East Hartford questions. This facebook icon is from bing.com/images.

Sunday December 8th 2019

The Historical Society of East Hartford Holiday Social

167 Main Street, East Hartford.

The Selden Brewer House



Open to the public

11:00 to 3:00pm

Light refreshments will be served.



At 1 pm the Historical Society will honor

***Dan and Betty Russell for their contributions
and many years of service.***

We invite all to join us

***— bring their stories, photos
and memories to enhance this celebration.***

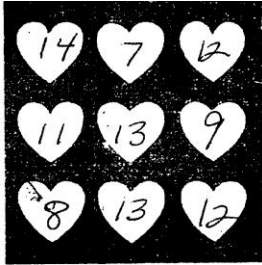


For more information call President Steven Strange at 860-528-4989

Looking for a great holiday gift? Consider these recent books. [Connecticut 169 Club Your Passport and Guide to Exploring Connecticut](#) by Martin Podskoch is a collection of short guides to each Connecticut town – history, events, places of interest, spaces for comments. Vice-President Craig Johnson did East Hartford’s writeup (also featured in September in the New Britain Herald, Willimantic Chronicle). [Greater Hartford Memories](#) is an appealing book of older photos of Hartford, East Hartford, etc. Info? Call 860-568-2884.

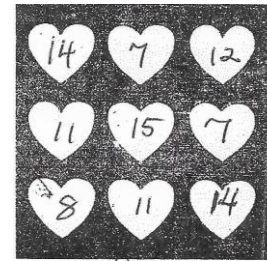
WINNERS IN THE 1917 PUZZLE CONTEST

The September 2019 issue of the HSEH Newsletter included a contest in which numbers from 7 to 15 inclusive were to be entered into a 3x3 matrix so that the sum of each column and each row would equal 33. A number could be used at most 2 times in the matrix. Winners were selected by date of submission of a correct entry. Congratulations to those who entered correct solutions.



Our first place winners were the Curreys with their mailed entry stamped Aug 31, 2019. Their prize was a year's membership (2020-2021) in the HSEH at their current level of patrons.

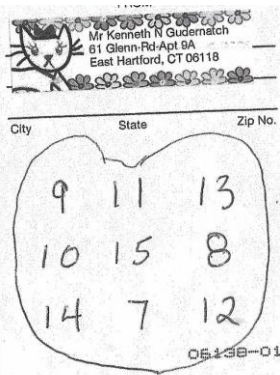
Our 2nd place winning entry was from member Sue Barlow who sent in this entry stamped September 9, 2019. Congratulations, Sue!



**LOOKING FOR
FROM THE**

This puzzle was found in WWI. It was published in Conn. Solve it and "Mahogany Piano" can offer a paid answer received by address above. Rules: use any number in added perpendicular

Susan Barlow



Our 3rd place winning entry was from member Ken Gudernatch who sent in this entry stamped September 12, 2019. Well done, Ken! Notice that his entry uses each possible number (7-15) only once.

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Deadline Jan Newsletter – Dec 31, 2019

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<https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=Artist+Palette+Clip+Art&FORM=IDINTS>



November Program

Date: Wed, Nov 20, 2019

Program: Henry Hammond Ahl,
 famed artist from East
 Hartford

Speaker: Ray Tubbs, art dealer,
 art consultant, author

Where: Raymond Library

Address: 740 Main St

Time: 6:30 pm

Fee: none, public welcome

Info: Craig, 860-568-2884