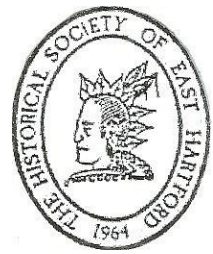


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, March 2020



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Historical Society of East Hartford is actively involved in the following projects:

- The Society is moving forward with plans to recruit new members. Judy Hillmann has volunteered to enroll new members at the Brewer House on Tuesdays, starting on March 17, from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Karen Johnson and Ruth Shapleigh Brown continue to work vehemently on accessioning our collection. If you would like to give them a hand, stop by the Brewer House on Tuesdays.
- President Strange will be meeting with the Historic District Commission about our concerns about the Hockanum School. He is a member of this Commission. After this meeting, President Strange will meet with those who have expressed an interest in the restoration of the building for public use. They will develop some strategies and ideas to present to Mayor Leclerc so the HSEH and the town government can work together to save this historic building.
- President Strange will be working with Jason Pannone of the Raymond Library on an exhibit of postcards, old photographs, and maps of East Hartford. The exhibit is scheduled for the late Spring at the library. If you have any old postcards and/or photographs of East Hartford, please let President Strange or Mr. Pannone know.
- President Strange is looking for suggestions on how the garden at the Brewer House can be used for activities. Suggestions would be appreciated. Please feel free to contact President Strange at 860-528-4989 or via email farfagliabutterfly@yahoo.com with any comments, suggestions, and/or ideas that you may have.

Respectfully, Steven Strange, President, Historical Society of East Hartford.

MARCH 18th PROGRAM ON EARLY ARCHITECTURE OF EAST HARTFORD

The Historical Society is pleased to have as its guest speaker for the March 2020 meeting restoration specialist Steven A. Bielitz. As most of you know, his company Glastonbury Restoration LLC did the roof replacement last year at our Huguenot House Museum in Martin Park. Throughout Steve's long career he has traveled Connecticut and other states in search of architectural structures that for whatever the reason faced demolition. Steve will focus on some of the early 18th and late 17th century houses built in Hartford's east side before East Hartford incorporated as a separate town in 1783. The most notable of these was the Hills House at 209 High Street that was recently dismantled because it had to be moved from Goodwin College property. This house was thought to have been built in the middle 1700's but was found to include a much older section that dated from the 1690s. Visuals will be shown during the talk.

Following a short 6:30pm business meeting, the Wednesday March 18th 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. Light refreshments will be available.

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

Craig Johnson, Vice President / Program Chair

TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN, life-long resident of East Hartford and long-time member of this Historical Society, passed away on February 29, 2020. He graduated from East Hartford High School and St Michael's College in Burlington, VT. He became a real estate agent and also served over the years in Connecticut politics in a number of positions including Chair of the East Hartford Board of Education, Chair of the CT Democratic Party, President of the Hartford Chamber of Commerce, confidante of Governor Bill O'Neill, and mentor to young politicians. His dealings earned him a reputation as a well-regarded and respected gentleman.

The Historical Society extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Moynihan, their family and friends.

BOOKS FOR SALE BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This will be the second year we are offering two books for sale. The Historical Society was involved in the development of the 'Connecticut 169 Club' (\$24.95) published by Marty Podskoch and "Greater Hartford Memories" (\$44.95) sponsored by the Hartford Courant. We have boxes of books we've been unable to sell because we have no open museum space. As a small historical society, we also have no means of online or credit card purchases. Even when we did offer the books for sale on special functions at the Selden Brewer House, most people do not carry cash or check books. The books make a good graduation, birthday or holiday gift so please consider helping us out. You pay no shipping charge or sales tax and arrangements can be made to pick up your purchase at our Brewer House office at 167 Main Street. Please call me at 860-568-2884 and leave a message if you are interested in helping us out.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

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March Program

Date: Wed, March 18, 2020

Program: Early Architecture of East Hartford

Speaker: Stephen A. Bielitz of Glastonbury Restoration, LLC

Where: Raymond Library
840 Main St, Room #1

When: 6:30pm - Short business meeting followed by program

Fee: none, public welcome

Park: free, behind library

Info: Craig, 860-568-2884