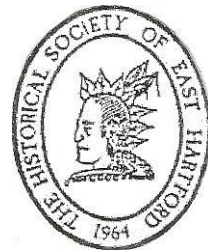


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, March 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members and friends,

I trust that you are well and enjoying this snowless winter. Despite a few days of low temperatures, the weather has been pleasant. Even though Spring is just a month away, I have already seen some crocuses peaking out of the dirt. Now, for the tulips and daffodils!

The Historical Society of East Hartford is looking forward to another active year at Martin Park and at the Brewer House. We are not only looking for volunteers to help get the Huguenot house ready for tours, but for docents to give those tours. If interested, contact Judy or Craig.

We are planning a tea at the Brewer House during the summer or early Autumn. Contact Karen Johnson if you can lend a hand.

The Fine Arts Commission and the Raymond Library will be holding the Art Show in the garden of the Brewer House on September 16. Last year's show was quite a success. Of course, the Brewer House will be open for tours and visits.

We are continuing to furnish the Brewer House with pictures and furniture. We are looking for a dining room table and chairs. If you have one that you would like to donate or have a friend who would like to do so, please let me know. It would be an asset to the décor of this lovely home. Preferably a set that is from the period 1900-1940.

Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions that we should consider implementing. Of course, questions, comments, and observations are always welcome.

Stay tuned for the news of more activities as we move forward during the year.

If you haven't paid your dues for the current fiscal year 2022-2023 (September to September), please send your check to our post office box made out to the Historical Society of East Hartford. Check out our Web Page for membership options.

Have a great month, stay well, prosper, and be safe.

Steven Strange, President, Historical Society of East Hartford

MARCH 15th BUSINESS MEETING AT THE SELDEN BREWER HOUSE

MARCH 19th PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

The Historical Society will have its regular business meeting at the Selden Brewer House on Wednesday, March 15th at 2 o'clock. All members are invited to attend this business meeting.

Our program will take place at the East Hartford Public Library on Sunday, March 19th at 3pm. Because of limited space available at the Brewer House, we will use a weekend Sunday afternoon to offer you a program at the Library in the spacious downstairs meeting room. Announcement will be made in the newspaper to invite the public to attend the free program. See Ruthie Brown's article.

Craig Johnson, Vice President & Program Chair

“NEW FINDS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR HSEH COLLECTION”

MARCH 19TH PROGRAM OF THE HSEH

Board Member Ruth Brown will be doing a presentation to share some of the finds and discoveries she has made while spending our “quiet” time sorting and inventorying collections at the Historical Society. Before covid the Historical Society was presented with a large amount of items that came from the ancestors of a local family. The old wooden trunks were full of items from books to clothing, all from about the 1880's to the early 1900's.

Ruthie wishes to share photos of some, hopefully engaging the audience in making helpful connections, comments as well some smiles and laughter. We are off to a new year and more than ever the Historical Society needs more support and public awareness of East Hartford's contributions to our history. Please join us for an entertaining hour of fun and learning.

This program will be held on Sunday March 19th at 3pm in the East Hartford Public Library, 840 Main St, East Hartford, CT. All are welcome. Admission is free – you can use the back entrance of the library from the parking lot.

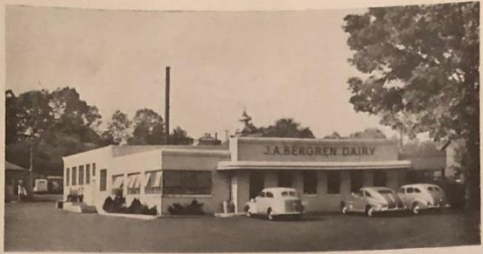
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UPDATED NEWS ON GRANTS FROM CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES

We are very pleased to announce that the Historical Society has been awarded for 2023 a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant for \$5,200. Last year for 2022 we had received a grant for \$5,500. As a qualifying non-profit and museum these general operating support grants help us cover expenses beyond revenue we receive from memberships and donations. It also allows us to offer tours, do programs, host exhibitions and to grow our ability to better serve the East Hartford community. Grant funding was made available from the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts from the Connecticut State Legislature. We are grateful and proud to have been one of more than 700 organizations to benefit from this two-year investment in arts, humanities and cultural non-profits by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

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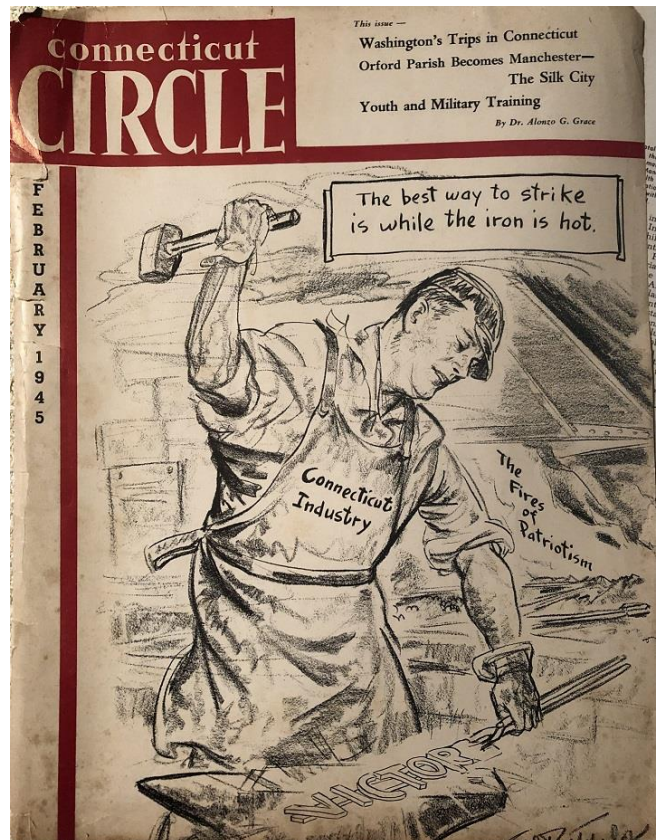
Bergren's maintains a modern dairy bar at 844 Main Street in Manchester for the convenience of customers in that area. If you're in Manchester we're sure you'll enjoy stopping in. You'll find a full line of mixed fountain drinks, made with Bergren's ice cream, as well as Bergren's ice cream and dairy products to take out.

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Connecticut Circle magazine. Feb. 1945

Bergren's Dairy ad from the February 1945 issue of "Connecticut Circle". From facebook comments it seemed to have been particularly popular with ice cream lovers (especially during the 1950s) who used to walk there after school and on Sundays for ice cream.

"Debuting in 1938, "Connecticut Circle" was published by local business leaders to promote the state and its commercial interests. The magazine continued through 1971, when new owners relaunched it as "Connecticut Magazine". " Unknown source, internet



HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES DONATION OF TAVERN SIGN



During the December 4, 2022 Holiday fest opening at the Selden Brewer House we were very grateful to have received a generous donation of a tavern sign that once stood at the Public House of Richard Goodwin. Known as the old Goodwin Tavern, the sign dates from 1813. The tavern was located at the corner of Main and Governor Street and later became known as the Phelps Tavern, a once prosperous hotel that served as a stage stop. We wish to thank Elizabeth Marx for donating this artifact of East Hartford's past to the Historical Society.

In the photo to the left, Vice-President Craig Johnson is seen inspecting the Goodwin Tavern sign.

To the right is the sign's art.



Craig Johnson, Vice President

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March Business Meeting

**Date & Time - Wed, Mar 15, 2023;
2pm**

Where – Selden Brewer House

Address – corner Main and Naubuc

March Program

Date - Sun, Mar 19, 2023

Program – “New Finds and Highlights
From the HSEH Collection”

Speaker – Ruth Shapleigh-Brown

Time – 3 pm

Business Meeting – none

Where – Raymond Library

Address – 840 Main Street

Info - Craig, 860-869-4642