Historical Society of East Hartford August 14, 2019



Hello Historical Society Members,

I hope that you are all having a good summer. You are probably wondering why you are getting a letter from me at this time. The reason is that we will be having a special meeting of the Historical Society on Saturday, August 24, at the Raymond Library. It will begin at 1:00pm and we are going to be having an old-fashioned "Show and Tell". Older members of the Historical Society may remember when they were children, bringing an item to school, usually after the summer vacation, and sharing some special details about that special object. I believe that we actually did a "Show and Tell" program many years ago, and it was quite interesting. Also having a meeting on a Saturday afternoon, may help us to gauge how an alternative time to our usual Wednesday evenings, work for our membership. Our last evening program in July that was co-sponsored with the Library on Connecticut Rock 'N' Roll was really good but sadly only several people attended.

There also is an ulterior motive to having a meeting in August. Over the course of the summer we have had a committee of members who have been reviewing and updating our Purpose, Constitution and Bylaws. In order for us to have this voted on at our Annual Meeting in September when we have the greatest number of members in attendance, we need to distribute the updated document at a meeting prior to when we vote on acceptance. When approved at the Annual Meeting, the changes will become effective with the 2020-2021 Society year. At the August 24th meeting, there will be no vote but copies will be distributed and a copy will go out by postal mail before the Annual Meeting that includes dinner at the First Congregational Church on September 18, 2019.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the Raymond Library at 1:00pm. See what you can find to bring with you, or just come as you are. I promise there will be something to see that will jog your memory.

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