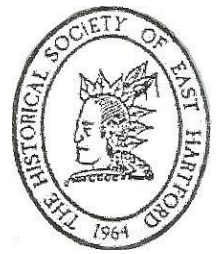


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, November 2015



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In another joint venture with the Friends of Center Cemetery organized by HSEH Director Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, the docents at the Huguenot House paired up to entertain a large tour group of 40 travelers on a Ghostbuster's 4 day trip from the Pittsburgh, PA area. Amid the falling leaves were a few raindrops on a grey Sunday morning before Halloween. Our tour group was polite and talkative. They had spent 14 hours on a tour bus and we were their first stop. They loved the quaintness of our little Martin Park complex, the stories of our 'friendly ghosts' and their tour of the ancient burial grounds for the Connecticut Colony east of the River. Our guests left us to strike out northward for two days in Salem's 'Haunted Happenings' festivities. And, no place in the world celebrates Halloween like Salem, Mass., where the holiday is a month long! We wished them a safe but scary journey and are looking forward to the feedback from the tour agency.

The reopening of the Raymond Library has been the talk of the town with its newly renovated library rooms, especially the Children's Room. We will be returning to the library facility this month for a regular membership meeting after a two year absence and be able to see the remarkable things that Mary Martin, Project Administrator, the Raymond Library Commission and our new Director of the Library, Susan Hansen, have brought to the people of East Hartford. I am especially looking forward to this reunion.

Please make an effort to be at the meeting on the 18th of November as we welcome Woody Tinsley and discuss the 'Shipwreck' in the Connecticut River.

Bette Daraskevich, HSEH President

NOVEMBER 18th PROGRAM ON CONNECTICUT RIVER SHIPWRECK

The Historical Society is proud to have as its guest speaker Officer Woodrow Tinsley who will give a talk on the CREST Police Dive Team and discuss a very interesting find the Dive Team explored last summer in the Connecticut River. Just off the East Hartford shoreline along Great River Park there sits partially buried in the mud a sunken 85-foot long schooner. Many people know about the shipwreck, but no one is certain how or when it wound up on the river bottom. The Dive Team did a number of exploratory dives, taking some interesting pictures and even brought up some artifacts. The program was originally scheduled for the January 2015 Historical Society meeting but was postponed due to an unexpected illness. We are now excited to have it rescheduled as our very first program in the new expanded Library.

Besides his duties with the East Hartford Police Department, Woody Tinsley is a certified dive instructor and operates New England Ski and Scuba in Vernon. Following a short 7:00pm business meeting, the Wednesday November 18th program will be held at the Raymond Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford. Light refreshments will be served. Plenty of free parking is available in the back of the Library.

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

Craig Johnson, Vice President / Program Chair

CORRECTION

The author of the September article "Tavern, Tavern, Who's Got the Tavern?" was inadvertently omitted. Bette Daraskevich is the author.

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Deadline Jan. Newsletter – Dec. 31, 2015



NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Program: Officer Woodrow

Tinsley on CREST Police

Divers & River Shipwreck

Where: Raymond Library

Fee: No cost

Info: Craig, 860-568-2884

Clip art: www.clipartbest.com



TO END ALL WARS: SONGS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



A music program performed by
Rick Spencer

Sunday, November 15th at 2:00pm
Raymond Library Meeting Room 1

Join us for a presentation of songs along with a discussion
of the issues, events and personalities of the War.

Mr. Spencer is recognized internationally for his work as a developer
and presenter of theme-based historic music programs in the
American Folk tradition.

Registration for the program is strongly encouraged;
sign up through the library's calendar or by calling 860-290-4340.

Access to the meeting room is available through the lower entrance off the parking lot.