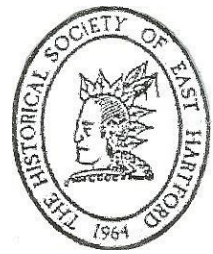


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, March 2018



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The cold, wet, winter season is almost over and spring is close at hand. We felt bad that a snow storm led to the cancellation of the January meeting and program at the Library. I was asked why we don't use the local television stations to add postponement or cancel announcements at the bottom of the view screen. Well, we actually do have arrangements for closing announcements but because we are such a small organization, our closings only appear on the television station website, so that's where you have to look. The good news is that our January program is now rescheduled for March. So let's hope for good weather on March 21st. At the Selden Brewer House, some town employees beautifully polished the downstairs floors and also did some needed repair work and painting in the upstairs offices of the Historical Society. We may still hold a spring get together at the Brewer House similar to our holiday-themed events. If we do, you will be notified through the May newsletter.

Regarding the Huguenot House roof replacement, the letter of inquiry sent in December to the 1772 Foundation was acknowledged with an invitation for a full application. We submitted the app and attachments on the last day in February and it was for a 1:1 matching grant request for an amount of \$7,500. We will be notified in May on the outcome. If successful, the roof replacement project might be started this spring before we open for this year's summer season.

In just a few days on Saturday, March 10th from 1 to 3 pm we have a free program at the East Hartford Public Library presented by members Marianne Mihalyo and Gary Roy who are also co-founders of the "Support Our Survivors of Iwo Jima" organization. The talk and slide show presentation commemorates the 73rd anniversary of the World War II battle of Iwo Jima. We will offer light refreshments so please look at the flyer in the newsletter and plan on attending.

Craig Johnson, President

MARCH – LOCAL AUTHOR MARTY PODSKOCH TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS NEW BOOK: CONNECTICUT CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS CAMPS

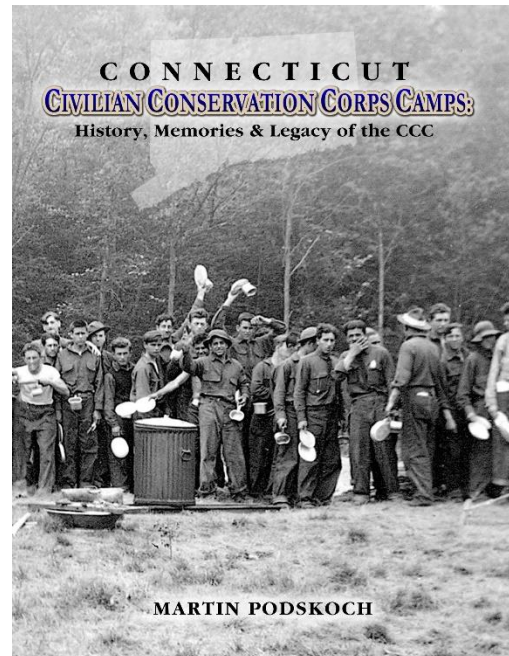
On March 21, 2018 beginning at 7:30pm, local author and historian Marty Podskoch will give a Power Point presentation on his new book, Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories and Legacy at the Raymond Library, 740 Main Street, in Room #1 on the lower level. This program was 'slected out' in January and Marty has graciously agreed to rebook with us.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began on March 31, 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. The US Army supervised the camps which had approx. 200 men each. The first year 13 camps were set up in these Connecticut towns' state parks & forests: West Cornwall, Housatonic Meadows; Niantic, Military Reservation; Eastford, Natchaug; Haddam, Cockaponset; Union,

Nipmuck; New Fairfield, Squantz Pond; Cobalt, Meshomasic; Voluntown, Pachaug; Thomaston, Black Rock; East Hartland, Tunxis; Clinton, Cockaponset; West Goshen, Mohawk; and Torrington, Paugnut (Burr Pond). The Army Government Dock in New London was the supply depot for all the CT camps.

In the following years these eight camps were added: Barkhamsted, American Legion State Forest; East Hampton, Salmon River; Danbury, Wooster Mountain; Stafford Springs, Shenipsit; Portland, Meshomasic; Windsor (Poquonock), Experiment Station Land; Kent, Macedonia Brook, and Madison, Cockaponset.

Men 18 - 25 (with fathers on relief) enrolled for 6 months, worked a 40-hour week for \$30/mo. The government sent \$25 a month home and the boys received \$5 spending money. The boys got good food, uniforms, and medical care. At first they lived in tents; later they lived in wooden buildings. Workers built trails, roads, campsites, dams, stocked fish, built & maintained fire towers, observer's cabins & telephone lines, fought fires, & planted millions of trees. The CCC disbanded in 1942 due to the need for men in WW II.



Cover of Marty Podskoch's book.

After the presentation Marty Podskoch will have his new CT CCC book available for sale and signing, and also his seven books on the Catskills & Adirondack Mountains.

A short business meeting beginning at 7:00 pm will precede the program, followed by refreshments. The meeting and the presentation are free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Bette Daraskenich, Vice-President/Programs

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March Program

Date: Wed, Mar 21, 2018

Program: Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps with Marty Podskoch

Where: Raymond Library, Room #1,
740 Main Street, E Htfd

Time: Program 7:30 pm

Fee: No cost

Info: 860-568-5188
