

Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, January 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2019 to all Historical Society members! I'm hoping that you and your families had a wonderful Holiday Season. We look forward to the New Year with optimism and trust me, there soon will be a new roof on the Huguenot House. In December we hosted another holiday social at the Selden Brewer House and also for members, we held a pot-luck supper after Christmas. I personally wish to thank those who helped plan these events and who worked to put up the beautiful holiday decorations. Thanks to everyone else who stopped by to visit at the Brewer House. Also special thanks goes out to all who purchased one or both of the new books we had for sale and who made donations. The proceeds collected will be used to reduce our increased costs on the Huguenot House roof replacement project.

We want you to add to your calendar a daytime program being offered by the East Hartford Public Library on Friday, February 8th at 2 pm. Marty Podskoch will be doing a power point presentation on his book, the "Connecticut 169 Club" which is a guide book to exploring our state. Vice President Steve Strange who will actually be doing the presentation at January's meeting, has also lined up a family-oriented program at the Library on Saturday afternoon, March 23rd. We will talk more about these programs at our January 16th regular meeting at the Library. I hope to see most of you on that date.

Craig Johnson, President

"16th CENTURY EYEWITNESS TESTIMONIES OF SPANISH EXPEDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES "

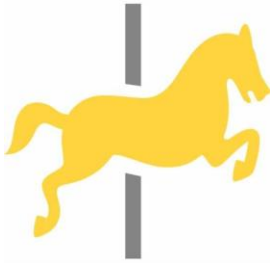
JANUARY PROGRAM OF THE HSEH

Steven Strange, an Associate Member of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language, and Vice-president of the Historical Society of East Hartford, will give a presentation on eyewitness testimonies from 16th century Spanish expeditions and voyages in what is currently the United States. His presentation will stress the first descriptions of the terrain, physical features, flora and fauna, and Native Americans as perceived by the Spaniards. Be prepared to be transported to the North America of almost five hundred years ago, and almost a hundred years before the founding of Jamestown in 1607. And as Walter Cronkite would say... "you are there!"

While Steven will be dressed in 16th century attire, he will give the presentation in English.

This January 16, 2019 meeting will begin at 6:30pm in the Raymond Library, 740 Main Street, in Room #1 on the lower level. A short business meeting, followed by refreshments, will precede the program. The meeting and the presentation are free and open to the public. All are welcome!

Steven Strange, Vice President



Louise DeMars, Executive Director of the New England Carousel Museum in Bristol, will give us a presentation at the library at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 23, 2019.¹

Her presentations always include activities for children and, as this presentation will be on a Saturday, this will be a great day for kids to attend with mom, dad, etc. Louise usually hands out free tickets to ride the carousel in Bushnell Park.

Steven Strange, Vice President

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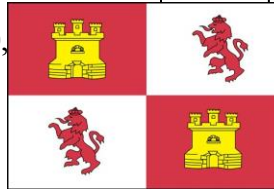
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Clipart: : <https://dos.myflorida.com/florida-facts/florida-state-symbols/state-flag/floridas-historic-flags/national-flags/spanish-flag-1513/>; Florida Dept of State; an early 1500s flag with the arms of Castile and Leon, familiar to early explorers to the Americas including Ponce deLeon, who reached US mainland and Florida in 1513



January Program

Date: **Wed, January 16, 2019**

Program: **“16th Century Eyewitness Accounts of Spanish Expeditions in US”**

Speaker: **Steven Strange, VP HSEH**

Where: **Raymond Library, Rm #1**

Address: **740 Main St**

Time: **Meeting 6:30pm**

Fee: none; **public welcome**

Info: Craig, **860-568-2884**

¹ Carousel Horse Image:

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