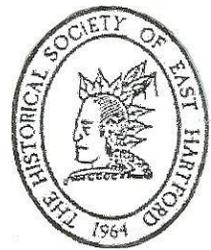


# *Historical Society of East Hartford*

*Newsletter, March 2021*



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

President Strange is still looking for members to help him with the Hockanum School restoration proposal, and to help him audit our expenditures and income in our Treasurer's reports for the past two years. If interested and willing to serve on either committee, please call Steve at 860-528-4989, or email him at [farfaqliabutterfly@yahoo.com](mailto:farfaqliabutterfly@yahoo.com) or [micomicon1605@yahoo.com](mailto:micomicon1605@yahoo.com) Time is of the essence.

President Strange would like to welcome Frank Forrest to the Board of Directors.

Please contact Craig Johnson (860-528-0716) with any ideas for programs and presentations that will resume hopefully by the beginning of the summer...subject of course to the circumstances surrounding the pandemic.

If possible, get the COVID-19 vaccination. Don't hesitate to make an appointment. Check the Town website for information.

Contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or interests that we can mutually address.

In the interim, stay well, be safe, and prosper.

*Steven Strange, President, HSEH*  
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## **EAST HARTFORD AMONG THOSE AWARDED GRANTS AT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL**

### **SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANTS**

The **Fairfield Museum and History Center** was awarded \$20,000 for a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) prospection archaeological survey.

The **Town of Essex** was awarded \$20,000 for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified Architectural Historian to prepare a National Register Nomination for Essex Village.

The **Haddam Historical Society** was awarded \$10,000 for consulting services of a 36 CFR-qualified Architectural Historian and appropriate team to prepare a State Register nomination for the Dublin Hill/Higganum Cove area.

**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS - Municipalities interested in becoming Certified under the National Park Service Program should contact Mary Dunne at [mary.dunne@ct.gov](mailto:mary.dunne@ct.gov)**

The **Town of East Hartford** was awarded \$20,000 for consulting services of a CFR-qualified historical architect and appropriate team to prepare a condition assessment of the Makens Bemont House (1761) located in Martin Park, 307 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford

The **Town of Roxbury** was awarded \$20,000 for a small-run reprint of publications for historic preservation public awareness efforts and update, redesign and reprinting of *Roxbury Past & Present: A Survey of the Evolution of Roxbury Center's Historic District and Walking Tour*.

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## NOTES FROM RUTHIE

Greetings All --- Hope everyone is doing fine and is in the process of getting their shots..

I've been spending a few hours each day trying to sort out all these Papers I've collected around here.. It's slow but I'm getting a bit more organized. Amazing what I find, that I forgot I had.

SO because we can't have meetings in person yet - and Pres. Steve is still working on the library building wishes. AND if we DO get to have the Martin Park houses open this summer .. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. We need to find some ways to get more people on board to help handle these tours and openings.

Available are a couple of pieces I collected a few years back - from CLHO that would be good references for those willing to get involved or thinking that we should be using the old library for a museum / historical society office.. (yeah) . but it's a lot of work. (Items from the CLHO "Worksheet for Preserving Historic Buildings/Landscapes", and "Housekeeping for the Historic House" will be put on the HSEH website shortly)

If anyone is serious about this side of things - and what to do to secure the library building, there are books at the Brewer House with surveys and information about such projects and how these buildings were once handled in East Hartford.. Past discussions on such topics etc. IF anyone wants to learn a review of some of these past adventures might be useful.

Stay Safe everyone -- hope to be getting together soon.

Please share with anyone else that you know that might be interested in joining or helping out this summer.

Ruthie Brown  
860-643-5652  
Director, HSEH  
Connecticut Gravestone Network

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 The May program of the HSEH is cancelled due to pandemic

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indiv \$20, 1 address \$25, student \$10,  
patron \$50, lifetime \$250

**Deadline** May Newsletter – *Apr 30, 2021*

### *MARCH PROGRAM*

### *CANCELLED*

*Due to federal, state and local  
health concerns caused by the  
continuing coronavirus  
pandemic*