



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends and members of the Historical Society of East Hartford:

I trust that everyone is well, and enjoying the remaining lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer (Nate King Cole), despite the extreme temperatures and humidity. Soon we will be in Autumn with Mother Nature doing her usual great job of blending the colors of yellow, red, orange, and brown with just a pinch of different shades of green.

As you know, we are looking for a treasurer as Joyce Yoo will no longer be serving in that post. We wish her the best of luck in any new endeavors and interests in which she may be involved, and thank her for her many years of service. If anyone in our membership who is interested in serving in this post, please let us know (860-528-4989). We expect that Joyce will work with you in the steps and procedures necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of this position.

The Brewer House Garden Dedication and open house, in conjunction with the art show, was a total success, so much so, that the Raymond Library is planning on using the garden for next year's art show. The comments from the participating artists were that this venue was ideal for an event such as this. We plan to have the Brewer House open next year during the show. Kudos to all who made this event such a success.

The Historical Society will be having a Hat Show on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 P.M. at the Brewer House. Hat Show chair, Karen Johnson, is doing an exceptional job of getting the hats prepared. If you would like to assist her with this endeavor, please reach out to her at 860-430-9618. In October we are planning on greeting the children at the Brewer House on Halloween to distribute treats. Children must be dressed in costume, age range from toddler to 10 years old, and accompanied by an adult. If you would like to come and join in the fun, give out treats, and come dressed in costume, please feel free to join us. On November 11 we will again participate in the brief ceremony at the Dough Boy statue in front of Raymond Library. Stay tuned for more details.

The summer tours at Martin Park were a success again thanks to Judy, Craig and the new docents.

The Brewer House is now open on Thursdays from 11:00 to 3:00. This East Hartford Jewel is certainly one of the town's treasures. If the Open Flag is displayed outside the house, the house is open. Please stop by for a visit. It is starting to acquire a soul and have a heartbeat.

Please check our Face Book page for information and details about our annual dinner, and for other information.

The Goodwin House (1693) on Phelps Street behind Key Foods on Main Street is being disassembled for another location. We are working with the owner and the mayor to find a site to reassemble the building

We ask that you pay your dues by September 30, as our fiscal year is from September 1-August 31. Please contact Judy Hillmann, (860-568-7261) our membership chair, if you have any questions concerning your status.

Steven Strange, President, HSEH <u>farfagliabutterfly@yahoo.com</u>, 860-528-4989

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER AT THE HILLSTOWN GRANGE

The Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 Historical Society annual meeting is again being held at the Hillstown Grange at 617 Hills Street in East Hartford. Our buffet dinner will be provided by Matt Becker, owner of Becker's Catering in Tolland. The cost will be \$15 for both members and guests. Attendance confirmation and payment must be made by Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Check the signup sheet at the end of the newsletter.

The menu will include the following selections:

Penne pasta in marinara sauce with mozzarella cheese

Finger sandwiches (chicken and tuna salad)

Wraps (smoked ham with Havarti cheese and a sweet honey Dijon spread) and (Roast turkey breast with basil pesto mayonnaise and provolone cheese) Wraps include lettuce and tomato.

For anyone wanting desert, you can bring something a la pot-luck style. Bottled water will be on hand and condiments will be supplied by the Grange. If you have any questions please call me, Craig Johnson, at 860-568-2884 and leave a message.

Please arrive after 5:30 and food will be served starting at 6 pm. The buffet will be followed by a short business meeting and election of officers and directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

### ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM ON PRESERVATION OF EAST HARTFORD'S OLDEST HOUSE

The Historical Society is honored to have as its guest speaker restoration specialist Steven A. Bielitz. Steve's company Glastonbury Restoration, LLC completed the roof replacement at the Huguenot House in 2019. Throughout his long career, Steve has preserved countless old early American structures from demolition mostly by disassembling, storing and finding new owners and locations. Steve's presentation will be on the 1698 John Goodwin House presently at Phelps Place in East Hartford now in the process of being disassembled. This is the oldest documented structure from 17th century Hartford that's still standing. Everything possible is being looked at to keep this architectural gem in East Hartford.

Craig Johnson, Vice President & Program Chair

#### THE HSEH MUSEUM BUILDINGS AT MARTIN PARK

Our museum buildings at Martin Park were open Sunday afternoons during July and August for another summer season. I would like to thank the following members who helped us on several occasions as greeters: Ruthie Brown, Karen Johnson, Jeff Cummings, Wayne Skidgel, Marianne Mihalyo and Vicki Hart. For the Makens Bemont House (aka Huguenot House) as experienced tour guides, Judy Hillmann and I were there most days. Diane Pansullo and Deborah Beacham received their on-the-job training as our new docents and they learned very quickly how to conduct tours on their own. We will again reopen our museum to the public for tours next June on Connecticut Open House Day.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

## The Historical Society of East Hartford presents:

# Vintage Hat Display

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 1:00 ~ 4:00

Be our guest

### The Seldon Brewer House



165 Main St. E.H.

See where Mrs. Brewer held teas.

Over 100 hats on display!

Tea & Nibbles provided!

### **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Sue Barlow sent these items in. Do they bring back any memories?

9/2/1947 help wanted ad at P&W -- 75 years ago.

9/5/1967 ad in Herald -- 55 years ago!

9/3/1957 car racing story -- 65 years ago. The type is a bit blurry.

One we remember is discovering an ice cream place on Burnside after we moved into town in 1981. It eventually became a special destination after our summer evening meals for a cone or a dish of ice cream. Was it Knudsen's? Perhaps. The ad does bring back sweet memories of summers of years ago.







Thank you, Sue Barlow.

### DEDICATION OF THE BEUENA CRAWFORD BREWER GARDEN & THE LIBRARY ART SHOW AT THE BREWER HOUSE, JULY 16, 2022 -FACEBOOK PHOTOS BY SUE FETTERHOF-KIES



**Brewer House** 













Photos above left to right - ribbon cutting in the garden behind the Brewer House with Judy Hillman, Steven Strange, Karen Johnson; section of the circular garden with its pink rose (rose, E Driscoll photo); at right is John Hsu and his awardwinning photo 'Blazing Light'.



### **BAKELESS BAKE SALE A SUCCESS!**

The Bakeless Bake Sale was a success! Close to \$800 was raised toward the refurbishing and reupholstering of our setee and chairs. We thank all those who contributed for their generosity. If you contributed and have not received an acknowledgment by the time you receive this newsletter, please let us know.

We are in the process of getting estimates for the cost of the refurbishing and reupholstering of our setee and chairs and will keep you apprised of the outcome! It is great to have received the support of so many on this particular endeavor.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 – AUGUST 31, 2023 Annual memberships are now due; please mail them to the address below	
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$\$ \$10.00 / Student	\$20.00 / Individual\$25.00/One address\$50.00/Patron\$250.00/Lifetime
ANNUAL DINNER: WEDNE Payment must be received	
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Historical Society of East Hartford Mail: PO Box 380166, E Hartford, CT, 06138-0166 Phone: 860-528-0716 Email: webmaster@hseh.org put 'ehhs' on subjective line Web site: http://www.hseh.org Membership: 860-528-0716, Sept 1-Aug 31 indiv \$20, 1 address \$25, student \$10, patron \$50, lifetime \$250 Deadline Nov Newsletter – Oct 31, 2022	<b>Doors Open</b> – 5:30 pm