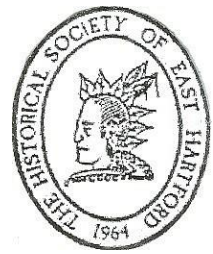


Historical Society of East Hartford

Newsletter, November 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I trust that you are well and are aware of the new viruses that seem to be popping up here and there. Be safe and do whatever you need to do to be healthy.

We are continuously working at the Brewer House to decorate and furnish the interior. We are currently reupholstering a settee, two matching chairs and a corner chair; we are using grant money and money from our Bakeless Bake Sale. A reminder that the Brewer House is open on Saturdays from 10:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Check to see if the OPEN flag is out. If so, come on in; bring family and friends to see this lovely home and its garden. Please feel free to give us a hand by offering ideas, activities, events, programs and suggestions.

We are still working on the Goodwin School roof repair request and completion, as well as the relocation plan for the 1698 Goodwin House. As you know, it is the oldest house in colonial Hartford, and just happens to be on the East side of the Great River.

The Brewer House was open for Halloween on Sunday, October 30, from 3-5 P.M. We had a steady flow of children in costume accompanied by adults, and other interested visitors who came to see the house. The event was a total success, and hopefully we can do the same event next year. I suspect photographs will be available by the time our next newsletter is sent out.

We will again offer a commemorative ceremony at our Doughboy READY; the event will take place at Raymond Library, November 11 at 10:30 A.M. It is quite a unique experience and takes much time and effort to have this kind of program. Please come and attend the ceremony. You will not be disappointed.

Please come to the Brewer House on December 4 and see the lovely Victorian decorations, have some snacks, look around, and meet other members and the public. We do this every year in cooperation with Holiday Fest here in East Hartford.

If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so as we need to put your name on the current membership list so you can continue to receive our newsletters and other correspondence.

Please use our website to ascertain what activities are taking place.

If you have any questions, ideas, concerns, suggestions, or expertise to help us, please give me a call at 860-528-4989.

Stay well, be safe, and prosper.

Steven Strange, President, Historical Society of East Hartford

THE HSEH MUSEUM BUILDINGS AT MARTIN PARK

Our museum buildings at Martin Park are now closed for the off season. During October we hosted two private paranormal investigations at the Huguenot House and the spirits were once again very cooperative at communicating with the researchers. The Blacksmith Shop upper floor is much more organized with the help this summer of a concerned guest volunteer who assisted us with some needed clean-up. This gentleman's name is Joe Roman and we hope to have him join us with a membership in our Historical Society. Now let's talk about the building that's most in need of repair, the Goodwin Schoolhouse. The Historical Society would love to apply for state grant money to help, but we are a non-profit organization, and the Schoolhouse is owned by the Town of East Hartford. We tried but the grant request was denied. A condition assessment was done on the Schoolhouse by the Town, so they know the cost to fully repair it. The Historical Society position is the roof needs attention now and should be addressed first.

Steven Bielitz, who was our guest speaker at the annual meeting in September, has come up with a workable solution for the roof replacement. A generous benefactor from Wethersfield has donated to the Historical Society a large supply of red cedar shake shingles that can be used for the Schoolhouse roof. The shingles have never been used and have been placed inside of the building for safe keeping. A quote for the labor portion of the roof cost will soon be given to the Town. We are offering the Town as many shingles as necessary to complete the job.

Craig Johnson, Vice President

NOVEMBER 16th MEETING AT THE SELDEN BREWER HOUSE

The Historical Society will have its regular meeting at the Selden Brewer House on Wednesday, November 16th at 2 o'clock. At the last executive board meeting in October, we talked about the best time to hold our regular meetings where all members are invited to attend. For many years, our meetings were held at the Raymond Library from 7 to 9 and we included a program where attendance was generally good. When the Library started closing at 8 o'clock, we changed the time from 6 to 8, then the pandemic hit. Our bylaws require meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, but the start time is flexible. Some of our members can no longer safely drive their cars at night. Sunset will arrive early when eastern standard time begins. For the November's meeting we are going to try a 2 o'clock start. Members are invited to attend. If we can schedule a possible program on a weekday or weekend, membership will be notified of location and time by e-mail or by letter mail.

Craig Johnson, Vice President & Program Chair

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLIDAY FEST: HELP DECORATE THE BREWER HOUSE AND/OR BRING REFRESHMENTS FOR VISITORS

The Brewer House will be open for Holiday Fest on Sunday, December 4 from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. We would like your help to decorate it on November 29 (starting at 10:00) and November 30. Please let me know if you can lend a hand. If we can complete the decorating on November 29, there will be no need to return on November 30. Also, please let Karen Johnson know what you would like to contribute as a refreshment for the Open House on December 4. Last year we had quite a banquet and a great turn out. We are on a roll. Thanks. Steve

Decorating Steve Strange: 860-528-4989, Refreshments (Karen Johnson): johnsonk137@gmail.com

NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS WELCOMED VISITORS TO THE BREWER HOUSE FESTIVITIES ON HALLOWEEN

The Historical Society of East Hartford would like to welcome these new members: Aarie Noble Ackley, Annabelle Nature Ackley, and Adrian North Ackley. They are certainly our youngest members: ages 8, 12, and 16. They were given a one- year complimentary membership as students in appreciation for their participation at the Halloween event at the Brewer House on October 30, 2022. They were dressed as characters from the Adams Family: Wednesday, Pugsley, and Cousin It. Their mother came as Grand Mama, another character from the Adams Family. They met children and visitors at the door, distributed candy, and took pictures with the visitors. Again, many thanks and welcome to the Historical Society of East Hartford.

Many thanks to all who sent in these images.





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Deadline Jan Newsletter – Dec 31, 2022

November Meeting

Date - Wed, Nov 16, 2022

Time – 2:00 pm ← ← ←

Where – Brewer House

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