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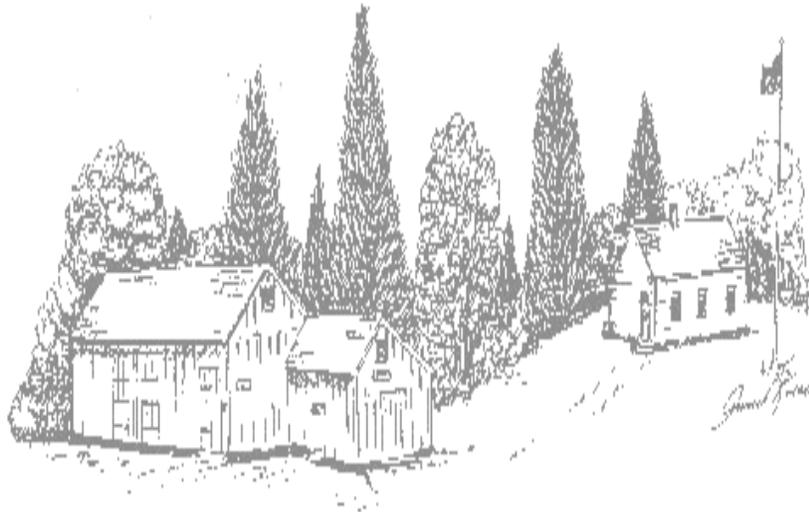
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**Upcoming Events****Special BOD Mtg**

To be scheduled

Feb 27 REG Mtg

Kids in the Middle
w/Theo Camara
7PM @ SNR CTR

Mar 26 REG Mtg

Program TBA

Apr BOD Mtg

6:30PM @ SKH

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Harwinton Historical Society

February, 2012 Newsletter

Wow, January was a hectic but productive month. Two Board of Directors meetings and a regular meeting with a great program by Craig Hotchkiss on Mark Twain in Hartford, 1871- 1891. Roger Plaskett called it the best program he's seen since he's been a member. Good job by our program committee, Candace Jones-Pacholski, Luella Bartes and Loda Sheehan. They presented the Board with an expanded schedule of programs. In addition to our regular program events on the last Monday of the month, there are several planned for other days including programs for the younger set and field trips. February's program will feature the "Kids in the Middle" program at HarBur Middle School and Theo Camara who developed a Harwinton Historical Calendar as part of the program. Check the website, Facebook and the newspapers for more details.

I attended two full day workshops as part of the StEPs-CT program we were accepted to. It's a two year program which will assist us in strengthening and growing our organization. The Steps committee will start to develop a strategic plan including vision and mission statements along with greater public awareness and you can help us. Many of you were previously active members who are now relatively inactive. What can we do to rekindle your interest? More programs? What kinds of programs?

Programs on weekends? Disconnect programs and meetings? Is there an aspect of the Harwinton House project that might interest you? Please let us know. You can contact me at dickpski1010@charter.net or 860-485-9343. There are 14 board members listed on the letterhead. If you know one of them, let them know.

We have a devoted group of members who meet nearly every Monday on the second floor of the Skinner House. They are the curators, Bev Mosher and Bonnie Andrews along with former curator turned volunteer, Marion Theirry, and volunteers Anne Kovall and Helen Borkowski. They along with Roger Plaskett are the folks who collect, organize and research the information and property that constitutes our most valuable resource, Harwinton historical information. Turns out they could use some help. If you're available on Monday mornings they will find something for you to do. Contact Bonnie at 860-482-7978 or Bev at 860-485-0610.

The Harwinton House Committee continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Check the Town of Harwinton web site for the agenda and minutes. Planning for the house is moving along and includes planning for the addition of the schoolhouse and barn museum to the complex somewhere down the road. Should make for an interesting little village concept for the town to enjoy and be proud of.

On the bad news side we have discovered an infestation of insects in the barn museum and the schoolhouse which will need our immediate attention. Building Supervisor Dennis Andrews along with Brian Dunbar have collected estimates not only from exterminators but also from roofers to address the re-roofing project which was delayed last year. We're looking at approximately \$15,000 to address these problems. Candace and Bonnie have applied and will continue to search for applicable grants. I'll be scheduling a special, single topic Board of Directors meeting to address fundraising not only for our ongoing expenses but also for the Harwinton House.

Don't forget to buy a copy of More Memories and Theo's calendar at the Town Hall.

Moving forward.....

Dick