

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Ray Ciechoski, Dot Ciechoski, Helga Traversa and Shirley Gay chat while Olivia, below, gets ready to enjoy a cup of ice cream supplied by her grandparents.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL HELD JUNE 13th

Historical Society member Dot Ciechoski organized an ice cream social this year that was held in coordination with the state-sponsored Connecticut Open House Day. The weather cooperated and ice cream vendor Peter Duda served cones and cups to about 65 people - that's not counting the ones who returned for "seconds."

Free Lecture Programs Returning in September !

There will not be any lecture programs during the months of July and August. However, two fall programs have been scheduled on the Colonial Period so far. Save the dates of **September 27**, and **October 11, 2015**. A trip to the Freedom Trail in Boston will be scheduled if there is sufficient interest. More programs are being scheduled; keep watch in the newsletter or on Facebook for details.

Answer to June Trivia Question: William McConway, a Pittsburgh steel and railroad industrialist who owned property along South Road, funded construction of the stone walls along South Road.

A bit of trivia for July: In 1965, what was the proposal that a large turnout of Harwinton voters defeated?

SECOND GRADERS VISIT BARN MUEUM, SCHOOLHOUSE DURING ANNUAL FIELD TRIP

It seemed as if it was a record number of second grade students visiting the schoolhouse and barn museum this year. The five classes with a total of 92 students were enough to expand the program to a two-day event. As a result, three classes visited on Tuesday morning, June 2, and two classes on Wednesday, June 3. The first day was cloudy and a bit rainy, but it was sunny and warm on the second day.

Much of the success of this event was due to the enthusiasm of the presenters combined with the good behavior combined with the students' good behavior, curiosity and interest. Greeting the students in the barn museum were historical society members David Ryan, Roger Plaskett, Brian Dunbar, Jim Curtis and Dennis Andrews. The schoolhouse greeters included Corinne Curtis, Mary English and Elaine Sederquist. Nancy Schnyer, Carol Kearns, Harry Schuh and Bonnie Andrews helped escort the students from place to place and provided information about each building as they went.

Curator Beverly Mosher had arranged purchase of pencil toppers (erasers) with smiley faces for each of the children as a thank you for their good manners and good listening skills.

PTA coordinator for the trip Jamie Dean contacted the historical society after the event to thank us and the PTA sent a generous financial contribution as well.

WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS FOR MORE ABOUT ...

- **Start of a new Oral History Project**
- **Historical Society's Annual Appeal in August**
- **Harwinton Fair October 2, 3, 4 (fair will be open Friday night this year)**