

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PART II

Colonial Era: French and Indian War 1st Great Awakening

The Harwinton Historical Society will provide a second program on the Colonial Period in America on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Part II will be held at the library on Bentley Drive in Harwinton from 2 to 4 PM. and is open to the public at no charge. Participants will enjoy this session whether or not they attended Part I.

In this second and final edition of the Colonial Era in American history, Dr. Karl Valois, a history professor at the University of Connecticut, will focus on highlights of the 18TH Century. Among the topics to be discussed will be: important changes and new opportunities for women; the impact of religious revival and the 1st Great Awakening; the significance of the French & Indian War, and the road to American independence.

Announcement of upcoming program: Save November 1, 2015 to attend a program on the Vietnam War that will be led by Professor Holly Richards of Harwinton.

Programs such as these are made possible by a grant from the Miriam Mason Cable Trust Fund of the Foundation of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.

Trivia Question for September: During the Revolutionary War, how many battles were fought in Litchfield County?

Answer: No battles were fought in Litchfield County

Trivia Question for October:

How did Connecticut get its nickname "The Provision State"?

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE 2015 HARWINTON FAIR !!



Don't Miss It: "If Stones Could Talk" Cemetery Walk – October 16th

A free night-time guided tour of South Cemetery will take place Friday night, October 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. This will be a non-frightening adventure into the town's past. Local actors will be on hand inside the cemetery for one night only to tell visitors what life was like in Harwinton in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

You must obtain a ticket to attend! Free tickets will be distributed at Town Hall on Bentley Drive the night of the walk and a shuttle will bus visitors to the cemetery. No cars will be allowed at the cemetery site on South Road. Tours will leave the Town Hall at 15-minute intervals. Each tour will be accompanied by a guide who will introduce visitors to people such as Rev. Joshua Williams who sold the town land for the cemetery in 1807, Abijah and Hildah Catlin, who hosted George Washington at their Harwinton Inn, Civil War Veteran Submit Castle, War of 1812 Veteran and local farmer Allen Kellogg. Cyprian Webster, a deacon of the church, prominent citizen and the first person to be buried in South Cemetery will also tell his story as will several others.

Rain date for this event is Saturday, October 17.

Dinner and Program Nov. 15th

The Historical Society will hold a chicken dinner on Sunday, Nov. 15 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Harwinton Senior Center on Weingart Road.

Following dinner there will be a travelogue program by Rosemary and Wayne Frombach and a nominating committee report recommending officers and board members for the coming year. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$10 for Historical Society members and \$12 for non-members. To reserve a place, please call 860-482-7978 or send an email to harwhistsoc@gmail.com.

Annual Appeal Underway

The 2015-2016 annual appeal letters have been mailed and the response to date is very positive. Contributions from last year's appeal allowed the society to continue to work to preserve the town's history and to award a scholarship to a Lewis Mills graduating senior.