

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The History of Women in our Country

Sunday, June 7 from 2-4 PM

Harwinton Library

For generations, Americans have been taught little, if anything, about the history of women in our country. Yet, for some 25 years now, women's history has been the fastest rising branch of US history.

Join Dr. Karl Valois of the University of Connecticut for a two-hour overview of the women's experience in America. Among the topics to be explored are:

- Colonial period and "domesticity"
- American Revolution and the beginnings of change
- 19th century women and reform movements
- 1848 Seneca Falls Convention
- Civil War
- New employment opportunities of the late 19th century
- Winning of suffrage
- 1920s "flappers"
- Depression & War
- Revival of domesticity in the post-war era
- 1960s and women's liberation
- Recent patterns and trends

The program is open to all at no charge and will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Harwinton Library on Bentley Drive off Route 118. Donations are gratefully received. Program presented by the Harwinton Historical Society.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY – JUNE 13 – 2 TO 4 PM
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Answer to May Trivia Question: *What was this tool called and what was its purpose?*

The long-handled bucket pictured in the May newsletter was used to empty outhouse stalls. It was sometimes referred to as a “honey dipper.”

A bit of trivia for June: Who funded the construction of the stone walls along South Road in Harwinton? Answer in July newsletter

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2-4 PM

In conjunction with Connecticut Open House Day on June 13, the Harwinton Historical Society will offer an ice cream social on the grounds of the Consolidated School on Route 118 across from the post office. Tour the barn and one-room schoolhouse for free. Ice cream will be available for \$2 each. This is the 11th year that the Connecticut Office of Tourism is sponsoring a day that showcases Connecticut’s diverse history, art and tourism. As many as 200 organizations are participating and will offer special events with free or discounted admission. *Bring a lawn chair and stay awhile!*

Three Successful Events Held in May

On Saturday, May 9th at the Harwinton Library, UConn Professor Dr. Karl Valois led a spirited discussion on the history of the decade often referred to as the “**Fabulous Fifties.**” Those attending learned that not everything was “fabulous” during that time frame.

On May 16th the Historical Society sponsored an **Antiques Appraisal.** Held at town hall from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the day saw local antiques expert, appraiser and auctioneer Michael Tomasciewicz evaluate a variety of items from pitchers and silverware to Native American artifacts. In some cases, those attending were referred to people or places where they might obtain additional information about their treasures.

On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, approximately 65 people attended a special showing of the **PBS documentary “Architecture and Legacy of Henry Hornbostel.”** The event was jointly sponsored by the Harwinton Congregational Church and the Historical Society. Following the film, guests were invited for refreshments in the garden of the home next to the church that was once the residence of Mr. Hornbostel and his wife. It is now the home of Victoria Elliot and Dr. Marvin McMillen.

Interested in preserving Harwinton’s history? Join the Historical Society

Annual town report dedicated to Eleanor Woike



Past President of Historical Society Eleanor Woike is featured on the cover of the annual report for the Town of Harwinton for the fiscal year July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014.

“Ellie” was town treasurer for more than 30 years, from 1982 until 2013. A retired public school teacher, “Ellie” served as president of the Harwinton Historical Society from 2005-2009 and again from 2014-2015.

Since retiring she has fulfilled the requirements to become a Certified Master Gardener.

Searching for Descendants of Revolutionary War Soldier

Daniel S. Wilson

There will be a dedication grave marker ceremony for Harwinton, Connecticut native and Revolutionary War Soldier, Daniel S. Wilson, on July 11th at 1 p.m. This ceremony and new grave marker will commemorate Wilson’s military service during the Revolutionary War. The Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is seeking any of his living descendants to notify them of this event and to invite them to attend. The chapter is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Daniel S. Wilson was born on January 2, 1757. His wife, Sabra, died in 1817 and is buried in Harwinton’s South Cemetery. Two of their children died in 1813 and are also buried in South Cemetery.

Several historical records and data bases list his death and burial as being in Connecticut in May, 1834. But, he died in Yorkville, Ross Township, Kalamazoo County Michigan in May, 1834 while visiting his daughter, Ursula, and her husband, Tillotson Barnes.

Tillotson Barnes was a landowner and the pioneer founder of Yorkville. When Daniel S. Wilson died he set aside a tract of land in which his father-in-law’s remains were interred. This is the first death in Ross Township. This tract of land became Yorkville Cemetery.

It is hopeful that there are still some living descendants in Litchfield County who are interested in this ancestor. Contact Kathy Noble at 269 330-1844 or nokan@sbcglobal.net if you are a descendant or have an interest in Daniel S. Wilson.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation’s children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 165,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world’s largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today’s DAR, visit www.DAR.org.

Visit the Harwinton Historical Society on Facebook for announcements of upcoming programs and items history-related interest

**T.A Hungerford Memorial Museum Presents
THE HUNGERFORDS – HARWINTON PHILANTHROPISTS**

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 1 p.m.

Hungerford Memorial Museum – 50 Burlington Road (at the caution light)

Harwinton Municipal Historian Roger Plaskett will provide a look into the private lives of one of Harwinton's most influential families.

Because seating is limited to 35 people, reservations are required.

Send an email to tahungerford_museum@yahoo.com or leave a message at 860-485-9593 to insure a seat.

After this 1 p.m. presentation, consider making your way down Center Hill to the grounds of the Consolidated School for a visit to the one-room First District schoolhouse and barn museum. Ice cream will also be available. This event runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

***** SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: Julia DiGiuseppe is the recipient of the 2015 Harwinton Historical Society \$500 Award. Julie plans to attend Syracuse University in the fall. *****

PLEASE NOTE: If you are receiving this newsletter via the US Postal Service, but you have an email address, it would save the historical society financially if you would forward that email address to harwhistsoc@gmail.com so you could be put on the email distribution list. Only members will receive copies of the newsletter via the postal service.

HELP WANTED: People are needed to serve as hosts/hostesses in the school and barn when these buildings are open to the public. A brief history of the buildings will be made available to those willing to volunteer. Please contact Bonnie or Dennis Andrews, 860-482-7978. Training will be provided.

NEW SIGN: Howard Gomme – a Terryville resident and friend of several Harwinton organizations including the Historical Society and the Harwinton Agricultural Society – has generously donated the new hand-carved sign that hangs in front of the First District one-room schoolhouse. Historical Society buildings supervisor Dennis Andrews said the previous sign had rotted and was beyond repair. Howard was kind enough to apply his wood-carving skills to make the new sign during the winter months. The sign was painted by Dennis and Bonnie Andrews.

Recent Historical Society Activities



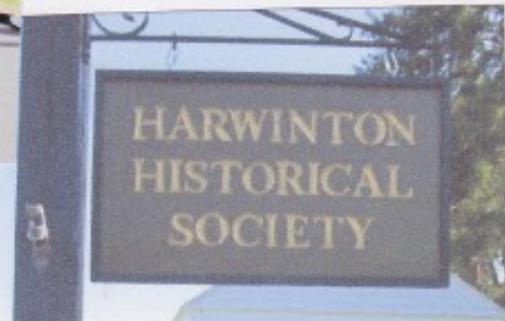
Garden reception following film about architect and former Harwinton resident Henry Hornbostel



Mike Tomasciewicz appraises
Item for Jane Golec



Carol Kearns and Harry Schuh carry banner in Memorial Day Parade



New sign donated
By Howard Gomme