

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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33 YEARS AGO: 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE



Pandemic Isolation Stirs Old Memories

In April, the Historical Society received a note and 10 color photographs from long-time Harwinton residents Mary Ellen and Larry Connors.

The note read: "While isolated we decided to clean our attic. We found these pictures in a box of treasure from Larry's mother, Adeline Connors. She did not take them as she did not own a camera.

If you can use them for your society, we'd like to donate them."

The photos were of Harwinton's 250th Anniversary parade held on August 30, 1987. The parade featured creative entries from local groups, including the one pictured here by the North Road Neighbors.

Many thanks to the Connors for saving these photos taken 33 years ago and preserving memories of one of Harwinton's historic events.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Looking Backward -The Future Seen from the Past- Hamish Lutris: Sunday, September 20, 2020 @2- Harwinton Town Hall

They Called Her Reckless - A True Story of War, Love and One Extraordinary Horse (Korean War)- Author Janet Barrett: Sunday, October 18, 2020 @2- Harwinton Town Hall

First Ladies: High Tea & High Notions - Champions of Social Causes: Mariann Millard (Presented a different well-received “First Ladies” program previously.)- Sunday, November 15 @2- Harwinton Town Hall

“Creating Connecticut” - State Historian Walt Woodward will be discussing his newest book on Sunday, December 6 @2 at a location to be determined. This program was originally planned for June but was cancelled at that time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

** While we have experienced several program delays due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are hopeful that we can return to offering these fun and educational programs this fall. We will also provide those on our email distribution list updates and information about educational history-related on-line programs when we are made aware of them. **

2020 Annual Appeal

“We hope that this correspondence finds you well and enjoying the summer.” Thus begins the 2020 annual appeal letter from the Historical Society’s Board of Directors, which will begin arriving in mailboxes next month.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused most HHS activities to be cancelled or postponed. At this writing, the status of the Harwinton Fair (our main fund-raiser) remains uncertain.

The Program Committee has reluctantly cancelled several speakers, but remains optimistic that plans for the fall will be held (see the schedule above).

We know that all of you have had to make many adjustments in your daily lives. Still, some things remain constant. For the Historical Society financial obligations - such as monthly rental of the second floor of the Skinner House on Wintergreen Circle and liability insurance - must still be met. Because of the lack of opportunities for hands-on fund-raising, contributions to this year’s appeal will be appreciated more than ever.

Meanwhile, we are hopeful that we will see you all again soon,

Bonnie Andrews, president