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Quilted Treasures Found in Hartford

By Tammy Ladd

Tracy Smith, a retired art teacher, happily exclaimed, "I have been wanting to have this done for so long!" Tracy had brought three quilts to the Hartford Historical Society's Garipay House on Saturday, Oct 5th to have them documented by professional quilt appraiser Sandra Palmer.

The process was more like a visit with someone from the "Antiques Roadshow" — entertainment blended with a history lesson by someone who could tell you so much about your family heirloom. Sandra has a friendly manner and is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to quilts.

People from Hartford and surrounding towns came with their quilts in tow, and, just as Smith, they considered Sandra's information valuable and the time with her well spent.

Each quilt has a story from the owner, but what everyone was pleasantly surprised to learn were the unique qualities of their quilts and why each was a treasure. The quilts came from all over the United States and from different time periods; most were handed down or purchased, and some were made more recently. Sandra stressed the importance of getting both old and new quilts documented. This was illustrated by the example of a woman whose home was destroyed during the flood of Hurricane Irene, but she had had her quilts documented—and "All Perils" insured—so she was able to receive insurance benefits reimbursing her for her quilts even before FEMA was able to respond. (By documenting both old and new quilts, you'll have the insurance value. Then ask your insurance company for the "All Perils" rider for maximum protection.)



Sandra was able to identify when the quilt was made (within a ten-year period), by observing the fabrics used and other characteristics of the quilt. Tracy shared a heart-warming story of how one of her quilts came to be. When her grandfather was ill, her grandparents would sit on their porch in Indiana and watch the barges go by on the Missouri River. During that time, her grandmother pulled all her husband's old silk ties apart and made them into a crazy quilt. A quilt made of the love of a wife for her husband, keeping his memory alive through his silk ties.

By listening to stories by the quilt owners, Sandra spoke about the time periods during which their quilts were made. For one of the quilts, she commented, "Most quilts prior to 1900 were done by hand, until around the 1840's and the invention of the sewing machine. Soon after, Sears and Singer got together and created the first installment plan ever. They wanted every woman in the United States to own a sewing machine!" Sandra instructed owners about the care, storing and proper folding of the quilt.

One of many tidbits given by Sandra was to help in deodorizing a quilt. "A newly mown lawn is a deodorizer. Lay a sheet on the lawn, then the quilt, then another sheet on top. Leave it out for the day and the freshness from the lawn and sun will naturally take the unwanted odors out of your quilt."

Turn-of-the-century silks were sold by the pound, so in order to make the silks heavier, they would be soaked in Morton iron salts. Sandra chuckled when she told us, "By

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

At our program meeting on Wednesday, November 13th, local researcher Matthew F. Bigl, who holds a Master's Degree in Geology from Middlebury College, will give a talk about the glacial history of New England and how it defined our local landscape. He has performed extensive research regarding glacial Lake Hitchcock, which once filled the Connecticut River

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From the Chair . . .

Cash donations made to the Hartford Historical Society are always gratefully accepted. Not only do they help with the Society's day-to-day expenses, but they enable us to properly care for the many wonderful items associated with Hartford's past that have been entrusted to our care. At this time of the year when you are contemplating last-minute charitable donations, please keep the HHS in mind. In addition to being greatly appreciated, our treasurer would be happy to give you documentation of your gift for tax purposes.

We thank those of you who responded to our "wish list" in the previous newsletter. This time around, we are looking for some lovely lace curtains. The ones in current use have seen better days!

The other great need is for volunteers to help staff events, such as the regularly scheduled open house, gatherings such as Glory Days of the Railroad and the Vermont History Expo as well as the occasional special programs that are held at the Garipay House. If you are able to offer a helping hand, please contact a board member.

Mary Nadeau
Chairman of the Board

The Historical Society Would Like to Interview Retired Hartford Businessmen and Women

Over the next year, the Hartford Historic Preservation Commission and the Hartford Historical Society will be conducting interviews of local businessmen and women in an attempt to preserve the history of changes in the business climate of the town over time. We are seeking names and contact information for former business owners or of individuals who have been in business in our town for many years so that they can be interviewed for the project.

If you have suggestions about business owners whose stories should be preserved (or if you are a current or retired business owner who would like to share your story), please contact Pat Stark at 802-295-3077 dur-

ing business hours or pstark@hartford-vt.org. Thank you for helping to preserve our past!



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The Mission Statement of the Hartford Historical Society: To acquire, identify and preserve information and artifacts related to Hartford's past and communicate knowledge of local history through programs, publications, and other interaction with the community.



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 the way, that was illegal." Sandra showed us how the salts have led to deterioration of parts of the Historical Society's own crazy quilt, and how to care for it and protect it by carefully sewing in soft tulle above the frayed portions. The HHS has long wanted our quilts appraised, so this was

the perfect opportunity to have Sandra document our collection.
 Sandra Palmer is a local treasure in her own right and the Hartford Historical Society would like to work with her in the future to use her knowledge and talents to assist others in understanding more about their quilts.

 * The Genealogical Branch of the Hartford Historical Society located upstairs at the *
 * Hartford Library would like to announce that they now have a filing cabinet full of *
 * newspaper articles, obituaries, marriages and various things all in alphabetical order *
 * available to the public who are working on their family histories. Carole and her assistant Ray *
 * are there every Monday from 2 to 4 pm or by appointment to assist you in your searches. *
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Hartford High School History Students Researching at the Hartford Historical Society

left to right- John Bielecki III, Josh Phipps (back), and Jake Nilsson



Upcoming Programs—(Continued from page 1)
 Valley from central Connecticut to the St. Johnsbury region, and will include information about the effects of its drainage in the Upper Valley area.
 We are fortunate to have an additional program this year. On Wednesday, December 4th, local historian and Professor of History Emeritus Jere Daniell will talk timber, describing

the history and significance of lumbering, log drives and paper mills in the Upper Connecticut River Valley. The event is co-sponsored by the HHS and the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth College.
 Both programs will be held at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village at 7:00 pm.

In Memoriam

The Hartford Historical Society extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John “Jack” Camp. Jack and his wife Susan have been long-time members of the Society and have regularly attended our program meetings.

Mystery Photos—

Did you ever use it?

Thanks for your help! Pat

These were originally from the New England Power Company. Do you recognize this site on the Connecticut River? Can you provide a date?



Commercial/Institutional Members:

Baker Pottery
CEMMS Family Painting
Charlie Brown's Outdoor Equipment
Faith Bible Bookstore/WVFA Radio
Geobarns
Hartford High School

Hartford Middle School
Kibby Equipment
Main Street Museum
Meeting House Furniture Restoration
New England Transportation Institute and Museum

Membership rates:

Individual: \$15
Family [same address]: \$20
Senior: \$10
Senior family: \$15
Commercial/Institutional: \$25
Junior membership – No fee but needs a sponsor [contact Dorothy Yamashita]

2013 Report: Restoration of the Slate Roof of the Garipay House

By Martha Knapp

The story of the slate roof is a long one. We have tried to patchwork fix it for years and it didn't work. When it finally gave way and we had water running down the stairway and plaster falling from the ceiling, we bit the bullet and decided to do it the right way. We consulted with the Preservation Trust of Vermont. Ann Cousins answered our call. She sent us a list of slate roof contractors that were recommended by her organization, and, after our interviews, we chose a man from Sunapee, NH, Gerard Leone. As soon as we learned of his previous projects and that he was familiar with and a follower of the National Parks Preservation Standards as handed down by the Secretary of the Interior, we knew we needed to go no further. He gave us a bid of \$4,450.

The PTV told us of the Vermont Community Foundation and their Sudden and Urgent Needs Grant. The VCF quickly answered our call and Gerard Leone and his son-in-law Kevin Butler began working on the area of the roof that had given away. This area was our worst nightmare that had been haunting us for years, leaving our house with a musty, moldy odor too big to ignore any longer. It took Gerard and Kevin just one week to fix our problem. That leak is gone. They custom made pieces in front of my eyes and showed me what the original looked like. It was beautiful and the Community Foundation asked to borrow our photos of Mr. Leone custom making the cricket for the chimney for their Spring newsletter.

Ann Cousins and the Preservation Trust continued to steer us along by finding us a matching grant from the Robert Sincerebeaux Fund to hire White River Junction Studio Nexus architects to advise us on our priorities. The results were not surprising: "Your top priority is to fix your slate roof."

We began by asking Gerard Leone to give us a proposal to fix the rest of the roof. We had about three smaller leaks that I could detect by closely monitoring the attic area of the house. The pro-

posal that we received was for the roofers to fix the leaks and replace all of the copper valleys and caps and to attach them with the proper hardware as well as replace the slate shingles that were no longer fulfilling their purpose. In restoration, it is important to keep as much of the original as possible and if you need to replace, to replace with in-kind materials. The proposal was for \$13,330.

We started looking for grants and are happy to report that TransCanada, The Byrne Foundation, the Frank and Brinna Sands Foundation and the David Greenewalt Charitable Trust were all willing to help with this great cause. The Historical Society also held a fundraiser at the Yankee Brass Band Concert (with free ice cream, lemonade and popcorn and followed by a silent auction of fine desserts) in partnership with David Briggs of the Hotel

Coolidge. The event was held at Lyman Point Park where over 300 Hartford citizens attended, and we collected donations to go towards the slate roof—and that put us over the top.

Now we need to hold a celebration party to thank each and every one of our supporters. Not everyone in town receives this newsletter, although we would like to change that. We have overheard comments such as when people noticed the new copper capping and valleys on the roof, they at first were wondering, is that the dome of the Capitol Building? It does look wonderful and best of all, Gerard A. Leone Slate and Copper Roofing found the leaks and the leaks are gone.

So stay tuned to learn of the next Hartford Historical Society Celebration at the Garipay House. Now the town's collections are enjoying much better conditions.

Thanks to all!



Garipay House with the restored roof front



Garipay House side view

Special thanks to Jane Abbott Swift for her generous donation to our fund for repairing the slate roof of the Garipay House. The work is now completed, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.

Fixing the Back Stairs at the Garipay House

By Martha Knapp

Once again Brent Knapp answered the call after learning that too many of us had tripped on the way up the historic back stairs that lead to the kitchen area of the Garipay House. It seems that the top stair was about four inches higher than the other three steps, and it threw many of us off when ascending the stairs. Add to that situation a loose railing. I asked Brent what it would take to make the stairs safe and to prevent possible future lawsuits.

He said he could fix it for us, and he selected the Saturday before Labor Day to complete the project. The day turned out to be a rainy one, so a tarp was erected to protect the work area. We made a trip to Fogg's Hardware to purchase cement and boards to be used to build forms to hold the cement in place. Brent's math skills paid off; he ended up with no leftover cement and only very few pieces of lumber. A piece of galvanized steel was installed to protect the top board from the cement. For my part, I took pictures of the work-in-progress and supplied him with food and drink as I watched how it was done. There were times when I had to run to the car during heavy downpours, but Brent kept on going!

On Sunday morning, we returned to view his handiwork. He put on the finishing touches by removing the wooden forms, washing the area and grinding down some rough edges. I took more photos, and he was home in time for NASCAR!

The new steps not only spruce up the appearance of the back porch, but they also provide safety and convenience to those entering the building through the kitchen. Thank you, Brent, for taking on this project. The Historical Society is grateful for your contribution.



Garipay back stairs: Before



The process of working the poured cement.



Garipay back stairs: After

Branches from the Genealogist's Desk

By Mary Ann Devins

Dr. Charles Worthen, M.D.

Looking back in time, I remember a large, beautiful house that belonged to the Worthen family, located at the end of Fairview Terrace, just before the turn up the hill to the upper terrace.

From Hartford and Its Villages, 1904:



Charles Wesley Worthen, M. D.

“To write of John Wesley Worthen, M.D. as one of the most conspicuously successful practitioners in the whole state of Vermont is not in the least to enter the realm of exaggeration. Not only is he prominent from the viewpoint of his profession, but as a man and a resident of White River Junction, he is esteemed for those qualities that constitute solid

worth. He also is a true and typical product of the Green Mountain State, and it is within its borders that he has passed his professional life and won his brilliant success. He is in his present year of 1904 only thirty-five, but has been in active practice ten years and all the while in White River Junction.

“He was born in Waterbury, August 29, 1868. His father was Reverend Horace W. Worthen, M.D., D.D. His mother was Achsa Ayer Worthen.

“Young Worthen attended the public schools and completed the course in Barton Academy. As a child of only three or four years, he displayed a marked concentration of thought by displaying an eager desire to get possession of a medicine case and his precocious wish was gratified by his having been furnished with homeopathic vials filled with salt, sugar and various spices and he soon demonstrated marked skill in treating household pets and the friends about him.

“Of course, Dr. Worthen is indebted for his success in life, in great degree at least, to this wise parental recognition of the bent of his mind and its prudent fostering. When but five years of age he decided upon the medical profession as his life work, and from that hour never deviated from his chosen goal. At eighteen he be-

gan the study of medicine under a private preceptor and pursued his study for one and one half years.

“The next chapter in his medical study was the passing of a year attending the medical lectures at Dartmouth College. Three years were next passed in the medical school of the University of Vermont, and while there he improved his hours out of the lecture room and in vacations by service in a leading drug store, thus further perfecting and advancing his preparation for his chosen profession. At the close of his three terms in Burlington he graduated as a physician and soon after entered upon a post-graduate course at Hahnemann Homeopathic College and Hospital, Chicago and graduated after one year.

“Shortly after that event, he entered upon active practice in White River Junction in 1894. The first day he opened his office, he had one call, but the number since have grown beyond enumeration.

“From the first, he has been controlled by an enthusiasm born of a love for his work and great as is the extent of his practice it never becomes drudgery.

“In 1902 Dr. Worthen took a post-graduate course in the Illinois College of Electro-Therapeutics and graduated.

Again in 1903 he returned to Chicago and pursued yet another post graduate course of professional study. Thus it is that he has never ceased to be an untiring student no matter how satisfactory his practice.”

Footnotes: Charles married Helen Louise Cook on Sept 29, 1909. They had 2 daughters, Marian A. (1914-2004) and Marjory H. (1916(?)-1933). Charles died in 1937; Helen died in 1956. Marion lived her entire life in the house on Fairview Terrace, and we have several items from the Worthen home in our collections.



Curator's Corner

by Pat Stark

Thank you to all who contribute to the success of the Hartford Historical Society!

As you can see from reading our newsletters, there are many people to thank for helping to make our Society the success that it has become.

First, we need to thank all of our generous donors, the foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals who have generously donated much-needed funds to keep the Society operating and to keep the Garipay House in good repair. We also need to recognize the people who have given us their family heirlooms and treasures so that these items may be properly preserved and available for all to enjoy.

Next, we need to recognize the contributions of our board members, who wear a variety of hats:

- **Bill Wittik** tapes our programs.
- **Carole Haehnel** maintains our financial records, rotates our post office display posters and staffs the genealogy center.
- **Martha and Brent Knapp** have done a remarkable job of fixing up and maintaining our building. Along with her "crew", **Jim and Kristy**, Martha has catalogued and photographed everything in Dr. Garipay's office. She also keeps the Garipay House open to the public week-day mornings, speaks at area schools, sets up displays, and, most recently, has taken on the job of membership secretary.
- **Mary Nadeau** has once again stepped forward to lead us as chairman of the board, and she continues to line up wonderful speakers for our quarterly public program meetings.
- Our president, **Susanne Abetti**, is constantly giving us a high profile in the minds of the members of the Rotary Club, the Selectboard, School Board and other organizations. She creates and prints all of our posters, prepares the agenda for board meetings and keeps her "finger" in almost all aspects of the Society.
- **Tammy Ladd** (with help from **Martha**), has been busy interviewing Hartford citizens, serves as secretary of the

board, keeps our website updated and graciously helps out wherever help is needed.

- **Muriel Farrington** has done a great job as our newsletter editor for many years.
- **Peggy McDerment** keeps us on track as assistant treasurer, serves as our liaison with the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ to make arrangements for our public meetings and, along with help from her husband, **Dave**, sets up the chairs and tables prior to each event in the church hall.
- **Judy Barwood** and **Fran Fowler** are our newest board members. Judy immediately became very active and recently served as co-coordinator for the quilt appraisal fundraiser event.
- **Art Peale** continues to keep an eye (and hand) on our Hartford cemeteries and is our "in place" photographer for happenings in West Hartford. Others continue to be very helpful, including **Chris McKinley**, who acts as our official photographer and videotapes our meetings.
- **Dorothy Yamashita** still helps out with membership and keeps our records updated.
- **Mary Ann Devins** does genealogical research, writes articles for this newsletter and maintains a Facebook page for the Society.
- **Carole and Peggy** have done an amazing job beautifying the front of the Garipay House as members of the Hartford Garden Friends.
- Finally, those who act as docents at our open houses and special programs: **Martha, Carole, Tammy, Judy, Mary, Susanne, Peggy and others**, deserve a special thanks for giving up evenings or weekend time to staff these events.

It takes a village to keep the Hartford Historical Society in operation!

As you can see, this is a very long list, but there is still a great need for more volunteers to help share the workload involved in keeping our Society healthy and vibrant. Let us know if you would like to volunteer. The opportunities abound!

OOPS!

We neglected to credit the photos of the Yankee Brass Band to Chris McKinley – Sorry – and thanks Chris!

Glory Days of the Railroad

By President Susanne Abetti

Glory Days this year was a delight. The previous Main Street venue was moved this year to the area right next to the train station, which allowed full view of the White River Flyer trains coming and going on their way up the Connecticut River to East Thetford and back. We were ideally situated near the Visitors' Center and across from the bandstand and were treated to some wonderful vintage and not-so-vintage music that even got us up and dancing. The weather this year cooperated and was a welcome change from last year's gale force winds that almost took down our tent. Our costumed volunteers brought attention to our booth that had a steady stream of visitors - including lots of families with children - who bought everything from books and pins and postcards to vintage railroad photos. There were some wonderful food vendors and craftspeople, as well as our friends at the Rotary, and even a raffle for a tractor. Tad Nunez and his crew at Hartford Parks & Rec really did a fantastic job this year. A big thank you goes to our own railroad enthusiast Chris McKinley for the day's photos, and another thank you to Brent and Martha Knapp (as well as our Justice Center workers Kristy and Jim) for helping set up and break down our tent. We'll look forward to seeing you

all at the 22nd Annual Glory Days of the Railroad next year!



Mary & Susanne busy with some of the many visitors who stopped by our booth. Photo by Chris McKinley

Hartford Historical Society's Publications for Sale

- THE YEAR IN PHOTOS 2011 - Hartford, Vermont Celebrates 250 Years (\$19.95)
- GREAT TRAIN DISASTER OF 1887 Original photos and articles from newspapers of the time (\$5.00)
- RAILROAD ENTHUSIASTS DAY Reprint of the original program when Old 494 came to the Town of Hartford (\$2.00)
- IMAGES OF AMERICA HARTFORD by F. J. Barrett – (\$21.99 / members \$19.95)
- HISTORIC POSTCARDS – (\$1.00 each or pack of 6 [1 each] \$5.00)
- HISTORIC POSTCARDS – RAILROADS – Woodstock Railroad set (\$3.00)
- LOCAL RAILROAD NOTE CARDS (\$1.00 each or set of 6 [3 each] \$2.50)
- MURIEL FARRINGTON'S NOTE CARDS featuring historic buildings (\$1.50 each or set of 6 [3 each] for \$6.00)
- 1889 WHITE RIVER JUNCTION LITHOGRAPH copies (\$1.00 EACH OR SET OF 6 FOR \$5.00)
- We also have a number (not all) of HARTFORD KEY Yearbooks for sale (\$25.00 each)
- The above may be purchased at the Garipay House, 802-296-3132, ordered and picked up at the Municipal Building or mailed (prepaid with postage). For shipping information, contact Pat Stark at 802-295-3077 or at 802-478-1110 after business hours.

Reminiscing about Dr. Stanley Garipay with Matthew Daley

By Martha

On Tuesday September 3, 2013 at our Open House event, Matthew Daley, nephew to Dr. Stanley Garipay and his first wife Frances Ready, came to reminisce about his early days living at the Garipay House when he was a young lad. He grew up in Hartford Village and enjoys telling his many stories of what life was like as a child going to that wonderful school up on the hill and playing down by the river and in the woods and fields of the countryside.

Dr. Garipay was on the school board and Matt soon learned that he had to be a great student or there would be consequences, as the teachers were in constant communication with the doctor. Dr. Garipay also started the inoculation program in the Hartford schools and many students remember him as a very large figure with a very large needle.

Matt told us of the days when kids went out to play. They always found something to do to keep them busy. He said "it was always a good time in Hartford Village." They went fishing and there were many fish. One of his friends, Morris Coutermarsh, caught a 20-pound northern pike. Another friend, Benton Crowell, slipped on the wooden dam that used to be there on the river, which was a place all children were forbidden to go. In that instance he learned first hand why that was the rule. His friend was hurt badly and could have died but they managed to fish him out of the water and get him to Dr. Garipay, who stitched him up and assured his recovery.



Matthew Daley sitting in the Library of the Garipay House pointing to the place the radio was when he first heard about Pearl Harbor.

He had many chores. One involved the old cast iron coal furnace that used to be in the basement. His job was to feed the coal fired stoker and then to remove the clinkers, which was the residue left from the coal and which formed rings. They went to the garage and someone came by periodically to remove them. He also changed the storm windows in the spring and fall. No easy feat on this big house. He lived here for three years, from

1939 through 1941. In 1942 his mother who worked at the VA bought a house in White River but he continued to go to the Hartford Village School and he continued to enjoy his friends and playground.

He also remembers his Aunt Frances who had a beautiful singing voice and had a piano in the front room. He said she'd sit and play the piano and sing songs so beautifully, it would bring tears to your eyes. He also remembers the vegetable garden and the root cellar and the spaghetti dinners.

At that time, the doctor's office was in the first floor entryway. Matt's bedroom was where the doctor's office is now. We have the whole story of life during that time when Dr. Garipay was very busy and well respected around this town. The one thing Matt said

his uncle was well known for was that he was an excellent diagnostician. He said even the hospitals admired that about him.

Matt said he has more Hartford Village friends still living in the area and maybe next spring they would all have a get-together at the Garipay House, and share their memories of this special place. A plan is in the works. Stay tuned.

Electrical Upgrade in the Basement of the Garipay House

By Martha Knapp

Vermont State Electrical Inspector, Andrew Rea, came to the Garipay House on October 1st and gave Andy Bird a certificate of completion for the upgrading of the electrical wiring in the basement area. Inspector Rea was accompanied by the Fire Marshall of the Town of Hartford, Michael Bedard, who expressed satisfaction with our upgrades. We now have proper outlets for the dehumidifier and its pump, for the heaters we use when we work on the loom in the winter, and for our electrical tools.

We also now have excellent LED lighting for researchers who may come to look at some of our resources as well as proper lighting for working on our barn loom. The entire area is well lit and we even have new Emergency Exit signs that have backup batteries. This feat brings our basement up to code.

You may recall that Andy Bird is our volunteer loom master who helped us get our barn loom up and running. We plan on holding an event soon on the history of barn looms in Vermont and a demonstration showing how to make “rag rugs” just as our past generations produced them for their homes.

It just so happened that when Andy heard that we wanted and needed to upgrade our electrical system in the Garipay House, he informed us that he was a retired master electrician, still licensed, and would like to be involved with the basement area because he knew the type of lighting that we needed for the loom. We welcomed his generous gesture. We agreed to supply the materials. Society staff members Kristy O’Meara and Jim Hewitt provided ample assistance to Andy and he also brought his friend Tom Smith, a retired schoolteacher, who volunteered to assist him as well.

As a rule, Andy volunteers for us every Tuesday and this project was com-



Kristy and Jim providing ample assistance.

pleted in about 5 weeks. We are truly a fortunate Historical Society constantly counting our many blessings. A heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. So keep an eye out for the announcements and please plan to attend our Barn Loom Program coming up in the near future.



l-r Tom Smith, Hartford Fire Marshall Michael Bedard, Master Electrician Andy Bird, and Vermont State Electrical Inspector Andrew Rea.

HHS Calendar

Upcoming Programs, Meetings and Events

OPEN HOUSE at the Garipay House

(excepting holidays and inclement weather) M-F 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or by appointment. To be sure we are open, check for the flag outside the building or contact us mornings at 296-3132 or email us at hartfordhistoricalsociety@myfairpoint.net

ALSO:

The 1st Tuesday of the month 6-8 p.m.

The 2nd Sunday of the month 2-4 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS open to the public:

2nd Wednesdays – Hartford Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Municipal Building, 171 Bridge Street, White River Junction at 4:30 p.m.

4th Thursday – HHS Board of Directors Meeting – At the Garipay House, 6:30 p.m. Please check for exact date! For more information, contact Mary Nadeau at 295-2123.

Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – Matthew F. Bigel will speak on the Glacial History of the Upper Valley and its effects on the local landscape. Refreshments will follow. 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village

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The Genealogy Center, located upstairs in the Hartford Library, is open Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. Carole Haehnel will be happy to assist you in exploring the resources we have and in accessing information from The Landmark, which we have on microfiche.

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