

# HARTFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1990

At our annual meeting held on February 7th, the following officers were elected:

President - Priscilla Gadzinski  
Vice President - Georgia Plattner  
Secretary - Marguerite Hogg  
Treasurer - Robert Plattner  
Directors at Large - Fred Bradley, President Emeritus  
- Esther Batchelder

We want to express our thanks and appreciation for all the work our members did during 1989 and wish the best of luck to our 1990 officers. Priscilla will be contacting people to help in various capacities, and we'd all appreciate any assistance you can give.

## OPEN HOUSE

Our office in Room 101 in the Municipal Building will be open to all on Tuesday, March 6, Town Meeting Day, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Come and visit and see our storeroom in the former jail cell. Refreshments will be on hand. Also, we have a special display case in the main lobby; be sure to stop by.

## SPECIAL MARCH PROGRAM

The Vermont Statehood Bicentennial Commission is sponsoring a head-to-head "Lincoln-Douglas" style debate on the meaning of membership in the Union vs. the benefits or perils of resurrecting the Republic of Vermont. The debaters are Frank Bryan, co-author of "The Vermont Papers", and Vermont Supreme Court Justice, John Doolley. The moderator will be Lt. Governor Howard Dean. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Historical Society, Elm Street, Woodstock.

This is our normal meeting night, but we voted to attend the debate instead of having a program of our own. Car pools will be organized to make this trip more convenient. Call Priscilla, (295-2364) or Georgia (457-4271) for transportation. For those who will be driving themselves, there is ample parking on Elm Street.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The programs set for this year are the Woodstock Debate in March and a meeting on Abnaki Indians in May. John Moody will be our guest speaker. The September and November meetings are still in the planning stage.

We are planning a brochure for the Historical Society, and we need recommendations and ideas from the membership. Please let us know what you would like to see in a brochure - colors, pictures, content, etc. We will report on our progress at the May Meeting.

The Vermont Bicentennial is coming up fast. We need to plan and prepare for it this year. A suggestion for a project is to have a pamphlet listing the natural, historic and scenic areas in the Town of Hartford. Any other ideas? Would you like to help research this?

We are starting an oral history project. This is not as complicated as it sounds. First, we start with a list of people to be interviewed - every year the list gets smaller, so it is imperative that we make some kind of start. Please give us names and addresses of people you think would be willing to tell us about themselves, the town, and - if there is a particular subject they know - railroading, farming, town life, teaching, being a mother, business, etc.

The office at the Municipal Building should be open one day a week. The officers will take turns manning it, and we would like to have other volunteers. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. There is no telephone to answer, and not many visitors stop by, but if we are open to the public, more people will know about us. Please help us out, even if you can only spare an hour every now and then. Pat Stark, our cataloger/archivist, needs help in making out cross reference file cards, and this is something that can be done, under her supervision, when you are at the office.

A big need this year is for additional fund raising ideas. We are fortunate to be able to receive grants from the Vermont Council for the Humanities that pay 75% of our speakers' expenses, but our only income is from membership fees. We need to spend a certain amount of money on supplies for the collection - acid-free materials - so we can keep our collection properly. We are open to suggestions as to how to augment our income.

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Ideas:

Bicentennial:   ( ) I would like to help  
Ideas:

Oral History:   { } I would like to help  
                  { } I suggest the following people who might be willing  
                  to share their knowledge:

Manning the Office:   ( ) I would like to help  
                                  Days \_\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_\_

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