

# HISTORICAL HARTFORD SOCIETY

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Society Newsletter

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The first issue of our Newsletter was well received by members of the Hartford Historical Society. A suggestion was made that we begin a column that would inform members about new items donated and where they came from. This is **your** Newsletter - be sure to let me know what other things you would like to see in print. Muriel Farrington (649-1251; 7-9 pm is best)

## November Meeting at Quechee Community Church

Our fourth meeting in the Hartford Church series will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at the Quechee Community Church. As in the past, we will have an opportunity to learn the history of the church and get a chance to study the architecture. Member's personal church experiences of general interest may be shared during the meeting.

The Quechee Community Church was preceded by an earlier church organized in 1831 and built in 1833. That church was in use until 1869 when, according to LaCroix, "dissension in the church caused its closing and it was sold to the town for a school." The current church began as the Quechee Meeting House Society on November 5, 1871. The remaining existing by-laws (Third and Seventh) give the layout of the church as "60 by 40 feet exclusive of the portico." It also desired that the church be used by only one denomination - the Congregationalists - in order to eliminate dissension. There is a picture of the church in St. Croix's Historical Highlights of the Town of Hartford Vermont. The original (1833) church became a special help school.

## September Meeting at St. Anthony's Church

A good group of Society members and friends gathered at St. Anthony's Church in September to learn about the history of that Church and enjoy the architecture of the buildings. Even long-time members learned things they had previously been unaware of.

## October Special Meeting at Hotel Coolidge

Numerous members and friends gathered in the Vermont Room at the Hotel Coolidge on October 12 to view displays of items donated to the Hartford Historical Society. There were many photographs which people were able to help identify, a tremendous display of geneological data by Cameron Clifford, maps, artifacts, and deeds. Everyone was amazed by the number of interesting items the Society has accumulated. Our thanks to the donors, to the Plattners for providing the room, and to all those involved in setting up the display. Priscilla Gadzinski has put many hours into cataloging and preserving donated items. Thanks to other members who have helped.

**Our Society appreciates your interest and looks forward to more members - bring a friend to our next meeting!**

## Upcoming Events

**October/November Historical Society/Church Supper:** The Society and The Hartford Congregational Church are sponsoring a Bean Supper Saturday, November 12 with the purpose of raising money for preserving donated items. The Church will be responsible for the kitchen and the Society will be responsible for the dining room. The proceeds would be split. Twelve to fifteen Society members will be needed for the dining room. We will also be needing pies, potatoes, and hard-boiled eggs. The Hartford UCC will provide all other food preparaton services. Please contact Jeanette Gould (295-5537) or Fred Bradley (295-3819) to let them know how you can help. Servings will be at 5, 6, and 7 pm. Come and bring your friends.

**Donated Items:** Mrs. Robert F. Sims of Osterville, MA has graciously donated two commerative plates (Falls of Hartford and Pease Hotel), a ticket from the last trip of the Woodstock RR, and three rare volumes on the Hartford Congregational Church (1786-1900), Hartford Library, and Hartford Grammer School (1901-1910). Mrs. Ralph Sumner has donated several old deeds from the John Gilday estate. Our sincere thanks go to both.

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