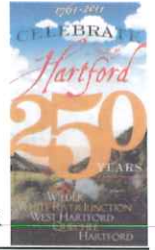




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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November-December 2014

The Society Hit a Home Run with its Yard Sale Fundraiser!

By Mary Nadeau, Chairman

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of so many, the Society's yard, book and bake sale held on Saturday, October 11, was a smashing success. Donations from individuals and businesses poured in, and the variety and quality of the goods received was exceptional. Society members arrived the day of the sale at 7:30, with morning temperatures hovering in the mid-thirties, to arrange our wares on the front lawn, along the front porch and in the driveway. When we "opened our doors" at 9 a.m., the crowds descended in search of treasures at bargain prices. It appeared that there was something for everyone, including book lovers, who appeared to enjoy browsing among the hundreds of books on display and folks with a sweet tooth, who snapped up our array of homemade baked goods and jams in short order.



Workers brave the early morning chill to begin the task of setting up tables for the display of merchandise.

Shoppers had the opportunity to buy chances on a half cord of firewood donated by Scott Willey, proprietor of Charlie Brown's, and a basket of Avon products with a value of \$150 donated by Sue Mattson. Tickets for the two raffles will

continue to be offered at the Garipay House during our regular business hours (M-F, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.) and before the November program on the history of White River Paper at the United Church of Christ on November 12. The drawings will be held

immediately following the presentation.

Many people were especially generous when they learned that the purpose of the sale was to raise money to buy fuel oil so that the Society would be able to remain open during the winter

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UPCOMING PROGRAM: Weds. November 12, 2014 – White River Paper Co.

Mike Lyford will share the history of White River Paper Company, established in 1881. His family's ownership spanned four generations. People who were employed there over the years are cordially welcome to come and share their stories. 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments will follow.

From the Chair . . .

While working at the Society's yard sale, I was approached by one of our long-time members who asked when we were going to get around to raising dues for membership. She added that she and her husband felt that an increase was long overdue and related how much they pay in dues to other organizations to which they belong. Her remarks reassured me that the rest of our members will be sympathetic about the need for the dues increase that was voted upon at our September board meeting.

Our current dues structure had remained unchanged since 1988 when the Society was first formed. We are all painfully aware of the increase in the cost of just about everything over the past twenty-six years, and the expense of maintaining our basic membership service is no exception. For example, our twelve-page newsletter with colored photos, which is mailed out six times a year, now costs approximately \$13.12 per member per year.

Meanwhile, the majority of our members fall into the "senior" category and have been paying \$10 annually for membership. Obviously, this is unsustainable.

In addition to the newsletter, Society members have access to the Garipay House museum, the Gen Center for genealogical research at the Hartford Library, the four regular program meetings held at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, assistance in doing research on the history of people, places and events in our town's history and other special events and programs that are held periodically throughout the year.

The dues increase will be a reasonable \$5 across the board. Please refer to the new rates on page 11.

Thank you for your support of this modest increase.

Mary Nadeau, Chairman of the Board



You're Invited!

Friday, 5 December, 6 to 8 pm

Annual Holiday Party in the Main Street Museum with the Hartford Historical Society.

Hear Christmas Victrola records, including Irving Berlin's old standby, "White Christmas"—and learn its interesting history.

Refreshments provided. Free!

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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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months. Often we were told to “keep the change” or were handed something extra to place in the till.

We thank everyone who responded to our plea for donations, those who spent long hours sorting and pricing, the members who volunteered their time to set up the yard sale and to act as



Dan gives a last-minute check of the assortment of toys that snake around the side of the Garipay House.

salespersons and to those who lingered to help us to pack up the leftovers and restore order to the front yard. We are especially grateful to Anne Rodia and Lorna Ricard, who spent long hours organizing and supervising this event!

And now for the bottom line: The fundraiser netted an amazing \$1800! A few days later, we received word that Ben & Jerry’s was awarding us a grant of \$1200 to our fuel fund. That leaves a shortfall of just \$400. There are still those raffle tickets to sell, and some of the items left over from the yard sale will be advertised for sale on the Hartford and Upper Valley Listservs and in the free want ads offered by the Valley News.

Again, sincere thanks go out to everyone who in any way, large or small, contributed to the success of this event. The Garipay House will remain open this fall and winter!



Jim peddles the array of furniture and other large items in the back yard.

CURATOR'S CORNER

by Pat Stark

The Garipay House continues to buzz with collections activity: Accessing new donations, listing the current collections in the computer (no small task!), making labels for items on display, changing the displays, locating photographs for various needs (including the upcoming Valley News book on the Upper Valley) and the list goes on.

I wish to thank Martha, Kristy and Jim for their continued efforts to keep up with all the fine details as well as all the maintenance and upgrade projects they do on our home. We hope that by next summer our collections will be organized on the computer as well as on the shelves so that less time may be spent searching and more time in researching and enjoying our wonderful collections.

History of the Wilder Dam

Presented at the September Program Meeting

Ken Alton, who was employed for many years by TransCanada, gave a detailed history of the Wilder Dam area on Wednesday evening, September 10. During his tenure, Ken observed the area transformed from a “sewer” to what it is today. The pollution began in the 1700s. During the winter months, people piled their refuse on the ice so that it could be washed away in the spring. Septic systems and industrial waste poured into the Connecticut River with an “out of sight, out of mind” mentality, making its waters unfit for recreation and the fish that remained unfit for human consumption.

There is evidence of a dam and wing walls on the site as early as 1785. Later, canals and locks were added, remnants of which may still be seen. Canal navigation ended when the railroad, a more practical form of transportation, came into the area around 1850. Log drives down the Connecticut River began around 1860, and Olcott, as the area was known at that time, was the most significant part of Hartford and Windsor County. The area was further transformed in 1900 when International Paper built on the river bank. Operations ceased after the devastating flood of 1927.

The hurricane of 1938 brought huge flows, but the dam held. It was subsequently sold to the New England Power System. The process to get approval for construction of the current dam was long and arduous because of the farms and farmlands that would be flooded in the process. The present dam was built in 1950, three-quarters of a mile downstream from the original Olcott Dam at a location known as “the narrows”. The dam is 29 feet long and 35 feet high and can handle a flow of 162,000 cubic feet per second. In the mid-1980s, a



Ken Alton's talk on the History of the Wilder Dam attracted over seventy interested area residents, some of whom had worked at the facility and had stories to share.



fish ladder was added, which can be opened and shut down as the salmon, outfitted with radio transmitters, run up the Connecticut River. In 2005 TransCanada, based in Calgary, bought the assets and assumed operation of the dam.

Ken was pleased to report that today people can swim in 90% of the river. On one occasion, a moose walked into the plant, causing quite a bit of consternation before leaving behind “calling cards”. During a period of high water one fall, thousands of pumpkins were washed down the river in the floodwaters (an event the dam workers dubbed “the Pumpkin Menagerie”), and TransCanada employees were concerned that the hoards of people descended the banks in hopes of capturing some of the wayward pumpkins might be swept into the raging river. Fortunately, there were no

incidents. Dartmouth students were disappointed when “Tubestock”, a rite of spring that involved hundreds of inner tubes, was cancelled due to dangerously high waters.

Where does all the power generated at the Wilder Dam go? Answer: Into the New England Power Grid. TransCanada is the biggest taxpayer in the Town of Hartford.



Art and Betsy Peale were among those examining Ken's extensive photo and artifact collection.

Photos courtesy of Chris McKinley

Robbery at Tinkham's Store

Submitted by Mary Ann Devins

(Part two of four parts)

Quechee, Vermont 1900

Interstate Journal & Advertiser tells us a story in their April, 1900, issue published by Cummings Printers of White River Junction, Vermont.

When the real purpose of their visit (two masked men in cowboy attire with drawn revolvers) became apparent, Mr. Tinkham returned to the end of the counter and allowed them to search him. He did not put up his hands however. He was then assured by one of the pair that he had the most nerve of any man they had met.

While one of the men kept him covered with a revolver, the other carefully unhooked his watch and went through his pockets. "Struck it the first time," remarked the searcher, as he turned up a roll containing fifty dollars. After a thorough search and finding no more in his pockets, they forced him to his office at the point of their pistols, where he was made to extinguish the lamps and draw the curtains. Mr. Tinkham thought to leave one up a little so that they might be seen from the outside, but he was detected and forced to draw it down.

A small hand lamp was then brought in from the store, and the strangers asked him to open the small safe. He assured them that there was very little in that safe and that the lady who kept the post office had the key to it and she was upstairs abed. This seemed to satisfy them on that point, and no further move was made toward that safe. Turning around quickly, they walked toward the large safe at the rear of the office which was standing open and proceeded to help themselves. They removed his bill book, taking with it \$100 which belonged to the post office and \$107 of his own money in bills along with a paper bag containing \$12.75 in silver and \$6.75 which had been left at the store for Wesley Hathorn. They examined a bag of pennies but left them, explaining that pennies were too small. Mr. Tinkham thanked them and added in a sarcastic tone that he presumed the pennies would come in very handy in the store in the morning.

The burglars were evidently somewhat worried and did not make a very careful search of the safe. A handful of checks, aggregating about \$1,000, together with an envelope containing a small sum of money in bills were hastily run over and thrown on the floor. Nearby in another compartment was \$95.50 of post office funds, twelve valuable gold watches, a considerable quantity of postage stamps and several coupons from government bonds which escaped their attention.

Then, the primary object of the raiders having been accomplished, the question of timely escape confronted them, and fearing that Mr. Tinkham would give the alarm before they could get away, it was decided to bind and gag him.

His hands were tied behind him with a leather whiplash that one of the robbers got out in the store. To make it more secure a piece of strong shipping twine was removed from an express package. He was seated in a chair with his arms over the back, while his captors fastened his arms down by passing this string from his wrists around under the seat of the chair, making it next to impossible for him to rise or even fall over sideways, and then the chair was pushed up close to the table.

At this point Mr. Tinkham told them that the string was cutting his wrists and asked them to loosen it a little. This request was seconded by one of the burglars who added, "That's right, don't hurt him, loosen it up a little," and strangely enough the cords were loosened.

A gag made from a large dirty looking indigo blue handkerchief, was stuffed in his mouth and firmly secured by tying the ends behind his head and passing a piece of stout cord around as an extra precaution. This also proved too tight for comfort, and at his request it was loosened. He was then told that he was not to move for half an hour.

One of the robbers then asked him if he lived "over here now" indicating by a nod of the head the direction of his house which adjoins the store. He answered in the affirmative and the thieves promised – now here's the funny part – promised "on their honor" that they would notify Mrs. Tinkham to come and release him in half an hour.

Passing out into the store again, the visitors provided themselves with five or six jack-knives and took a hasty departure.

Mr. Tinkham sat quietly for a minute or so and then began to ask himself why he should not try to get free. As there seemed to be no one around, he commenced work on the cords with the result that he was free in a short time. In fact he estimates that he was bound about ten minutes and that the time from which the burglars entered until he had released himself and given the alarm could not have been over twenty minutes.

As soon as he secured his release, Mr. Tinkham ascended a ladder at the rear of the store leading to the second floor and aroused

Mrs. C.H. Larrabee, who lives over the store, and asked her to send Otto Stevens down right away.

Returning to the store, he tried to call up the office of the woolen mill and warn them of the burglars, as it seemed natural to him at that time that the mill office would be the next place to visit. No answer being received, he called up Woodstock and White River Junction, notifying Sheriffs Thomas and Spafford.

In the haste to spread the news, Dr. Rogers of Quechee was called to his telephone by mistake, and overhearing that a robbery had been committed, remembered that he had seen two horsemen pass his house a few moments before, and thus it became known which way the fugitives had gone.

(To be continued...)



New Hours for Genealogy Researchers

By Martha Knapp

Upstairs at the Hartford Public Library is the home of the Genealogy Center for the Hartford Historical Society, where researchers can find many books and files of obituaries, family names, and microfilms of old Landmark newspapers. These newspapers include facts about many local people and their ancestors.

Volunteers Carole Haehnel and Ray Field, who staff the center, wish to announce new hours. Carole will be there on Mondays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and Ray will be there on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If these hours do not work for you, they are willing to open for additional hours for your research if you notify them in advance by calling 802-295-3974. They are very happy to assist you in locating the items that you are looking for, but they do not do the individual research for you. If that is what you are looking for, they will give you names of researchers who may be able to assist you further:

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Prices for research are negotiable, but you must speak to them directly with your projects.

We ask that you please do not remove any research material or books from the Genealogical Library, but you are invited to study at your leisure on site. We were just informed that a major resource book that many people have found useful named History of Hartford Vermont by William Howard Tucker is missing. We are very hopeful that it will be returned to the Library. Any information about this missing book would be deeply appreciated.

You are invited to come and check us out!

THE LAST IRENE: Where Did All the Water Come From?

By Tammy Ladd

On Sunday afternoon September 7, 2014, Cathy Geiger and Hannah Putnam came to the Garipay House and presented a short film about Tropical Storm Irene. The film is a collaboration of the work done by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science with support from the National Science Foundation and the University of Delaware.

Interviews of local residents, hours of research, and hundreds of photos went into the completion of this project.

On November 2, 1927, 9 inches of rain fell in 2 days. The film begins with the reading of a section of a child's book, Noah's Ark, by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. It's a real-life story that took place in an unfinished home in northern Vermont that, being on higher ground, became a refuge for thirty-three people. The house also became shelter for 200 chickens and a horse that was brought in to help keep the house warm.

The Flood of 1927 was the worst disaster in Vermont's history. Eighty-four people died and 9,000 people were driven from their homes. In addition, 2,000 cows drowned and more than 7,000 acres of farmland were washed away or covered by flood debris. The flood destroyed 1,285 bridges.

When a named tropical storm is especially destructive, the National Weather Service retires the name, so the name "Irene", given to the storm that hit Vermont on August 28, 2011, was officially retired on April 12, 2012. When Irene came to Vermont, torrential rains dropped ten inches in three hours, causing flash flooding and leaving 40-50,000 Vermonters without power, some for an extended period of time.

The following local residents shared some of their experiences:

Bob and Judy Bettis live near the bank of the White River. They had been at the Tunbridge

Fair that morning and had received a phone call from their daughter telling them that the river was rising rapidly and that they should head home. The river flooded their home and surrounding property.

Sheila Armen mentioned that people were preparing for high wind, not the effects of 10 inches of rain in such a short period of time.



The Quechee Covered Bridge the day after Irene

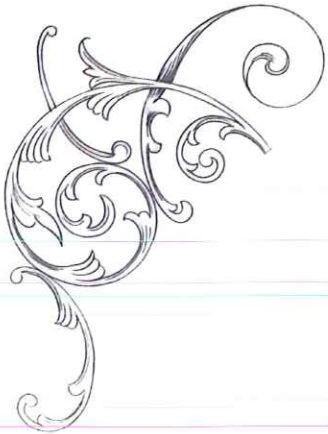
Sharon Shepard, owner of Shepard's Pie, which at the time was located on the Quechee Green, related that the restaurant was enjoying a very busy afternoon. She looked out the window and saw the river beginning to overflow on the right, something she had never before seen. Sharon went into the dining area and announced, "We are shutting down now! It's time to go!" after which

she turned off the restaurant equipment, locked the doors and quickly vacated the building. Sharon thinks that hers was one of the last cars to cross the Quechee covered bridge before it was severely damaged.

By 2 p.m. Marty Banak said that many people had headed down to view the river from the Quechee bridge. Soon after they arrived, the first propane tank came floating down the river. They eventually lost count of the number of large, 12-16 foot propane tanks that went by, slamming into trees, then over the falls and under the bridge. Police arrived to clear people off the bridge. As he left the bridge, Marty noticed that the river along the cement wall under the Simon Pearce building had risen 6-8 feet in just 20 minutes.

The eye of the hurricane came slowly up the Connecticut River Valley. The land was compared to a saturated sponge due to recent rainfall, so the large amount of water pouring from the sky over a short period of time had nowhere to go.

The film highlighted the value of effective communication and community spirit in overcoming disasters of this magnitude.



Janet Blood

September 6, 1917 - April 25, 2014

By Martha Knapp

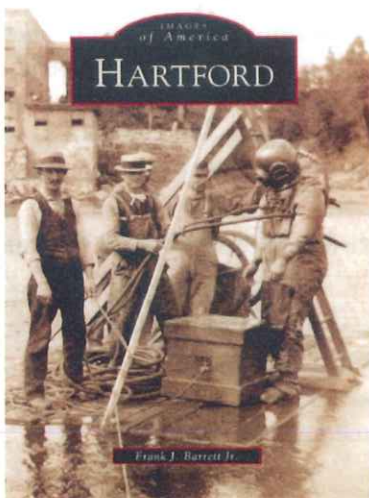


Janet K. and her husband Howard R. Blood Sr. taken at their home "Highland Acres" during a family reunion.

Photo courtesy of Phyllis and Brooke Salls.

I have never met Janet Blood in person, but I have seen her name frequently at the Hartford Historical Society as she was one of the original fourteen dedicated citizens who founded our Society. I am always so grateful to those fourteen people because I feel that what they initiated became my passion in life after I retired. I joined the Society in 2010 and have never looked back. As I go through our archives and see photos from past events and learn of the many activities throughout the years that happened before I joined, that's when I have seen Janet Blood's name and involvement.

Last year we held an event at the Theron Boyd Home in Quechee, and Janet's granddaughter stopped by and visited us. She picked up one of the books we sell, Images of Hartford by Frank J. Barrett. It's one of our very best sellers, and the photo on the cover, was a mystery to us.



Jay Barrett's book

Inside the book

there is this explanation: "On the cover: It appears lost to history what these five men, one in an underwater diver's outfit, are doing out on the Connecticut River in a small raft in front of the large International Paper Company mills located at Wilder Village. This photograph was probably taken about 1910. (Courtesy Hartford Historical Society.)"

Janet's granddaughter then told me that her grandmother, Janet Blood, knew who was on the cover. I called Janet the following week, and she was very happy to inform me that the man in the diver's suit was her father Elijah Burton "Burt" Kibbie. She said he worked at the paper mill as a fireman. Back then a fireman didn't put out the fires; he kept them going. They used coal to heat the mill, and it was his job to keep those fires going and also to do other maintenance chores as they came up. On this particular day, these men were making



Elijah Burton Kibbie and his bride Eva Lena Perkins on their wedding day in 1913.

Photo courtesy of Phyllis and Brooke Salls.

repairs to the dam, and it was her father who did the diving and fixing.

And there you have it. Should we do future printings of Jay Barrett's book, we shall update this information.

We also have 4 or 5 hours of interviews with Janet that are now being transcribed by one of our valuable volunteers. Unfortunately, the project is not finished for me to add other information, but I am very interested in reading and reporting back some of Janet's history lessons for us.



Janet Blood (in center) out and about with friends.

I would hope that being a volunteer for the historical society is something everyone can see value in. We have a treasure trove of photographs that need to be identified. We have other tasks available for people who enjoy history and would like to lend a hand to us as we strive to do the best for our citizenry by taking care of our local history

archives and photographs.

Therefore, In Janet's memory, I invite you all to be a volunteer for us to continue the legacy she helped found.

Cub Scout Den Visits the Historical Society

by Martha Knapp

On October 8th, a den of Cub Scouts came for a tour of the Garipay House with their chaperones and leaders. I soon found out that their favorite objects were the historical school desks collection in our front room. They liked sitting in the seats, writing on the slate tablet and discovering the old antique schoolbooks from the 1800's that we have on the desks for them to peruse. They were amazed at the baby carriage and peeked inside the glass cases to see the objects on display in there as well.

Next we moved on to the library, and they spied the colonial guns in the gun cabinet. Being boys, they became very fascinated by them. One of their teachers explained how long it took to load each round of ammunition so they would understand how different they are from the modern rifles. They were entertained by the guns and the Abenaki exhibit which is in the same room.

Then we traveled down the stairs to the basement and they got excited over the horses from Frost Park and the lantern from Old 494 as well as the tools we have on display that the train mechanics



would use to work on the trains. They were very excited to see all of our tools that we use right here at the Garipay House hanging up on the wall. I thought that was interesting. They seemed to enjoy all of the artifacts but were always anxious to see what was next. We ended with a tour of the doctor's office and they liked the stethoscope and the knee banger that was used to test our reflexes. I showed them the "No Smoking" sign and the three historic ashtrays that are part of the original artifacts on display. One boy asked "What's an ashtray?" We all remarked that that was a great question and definitely showed signs that the next generation may turn out to be non-smokers.

We finished up back at the school desks, where they took turns sitting in the seats while the parents got to see some of the things that we breezed through at the beginning.

Generally this is exactly what we are looking for. We wish for the children to come and enjoy history at the historical society and develop into history buffs on their own.

The Historical Society Hosts its First "Business After Hours"

by Susanne Abetti

Recently the Hartford Historical Society joined the Hartford Chamber of Commerce as an Associate Member. On Wednesday, September 24, we had the privilege of hosting a "Business After Hours," which is a regularly scheduled networking event for Chamber members. We were thrilled to have two Co-Sponsors for this event: Matthew Cole of TransCanada, and Gail Wright, of C&G Creative Catering, who provided us with delicious

hors d'oeuvres (Gail is a member of one of Hartford's founding families). There were many first time visitors and even the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, P.J. Skehan, had never been to the Garipay House before!

Much of our collection is business memorabilia, and since many of our programs pertain to Hartford businesses, it only seemed natural to bring ourselves closer to the business community by joining our local Chamber. We had a great turnout and we can't thank our sponsors enough for allowing us to host this special event.



Our generous Co-Sponsors, Matthew Cole of TransCanada, and Gail Wright of C&G Creative Catering



Gail Wright speaking with Tad Nunez of Hartford Parks & Rec (Dave Clark, center)



Pat Pippin in the center of a very full dining room (aren't we glad the loom is now comfortably housed in the basement?!)



Raffle prizes included a desktop frame donated by Junction Frame Shop, a T-Shirt donated by the Main St. Museum and a wall plaque donated by Cloverleaf Jewelry & Gifts.

Many thanks to our donors!



Coffee mug door prizes provided by TransCanada--filled with invitations to become HHS Business Members!



Garipay House front room filled with today's businessmen and women amidst yesterday's business memorabilia

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Memberships run for a calendar year (Jan-Dec).

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Upcoming Programs, Meetings and Events

OPEN HOUSE at the Garipay House

(excepting Holidays and inclement weather) M-F 9 a.m.-1 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. For an appointment, call or email us or contact Pat Stark at 295-3077 M-F from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS open to the public

2nd Monday of each month – **The Hartford Historical Society Discussion Group** at the Bugbee Center at 10:30-11:30a.m.

2nd Wednesday – **Hartford Historic Preservation Commission** meeting at the Municipal Offices, 171 Bridge Street (now temporarily located at 35 Railroad Row), 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, Nov. 12, 2014 – Mike Lyford will speak on **The History of White River Paper Co.** 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

Friday, Dec. 5, 2014 – **Annual Holiday Party in the Main Street Museum.** Hear Christmas Victrola records, learn the history of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas", and more. 58 Bridge St., White River Junction. Refreshments.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014 – **Christmas Cookies and Grandmother's Mittens**, a Christmas gathering for children accompanied by an adult. 1-3 p.m. at the Garipay House, 1641 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – Round table discussion on **Growing Up in Hartford Village in the '50s and '60s.** 7 p.m. at the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ, 1721 Maple Street, Hartford Village. Refreshments.

The Genealogy Center, located upstairs in the Hartford Library, is open Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. Carole Haehnel and Ray Field will be happy to assist you in exploring the resources we have and in accessing information from *The Landmark*, which we have on microfiche.