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SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Next Society meeting to be held on September 10, 1997 at 7:00 PM at the Hartford Congregational Church. The Society is only as strong as you make it. Come and have your voice heard.



ONGOING EVENTS

Garipay House

Ongoing events now include the Garipay House being open the first Saturday of each month from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

Genealogy Workshops

A Genealogy Workshop to be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The September Genealogy Workshop will visit the Rutland Library, famous for its genealogy collection. The attendees will leave the Garipay House at 10:00 AM on September 9th. For more information, call Rose Merriam at 295-3353. Another trip is being planned to visit the Mormon Church in Enfield, NH.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Vermont's Covered Bridges

There will be a slide show and discussion on September 24th at 7:00 PM, at the West Hartford Library entitled, *Vermont's Covered Bridges: A Reassessment*.

Edward R. Barna, a poet, teacher and freelance writer will discuss the significance of Vermont's covered bridges. His slides offer a quick tour of the state's remaining covered bridges and bring to life the bridge builder Nicholas Montgomery Powers. The question will also be raised as to what objectives new wooden bridges might serve.



WILDER CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Wilder Centennial Celebration was held on August 23rd, sponsored by the society and ably organized by Pat Stark.

The day was a big success with the US Postal Service on hand for cancellations (many thanks to David Ford for his design of the cancellation bearing the likeness of Charles Wilder), a quilt display, an exceptional display of Wilder photographs, and the local Girl Scouts with refreshments and face painting. Thanks to all that participated!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We have recently acquired four floor lamps and four tables for the Garipay House. This will enable interested parties to take advantage of a wealth of available information including past newsletters, descriptions (written and pictorial) of the Lyman House, and much more.

Some other recent acquisitions include:

- Copies of the Interstate Journal, donated by Richard Henderson
- Souvenir plate designed by Agnes Ramel for the Quechee Community Church, donated by Jonathan Schechtman
- Adams Coal & LBR sign board and Hartford Woolen Co. mailing label donated by Leslie Wells
- Photograph of the 1902 Wilder baseball team and photo of the Hartford Grammar School donated by Richard Simonds
- Souvenir book from the movie, *Way Down East*, donated by Bob Durkee
- An IOOF medallion donated by Fred Bradley
- Pelt stretching boards donated by David Smith
- Wilder school desk donated by Linda Merriam

Thanks to all for your support!

LYMAN HOUSE TO HAVE A NEW HOME

Many of you have read of the Lyman House, one of the oldest houses in the area, that has been gradually dismantled, and now is completely gone. This bit of our past has been purchased by Gary Neil of the Quechee Gorge Village, and will be reerected at the Village next spring.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

On September 20th, Dartmouth students will again volunteer a day of their time in community service, helping out around the Garipay House with the multitudinous chores and projects that never seem to end. Society members are also encouraged to drop by and participate - we need your help too.

TO KEEP OR NOT TO KEEP

With the volume of articles coming in, you can well imagine the need to maintain control over what we have. Periodically it becomes necessary to cull out some things, a process known as "deaccessioning".

Though we will probably never face deaccessioning on the same scale as the Shelburne Museum when it recently auctioned off a number of items, there are a number of reasons deaccessioning may occur.

Steven Miller, Executive Director of the Bennington Museum, suggests that an item may be considered for deaccessioning when:

- it has little original physical integrity,
- when the item is far outside the purpose of the organization,
- when it cannot be properly cared for,

- when it is a fake,
- when it is a threat to other collections,
- when it is excessively duplicative,
- when it does not legally belong to the organization,
- in a situation such as with nitrate cellulose negatives, when a collection may destroy itself.

HHS ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Pat Stark, our Archivist, has a daunting task assigned to her and any help we can lend her will lighten her load and be greatly appreciated.

Pat is still looking for back issues of the Hartford High School Alumni Newsletter, from 1972 to the present: vols. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 13, 22 to present.



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