

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER



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Next meeting

Friday, September 25th

Christ Church Hall - 8:00 P.M.

Annual meeting and election of officers to serve you for the coming year. Important that you come and take part.

The annual reports of all officers and committee chairmen will be in printed form for you to read both at our meeting or to study if you wish when you have time at home. This way we will all be acquainted with the amount of time and hard work put in by your officers and committees.

Program

Mrs. Miller our program chairman has convinced our assistant treasurer, Mr. Francis Stosse that he bring his collection of firearms out of hiding and tell us about it. This he has agreed to do at this meeting and I'm sure it will be most interesting.

Flea Market

As anticipated by our co-chairmen Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Harold Lovell, our Flea Market was bigger, better attended and financially more successful than any previous one. The weather was beautiful and the cooperation of all members helping was wonderful. It was most rewarding to the committee who did so much work planning and executing every detail. We are so grateful to the many hands that so willingly and faithfully helped. I already have the report from Mrs. Miller and her reading of it will be one of the highlights of our meeting.

Mrs. Miller received the following letter addressed to the Flea Market Committee:

1 Vincent Road  
Bronxville, N. Y.  
Aug. 22, 1964

Dear Sir:

Last week I attended the flea market which was sponsored by your organization. I think it was very well organized and I enjoyed myself very much.

One of my purchases was made at your bakery booth. I bought two ten cent packages of sugar cookies - they were delicious. Is there anyway you can trace the author of those cookies and get the recipe for me? I would really appreciate it. Thank you for a pleasant day.

Sincerely yours,  
W. Thomas Lundell

Mrs. Miller has found the 'author' who will be introduced at our meeting.

Lawn Party and Social

Our July lawn party meeting was well attended and although because of the weather it had to be held inside, was a success. Mrs. Winton and her committee provided the most delicious peach and blueberry cobbler which we all enjoyed so much. Most of us visited the Judson House first where Mrs. Lovell and her committee together with our Hostesses proudly showed our new acquisitions for this year. Then back to the church hall for the social gathering and a short meeting. If you stayed away you missed a delightful meeting.



## Sammis Property

By now you have your letter and questionnaire concerning the purchase of the Sammis property. Your replies will be the guide to future growth, aims and operation of the Society and therefore requires your serious thought and consideration. Please have your wishes made known to us in the envelope provided by September 23rd or before, we would like if possible, to report the feelings of the members at the meeting.

Curator

Our Mr. Booth is slipping. Last year he had 1364 visitors to Judson House and this year he had only 1363. I feel the closeness of the attendance figure amusing. With the World's Fair and other distractions this year, I feel we did very well. Many of the organization groups that came last year probably were attracted to the Fair. The above is part of Mr. Booth's annual report.

Final

This will be my last news letter as president of your Society. I have enjoyed writing them and trying to keep all informed as to the highlights of our activities. The last two years have been happy and educational for me. It has been fun working with the most interested and cooperative group of people and I appreciate all their help.

Be sure if you can, to come to the meeting. Pick up your copy of the annual report and get a first hand review of the progress we have made this year.

Thank you all,

Stanley E. Johnson  
President



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*The Stratford Historical Society*  
*Stratford, Connecticut*

August 31, 1964

To Officers and Committee Chairmen of  
The Stratford Historical Society

To give more time to business and program at the annual meeting September 25, the Executive Board voted to present the annual report in printed form to the members for study. In order to have the report printed in time for the meeting, I would like to have your copy here by Thursday, September 17th. Please include your budget balance or deficit to help the Finance Committee in setting up next year's budget. It is our plan to mail the report to members not attending our meeting.

I plan to call on all chairmen for their reports on activity since our last meeting.

If you have anything that you wish printed in the Newsletter, please let me have that by September 15th.

We have, I feel, had a very successful year, due mostly to the help, cooperation and hard work of our Committee Chairmen and their committees. I appreciate very much the way you have all helped to make my office so much easier. Let's face it--without you, I'd be sunk! So let's tell all in a good annual report and let the general membership know the teamwork it takes to make our Society click!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stanley E. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Stanley E. Johnson  
President

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