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STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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The last meeting of the winter season will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Friday, May 26th at the Methodist Church Hall. The speaker will be Dr. Collier, University of Bridgeport History Professor, who will talk on "Roger Sherman" former Connecticut Governor and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Judson House is now open three days a week, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Do stop in and see our treasures. We often don't realize what artifacts of the past that we own. The Washington piano is now in the front parlor. It looks quite at home.

Opening the House has been a lot of work for a few of our faithful laborers. Floors had to be cleaned, furniture dusted, and rearranged. Have you ever tried cleaning baskets? All woodwork was gone over with lemon oil to clean. The result is a sparkling house.

The outside appearance has changed too. The shrubs that almost covered the front are gone, and a new fence has taken their place. The fence is going back to the original look. The grass is coming up on the front lawn, and the stone steps now go to the street. A new gravel walk goes around the western side of the House to the rear. At the back, stone steps lead easily up to the rear porch of the Museum. The ground is terraced with retaining walls, each providing a pocket for plantings. The Stratford Garden Club is working with us to provide proper items in the gardens. It will be growing by summer.

The Museum upper room has been completed - now the necessary painting and preparations must be done. When finished, it will provide a display area of which we can be proud. Much work is still to be done - should you wish to help, please call Don Fowler.

Enclosed is a flyer regarding Bermuda from our January speaker. Mr. Shearer, a member, is President of the Shakespeare Travel Co. and will undertake arranging a trip if enough people are interested. Should you be, drop a line to him. Arrangements could be made for visits to museums there if enough people wish to go.

Velmore B. Spamer
President

Don't forget the Flea Market - Antique fair this August.