

The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built 1723
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

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The next meeting of the membership of the Stratford Historical Society will be held at the Methodist Church hall on November 21st at 7:30 P.M.

Following a short business meeting Mr. Robert L. Berthelson of Trumbull will present a color slide essay entitled "From Tea Party To Independence, Springtime of the American Revolution." Mr. Berthelson presented this program in Trumbull on September 16th last. It was most interesting and we are fortunate in having him with us almost at the start of the bicentennial year.

And why keep him to ourselves? Recently, several people have indicated an interest in the Society and have asked "how do I join?" Let's give our friends and neighbors a chance to see and hear us.

For the benefit of those who would like to be able to plan well ahead here is a list of the meeting dates for the coming year.

Friday, Nov. 21st	Membership meeting	Monday, Dec. 29	Executive Board
Friday, Jan. 30	"	Monday, Feb. 23	"
Wednesday, Mar. 24	"	Monday, Apr. 26	"
Friday, May 21	"	Monday, June 28	"
Friday, Sept. 24	Annual Meeting	Monday, Aug. 23	"

If it becomes necessary to change any date you will of course receive notice in the newsletter. The list does not include any special or purely social event that may be scheduled later. The June meeting of the Executive Board may be omitted if lack of pressing business allows.

Mr. Marshall Nye has found the time to hold membership in and work for two historical Societies, our own and The Historical Society of Easton. He has worked at the museum in preserving our leather artifacts and in Easton he has done a great deal of work in the town's six cemeteries. Quoting from the Easton Society, The Schoolhouse Sentinel "In the spring of 1971, Mr. Nye, a member of the Historical Society of Easton and also of the Stratford Historical Society, started the huge task of recording every word on the stones of our six cemeteries, together with the type of stone and condition. He was 78 years old at the time and much of the work had to be done on his knees so as to read the obscure inscriptions weathered by time and age."

Speaking of membership did you know that we now have 33 life members? A life membership provides benefit both to the Society and to the member. To the member it gives not only freedom from annual dues notice but also a warm feeling that our support for the Society will continue after we are no longer able to provide for it personally. Funds from all life memberships are placed in the trust fund account and only the income from it may be used for current expenses.

Mrs. Dustin has secured a fleece which she has washed and cleaned. Soon it will be spun into yarn. Soon the loom will be warped and perhaps by spring Mrs. Olsen and her committee will have a new rug to display.

Jack Wardman, President