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## The Stratford Historical Society

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

The next meeting of the membership of the Stratford Historical Society will be held at the Methodist Church Hall at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28. After a short business meeting, an illustrated lecture on "The Use of Power in the American Home, 1776-1976" will be presented. The speaker is Mr. Charles Yacano of the United Illuminating Co. With today's "energy crisis", the topic should have special interest. I hope you will brave the winter weather to attend.

Looking ahead, a former Stratford resident, Patricia Kane, now the Assistant Curator of American Arts at Yale, will be our March speaker. In place of the May meeting, something different - a crafts display and demonstration at the Judson House grounds in picnic format on one of the first Saturdays in June. This is mentioned as reassurance that Spring will come.

We have learned this past week that the Society has been awarded a \$1500 grant-in-aid by the Connecticut Historical Commission toward structural repairs for Judson House. This is 40% of the amount requested, but it will permit us to get started with needed work. Repairs of the sills and cornerposts at the east side of the house are required to correct damage done by powder post beetles over the years.

The 1977 Historical Society Antique Show and Sale will be held this year on April 16 and 17 at the American Legion Hall. The format will be generally the same as that of last year's successful show. Mr. Franz Goldbach is coordinating arrangements. More details will be available in the next newsletter. Please start setting aside white elephant items for the Society's own table.

Approximately 20 copies of the book Historic Houses and Interiors in Southern Connecticut, which includes Judson House, have been ordered by members so far. If you would like to place an order at the special price of \$11 per copy, including postage, send your name, address and phone number and the number of copies desired to: Mrs. Todd B. Lovell  
5365 Main St., Putney  
Stratford, Conn.

At the House and Museum, winter is the quiet season, but activity by your committee goes on. The grounds have had their fall cleanup and the house some minor repairs. The Accessions, Library and Display Committees continue weekly sessions cataloging museum contents. The training of a class of docents (volunteer guides or historical interpreters) for the coming year will begin in January. If you'd like to join them, or learn more about the class, call Mr. Donald Fowler, 378-5482.

If you are one of those who has neglected to send in this year's dues, a second notice will soon be in the mail. Obviously, we hope you'll continue your membership (and save the Membership Committee a phone call).

Loose end department - does anyone have or know where we could acquire a flax brake to complete our spinning and weaving equipment?

Hope we'll see you at the January meeting.

David Jenney, President