



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

The Stratford Historical Society

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NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1984 at 8 P. M.
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL, MAIN STREET

Following a brief business meeting, Dr. Douglas Arnold will speak on "Connecticut at peace: 1783 and Beyond." Dr. Arnold, a native of Connecticut, currently lectures at Yale focusing on political events and movements from 1740 to 1840. Following this interest he is currently the Associate Editor of The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, published by Yale University. In the past Dr. Arnold has contributed articles and reviews to scholarly journals dealing with varied aspects of the eighteenth century. currently he has a book in preparation, Pennsylvania Politics, 1776-1800, and several articles. Dr. Arnold received a B. S. from Bates College, and his M. A. and PhD from Princeton University.

The Connecticut Humanities Council will sponsor Dr. Arnold's talk. Members of the Milford Historical Society will join us on the 27th. We are looking forward to meeting them. Refreshments will be served after the program. Since the snow season has once again arrived, any postponements will be announced over radio station WICC

The Antique Show is Coming! On Saturday, April 7 the Society, under the leadership of Jeff Williams Ways and Means Chairman, will sponsor the annual Antique Show at Wooster Intermediate School from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. This year we are trying a one day show in the hope of reducing the overhead expenses. Listed below are the various departments where

volunteers are needed. Won't you select your area of interest and call the person in charge?

Society Booth: Bonnie Paradise (377-2332) Hy Tindall (874-1819)
Our booth accepts all donations. Anything "old" is an especially good seller (kitchen equipment, tools, furniture, baskets, etc.), and most everything will sell. Bonnie and Hy will collect these items at your home, or you may drop them off at the Museum on Tuesdays between 9:30 and 1 ;. m., or you may bring them to the January or March meetings.

Table Set Up John Sober 378-2590
Refreshments Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rader 378-7697
Baked Goods Mrs. Henry van Gieson 378-5555
Gate Sales Velmore Spamer 375-7262
Publicity Ms. Marge Jacaruso 375-4681
Book Sales Mrs. Richard Slater 375-6654

Book of Remembrance Velmore Spamer, assistant treasurer, reports that the following contributions have been received:

In memory of Lucille Arbogast given by Mrs. Peter Wojtul
In Memory of Henry Rader given by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fowler
En memory of T. R. Beardsley given by Ruth E. Parker
Best wishes and good health to Einar and Lillian Larson, given on their birthdays by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dobkin

The work on the South Sill and Lower Kitchen Door has been completed.

While you cannot see the rennovated sill, you may admire the batten door. The pattern created by the rose head nails gives it a lovely decorative fännish as well as holding the door together. Many thanks to Jack Wardman who spent so many hours on this project.

Our 1984 Calendars were quite a success. In fact we are sold out! Our thanks to Bob Burns, Elden Dustin, Don Fowler, Joe Moore, and Lew Knapp who produced a special remembrance of Stratford's past. They are also excellent salesmen. The profits from this will significantly help in preserving Wilcoxson's collection of photographs of old Stratford as

well as produce a 1985 calendar.

A copy of Wilcoxson's History of Stratford, 1639-1939 was recently offered at silent auction for the benefit of the Friends of the Stratford Library. You will be interested to know that the successful bid of \$127 was given by a member of the Historical Society, Mrs. George Robinson of Reno, Nevada. We are pleased to have had a part in providing a good home for this book.

Kay Moore, membership chairman, asks that those who have not renewed their membership as of October, 1983 for the ensuing year, please do so. Second notices will be sent out at the end of the month. It is surely the best buy in town!

The Docent Training Program will start on Thursday, January 26th at 10 a. m. at the Museum. Betty Applegate, education chairman, offers a varied program of classes on local Indians, ceramics, tools, clocks, furniture, textiles, and open hearth cooking. The whole purpose of the program is to train a competent corps of guides to show Judson House and Museum. Indeed education is one of the two basic purposes of our Society. Won't you consider volunteering your time in this vital part of the Society's work? You may call Betty at 377-4224.

Our trip to Winterthur and Longwood Gardens from Friday May 4 through Sunday May 6 has some space available. The gardens promise to be beautiful this Spring and of course the period rooms at Winterthur have set a national standard of excellence. We are fortunate to have such outstanding opportunities so close at hand. Now that you can see May a bit more clearly in your plans, Marion Herb (375-9573) would be glad to answer any questions you might have on the trip.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 27 to hear Dr. Arnold on "Connecticut at Peace: 1783 and Beyond."

Sincerely,

Judith M. Kurmay
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