

The Stratford Historical Society

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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

March, 1984

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY MARCH 30, 1984 AT THE METHODIST
CHURCH HALL, MAIN STREET, STRATFORD 8 P. M.

Following a brief business meeting, Mrs. James Glynn will speak on American Quilts. Mrs. Glynn with her husband runs The Connecticut Tinsmith and Joyce's Country Cupboard in Cannon's Crossing, Wilton, Ct. Joyce Glynn learned quilting and studied quilts at the Henry Ford Museum in Greenfield Village, Michigan. She teaches quilting classes and deals in authentic reproductions of old calicoes and quilting supplies. Several quilts from our collection will be on display at the meeting. Perhaps a friend who has a special interest in this area would care to come also. Guests are always most welcome.

The Society's Antique Show will be held on Saturday, April 7 at Wooster Intermediate School from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. While doing Spring cleaning won't you keep our booth in mind? Joyce Slater, chairman of the Book Sales, is in need of book cases in which to display the books. If you have one (or two) won't you call her at 375-6654? Don't only think in terms of books—magazines, paperbacks, pictures, sheet music or records are most welcome. You may bring your donations to the meeting on March 30th, or call Bonnie Paradise (377-2332) or Hy Tindall (874-1819) who will be glad to pick up the items at your home, or you may drop them off at the Museum on Tuesdays between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. Our telephone squad will be contacting each member for baked goods. We have such good bakers in our Society that some items are sold before they're made! Won't you make your favorite recipe (bread, cakes, cookies, pies, jellies, rolls)? A discount coupon for admission to the show is enclosed with this letter. Listed below are the various booths where volunteers and/or donations are needed:

Society Booth Bonnie Paradise (377-2332) Hy Tindall (874-1819)
Table Set Up John Sober (378-2590)
Refreshments Mr./Mrs. Ron Rader (378-7697)
Baked Goods Mrs. Henry van Gieson (378-5555)
Gate Sales Velmore Spamer (375-7262)
Book Sales Mrs. Richard Slater (375-6654)

At the Antique Show our quilt (or some portion thereof) will be on display. The volunteer quilters have done a beautiful job on the eighteenth century shoo-fly pattern. It's in shades of blue and white and will amply fit a double bed. Raffle tickets will be available both at the show and at the March meeting.

The Judson House and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum will be open for the season on Saturday, April 14th. Naturally we want everything to be at its sparkling, shining best. Cleaning days will be Tuesday, March 27 and Wednesday, March 28th. Please call Ella McCullough (375-6203) to volunteer for either the morning or afternoon session. You may of course volunteer for both! Ms. Elizabeth Martin, Hostess Chairman, is in need of people to greet visitors on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 3 p. m. You may call her anytime at 375-1930 to volunteer. Ms. Martin will also be signing up people at the March 30 meeting.

Also on Saturday, April 14th we will have a Spring Yard Clean Up. For the most part dead branches, twigs and some debris need to be collected and carted away. Anyone with a truck would be most welcome. Please call Bill Reid, Grounds Chairman, at 378-6226, or Bessie Burton at 378-0717.

For the Book of Remembrance Velmore Spamer, Assistant Treasurer, reports that Mrs. Elizabeth Applegate has made a contribution to the Society in memory of her husband Russell.

The Society has purchases a Four Harness Counter Balance Floor Loom for the weavers. The weaving group does such a good job creating placemats, tapes, and rugs for us. This new (to us) loom will allow them to make many coverlets with colonial patterns, and towels. They also weave cane seats for chairs. Quite a talented group!

The Wilton Historical Society will devote the month of April to early ceramics. Our curator, Hy Tindall, will give a slide lecture on Chinese Export Porcelain on Sunday, April 8th from 1-3:30 p. m. at the Wilton Historical Society (Route 7 just before Wilton center). Connecticut Redware will be the subject of a talk and slide show by Ralph Bloom, curator of Lockwood House Museum on Sunday, April 29th. The basis of his presentation is the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Winton (authors of Norwalk Potteries) parents of Mary Dickgeiser.

The docents have been enjoying a varied program since January. Several of the remaining programs may be of interest to you. On Thursday, March 22nd our assistant guide, Bette Johnson, will speak on Textiles. On Friday, March 30th Christine Brennan will give a talk on Open Hearth Cooking. Both programs will begin at 10 a. m. at the Museum. Since our seating is limited, please call Betty Applegate, Education Chairman, at 377-4224 so that arrangements can be made.

Bob Burns, Chairman of the newly formed Photography Committee, would like to extend the group. Its purpose is to plan, administer, and oversee our photographic collections. Knowledge of photography is not necessary but helpful. Please call Bob at 375-1464.

Spaces are available for our trip to Longwood, Gardens, Philadelphia, and Winterthur. In addition to the usual fine fine period rooms at Winterthur, their special exhibit for Spring is Racing Regalia: Saratoga 1870-1890. The exhibition will focus on the races and festivities at Saratoga. Highlights

will include five costumes displayed in vignettes including scenes depicting a New York lady packing her Saratoga trunk, a box at the racecourse, and an afternoon tea on a hotel porch at Saratoga. The costume exhibit will be accented with paintings, prints, and photographs of racing scenes and personalities. You may call Marion Herb (375-9573) for further details.

I am looking forward to seeing you on March 30 to hear Mrs. Glynn on American Quilts, and at the Antique Show on April 7.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Kurmay

Judith M. Kurmay, President
(Mrs. F. Paul Kurmay)