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The Stratford Historical Society

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FRIDAY MARCH 15, 1985, UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH, MAIN STREET, STRATFORD

Following a brief business meeting, Mr. Ernest Wiegand will present a slide/lecture entitled A Prehistory of Southwestern Connecticut in which he will concentrate on sites located in lower Fairfield County, Mr. Wiegand, a graduate of Hunter College with a Master's Degree in Anthropology, has been an Instructor in Archeology at Norwalk Community College for the past ten years and has worked on fifteen archeological sites in southern Fairfield County and northern Westchester County. Mr. Wiegand recently had published his first book, Rock Shelters of Southwestern Connecticut (1984). He served as guest curator at the Wilton Historical Society's "Along the Berkshire Path-the Indians of the Norwalk River Valley." Mr. Wiegand has also served as a consultant to the Pound Ridge and Milford Historical Societies.

This is a most timely talk for us. Our Exhibits Committee, headed by Mr. Einar Larson and assisted by Mr. Franz Goldbach, is preparing an exhibit on Stratford Indians. Following Mr. Wiegand's presentation on the Indians of this area, I know we will appreciate the new exhibit so much more. Mr. Wiegand has offered to identify any artifacts that you may have after the program.

The ANTIQUÉ SHOW is quickly approaching! On Saturday, March 23 our Society will host its twenty-fourth annual antique show and sale from 10-5 p. m. at the Baldwin Center, West Broad Street, Stratford. We anticipate every members support to insure its continued success. Our Society's Booth has always been most profitable. We need antiques, collectibles, books, sheet music, and usable flea market items. Monetary donations are also welcome! Our booth chairmen, Hiram Tindall (874-1819) and Bonnie Paradise (377-2332), can pick up donations if you cannot deliver them to the Museum on either Tuesday or Thursday between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. Margaret vanGieson, the Baked Goods chairman, would welcome your homemade

goodies (breads, cakes, candy, cup cakes, cookies, jams, jellies, and pies) on the day of the show between 9 and 10 a. m. Members of our telephone squad will also be contacting you regarding the Society's Booth and the Baked Goods Table. Aside from donating assorted items, we welcome your volunteer hours. There is a separate flier, as well as a discount coupon, in this envelope with the names of the various booths and their chairmen. Won't you select your area of interest and volunteer an hour or two on Saturday, March 23rd?

Also at the Show will be a portion of our hand done quilt with raffle tickets available at that time. The queen sized quilt is an original design, hand stenciled, and quilted by members of our Society. What a unique treasure!

This newsletter is our sole means of communicating with the membership at large. We do try very hard to keep you informed and involved! Recently some people have been receiving this letter a day or two before the membership meeting, and some after the meeting has taken place. If this is happening to you, please contact our Corresponding Secretary, Joyce Bradbury at 874-2759. She will make every effort to correct the situation.

On Saturday, April 13 our Judson House and Mitchell Museum will open for the season. Won't you bring your guests and friends to visit your Society's home? Our scheduling secretary, Carol Brancato (375-8187) is accepting reservations for group tours.

Our Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Welmore Spamer, reports that the following contributions have been received to the Book of Remembrance since the last newsletter:

In Memory of Mrs. Stanley Sellick

Mrs. Margaret van Gieson
Mrs. Catharine Bunnell Detweiler
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Chapman
Barbara Chapman Jamieson
Sandra Chapman Oliver
Mr. and Mrs. Francis V. Stosse

In Memory of Francis Cook Rees

Mrs. Margaret van Gieson

In Memory of Paul and Mildred Melcher

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fowler

In Memory of T. R. Beardsley

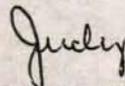
Ruth E. Parker

Please come along with us to historic Deerfield, Mass. on July 2 for an interesting day trip to this beautifully restored area consisting of twelve house museums and the Deerfield Inn where we will have lunch. (A choice of fresh fillet of sole almondine or baked stuffed chicken breast New England style). The price for the day will be \$23 and will include transportation , morning activities at Deerfield, and lunch. We will depart Judson House at 8 a. m. and return about 6:30 p. m. Call Marion at 375-9573 or send in reservation form (at the end of this letter) and check to 80 Peard Terr., Stratford, Ct. 06497.

Our trip to Plimoth Plantation has sparked some interest; but there is room for more. The tour price of \$149 per person will include hotel accomodations, a breakfast, two lunches and a dinner. a guided tour of Plimoth Plantation, a visit to the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock and several other historic areas will be given. Won*t you join us for the weekend of May 18 and 19? Please call me at 378-8025 for further information.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday, March 15 for Mr. Wiegand*s program on A Prehistory of Southern Connecticut. Any young people that have an interest in Indians would be most welcome also.

Sincerely,



Mrs. F. Paul Kurmay

Deerfield Trip July 2, 1985 Cost \$23

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