

# The Stratford Historical Society

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

60th Annual Meeting

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 8:00 P. M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1985  
STRATFORD METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET, STRATFORD

We will mark sixty years as a Society at our annual meeting on Friday, Sept. 27th! It represents the dedication and hard work of many people toward the goal of preserving Stratford's history and the education of the public about our past. Following our business meeting and installation of officers, Elden Dustin, a past President of the Society, will speak on the general topic of "General David Wooster and the Louisbourg Fortress Expeditions." Influenced by the knowledge that Stratford's General David Wooster had participated in both the 1745 and the 1758 British-colonial American expeditions which resulted in conquest of this French stronghold, the Dustins included Cape Breton and the Louisbourg Fortress restoration when on a camping trip several years ago. He will illustrate his talk with color slide views of the Louisbourg Fortress restoration in progress.

\* \* \* Celebrate Connecticut 1635-1985 \* \* \*

The Fifth Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line will help us mark the 350th year of our state. I'm sure many of you will recall the Regiment's visit to Stratford in 1981 and will welcome them back. We will host them on Sunday, Oct. 6th from 1-5p. m. on Academy Hill. The event will include a military tent camp of the Continental Army, a field kitchen, a revolutionary physican, and displays of original documents belonging to the Regiment. They will perform period drills as well as give various talks on uniforms. Judson House will also be open for

walk through tours. The event is open to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors for an unusual, enlightening afternoon.

On the day after the Encampment would you like to make a Melon Basket? A class in basket making will be held at the Museum on Monday, Oct. 7 from 9:00 a. m. until about noon. All materials and instruction are included in the \$15 per person fee. Class size is limited to 12, so reserve your space early. If there is sufficient interest, further classes will be held in order that several different types of basket may be created. No previous experience or artistic bent is required. Come, have fun. Call Carol Lovell, 375--3569 if you are interested. Or write to her at 5365 Main Street, Putney, Stratford.

For those of you who were not present at the raffle of the quilt in May, it was won by Margot Buzik of Parkway Drive, Stratford. Mrs. Buzik is a teacher at Center School

Velmore Spamer, Assistant Treasurer, reports that the following contributions have been received to the Book of Remembrance:

In memory of brother Howard Raymond Beardsley and father T. R. Beardsley given by Ruth E. Beardsley Parker of Dewitt, New York

In celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 11 of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dobkin given by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Resnit, Mrs. David Bresky, Mr. and Mrs. Velmore Spamer, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fowler

The Society's 1986 Calendars will be on hand for our September meeting. William Howard Wilcoxson's photographs of old Stratford make this a unique glimpse into our town's past. The price will remain at \$4 each (\$5 if mailed). There is a tear-off at the end of the letter, if you wish to order by mail.

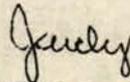
To help you plan for the 1985/86 year, listed below are the dates for the Society's meetings:

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| Friday, Sept. 27      | Friday, March 21  |
| Friday, Nov. 22       | Friday, May 16  |
| Friday, Jan. 23, 1986 | Antique Show-Saturday, April 5<br>at the Baldwin Center |

All our meetings are open to the public. We welcome friends and neighbors- perhaps they would like to become members in the future.

Just a reminder to all officers and committee heads-annual reports are due at the September meeting! I'm looking forward to seeing you on September 27 for David Wooster and the Louisbourg Expeditions and at the Encampment on Oct. 6th.

Sincerely,



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

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF CALENDARS \_\_\_\_\_

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CALENDARS

Box 382

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