

The Stratford Historical Society

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

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FRIDAY, January 24, PARISH HALL,
STRATFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:00 p.m.

"The Legacy of Matthew Brady: Photography In The Civil War Era", will be the title of our January 24 program at the General Membership Meeting. Trumbull resident Robert Bertelsen will discuss the work of Brady as well as other photographers of the era and show slides of their work.

The science of photography was only 22 years old at the beginning of the Civil War and Mr. Bertelsen will place special emphasis on the techniques, equipment and difficulties experienced by early photographers.

With a scope extending beyond our local history this program promises to be one which everyone will find interesting and enriching.

NOTES: Docent training will resume on February 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the museum according to Mrs. Russell Applegate, instructor. Those interested in this worthwhile project should respond.

Basketmaking is also back with another class scheduled for Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the museum with Carol Lovell and Muriel Cumpstone instructing. Participants will make at least two "nesting heart baskets" and, time permitting, will be shown how to make a "Shaker type cheese basket". The fee, which includes materials, is \$15.00.

Our annual Antique Show is now fast approaching and everyone is encouraged to examine their cellars and basements for items to be sold at the Society's booth. The date for the antique show is Saturday, April 5 and it will again be held at the Baldwin Center.

We still have some 1986 Stratford Historical Society calenders for sale. The attractive calendars display a different photograph from Stratford's history each month. Priced at \$4.00 dollars they make a good inexpensive gift. Some Stratford stores still have them in stock or you may contact calendar chairman Joe Moore or the Society.

MILESTONE: William Howard Wilcoxson, Historian Emeritus of the Society; author of the History of Stratford 1639 - 1969; and former Stratford Town Clerk, will celebrate his 90th birthday on February 6. The Society wishes him many happy returns of the day.

The Stratford Graded School also marked its 100th anniversary in 1985. And when it graduated its first class in 1887 the oration by Eliot W. Peck was "Home Rule For Ireland" proving that in some ways things don't change much.

Velmore B Spamer, Assistant Treasurer, reports the following contributions to the Book of Remembrance.

Todd and Carol Lovell - in celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dobkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fowler in memory of Mr. William Nedbal

Mrs. Margaret Van Gieson

Mrs. John Ross

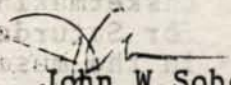
Mr. and Mrs. Velmore B. Spamer

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Lovell

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fowler

- all in memory of Mr. Alfred E. Beach

See you at the General Membership Meeting on January 24.


John W. Sober
President