


The Stratford Historical Society

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 21, 1986 8:00 p.m.
Stratford United Methodist Church
Parish Hall

In spring some of our thoughts inevitably do turn to birds as some varieties which have wintered in more temperate climates return to New England. So, it's an appropriate time for this month's program, "A Collection of North American Birds" by the Society's own Jim McCullough.

Jim will narrate a colored slide presentation of his bird pictures which have previously been exhibited at the Connecticut Audubon Society and Yale's Peabody Museum under the auspices of the New Haven Bird Club.

This is obviously an impressive collection which should be of interest whether you're a bird watcher or not.

OPENINGS FOR DOCENTS

The current class is extremely small which means there is plenty of opportunity for anyone interested in learning more about Judson House and our collections. According to Betty Aplegate classes meet on Thursday mornings at 9:45 at Judson House and former students who would like a refresher course are invited to attend. Two trips are planned.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW

Mark your calendar now - if you haven't already done so - to reserve Saturday, April 5 to attend our annual antique show in the Baldwin Center, Broad St., Stratford. The show is a growing success for the Society and an important money maker which helps to support many of our other programs. It's also a good place to shop for antiques and collectibles presented by the many fine dealers who participate.

Please plan to attend and support your Society.

MORE BASKET CLASSES .Carol Lovell and Muriel Cumpstone report that the next basket making classes will take place on Thursday April 17 and Saturday April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This time the class will be making a "hearth basket" suitable for fireplace kindling, magazines etc. The cost is \$20.00, class size is limited to 15 and reservations should be made with either Carol (375-3569) or Muriel (377-6539).

See page 3 for a picture of what's possible in basket making.

More creative arts ... Our weavers continue busy with five looms "on line" according to Rosamond Dustin. One loom is making rugs, another is making tote bags, the third is making place mats, and the "inkle" and "tape looms" are making belts and (not surprisingly) tapes. Meanwhile, one weaver has diversified and is caking chairs for the Society.

book exchange... Anyone wishing to buy or sell a copy of Wilcoxson's History of Stratford may contact the Society at the number on the front of the newsletter.

Book of Remembrance

In memory of Rose Carlson (Mrs. Rose Philip) by Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Fowler

In memory of Ralph E. Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dobkin

In gratitude for the new flagpole and flag in Stratford Center in memory of Harold C. Lovell by the Lovell family.

Donald and Alma Fowler
Dobby and Selma Dobkin
Claire and Vel Spamer

From Robert Child's account book, June 13, 1811. "To Indian Sam, cash 4/6, 2 meals and 2 bottles of cider, and gill of rum in full for pulling flax. Double what the work was worth."

Sincerely,

John W. Sober
President



Betty Hanusovsky shows her completed market basket made at the Society's basket class recently.

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Re: DUES SCHEDULE

Current Dues:

Type	\$\$\$	# Members	\$ Income
**** Senior citizen	\$5.00	247	\$1,235
Individual	7.50	178	1,335
Contributing	15.00	38	570
Business	25.00	3	75
Life (1986)	150.00	2	300
Life (previous)	150.00	71	---

PROPOSED DUES:

Senior Citizen	\$7.00	+2.00	\$494 (add'1 income)
Individual	10.00	+2.50	445 "
Supporting*	20.00	+5.00	190 "
Business	25.00	-----	-----
Contributing**	35.00	new	??
Life (3 payts.)	150.00	-----	??

* Formerly titled Contributing membership at \$15.00.

** New membership category

Donald Fowler
Judy Kurmay
Jane Lafferty
Carol Lovell
Kay Moore
David Wiggin