

# The Stratford Historical Society

Box 382, Stratford, Connecticut 06497  
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Judson House, 967 Academy Hill, Built C1750  
and Catharine B. Mitchell Museum, 1958

Annual Meeting and General  
Membership Meeting  
Friday, September 25, 1987  
Parish Hall, Stratford United  
Methodist Church, 2600 Main St.

September 1987

## OLD STRATFORD HOUSES: LOST, RECOVERED, MISSING

Lew Knapp will present his annual lecture on Stratford, this time highlighting the locals' penchant for reconstructing houses and buildings and then moving them elsewhere in town for a new use. One observer has said that Stratford in the 1800's was "... one big chess game or game of musical chairs. There were no inhibitions on reusing buildings by altering or moving them a block or a mile."

Lew will illustrate his talk with slides made from old photographs. This sounds like an interesting talk from a novel point of view. Hope to see you there.

Also, Please Note - we will be conducting our annual election of officers and almost all offices will be filled at this election. Your presence at these elections is very important.

## WILLIAM SAMUEL JOHNSON COMMEMORATIVE SET

Stratford's William Samuel Johnson assured Stratford's place in American history by editing the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

On September 17 - the 200th anniversary of the document's signing at Philadelphia - Johnson will be honored in a special ceremony and program. The program will begin with a ceremony at his gravesite in the Christ Church burial ground at 7:00 p.m. A musical, "We the People", will follow in the church's parish hall. If it rains, the entire program will be held in the church hall.

The burial ground is directly behind St. James Church and may be entered from the Broad St. side.

### 350 th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE NEEDED

At it's August meeting the Governing Board voted to establish a committee to oversee the Society's efforts to commemorate Stratford's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1989. If you would like to serve on this committee please contact the Society or me.

### JUDSON HOUSE VISITORS

Head hostess Jean Wilcoxson has reported that through the end of August 324 people visited Judson House. Also, through the end of August, the house was open 56 days since the beginning of the season in April and will remain open Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays through October.

In order to effectively maintain this schedule we do need more hostesses to serve on the above mentioned days from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jean if you can help.

### RECENT ACQUISITIONS

At our September meeting we will have on display two items which have come into the possession of the Society this summer. The first item, is a painting of the Lordship Bluffs done in 1886 by C.E. Wolfe for Ella Patterson whose family operated a farm in the area of what is now Patterson Ave.

The second item is a "friendship quilt" celebrating the marriage of Helen Wildman and Walter Gerrish in the Stratford Methodist Episcopal Church on June 1, 1881. Each block in the quilt contains the name of a friend. With the quilt we also received a copy of the marriage certificate and pictures of the bride and groom.

### PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED

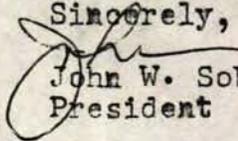
We have need of the services of another photographer to supplement the fine work Bob Burns has been doing for several years. If you can help please contact Hy Tindall at the museum.

### DUES

Please remember that our annual membership fees are payable on October 1. Promptness helps the Society.

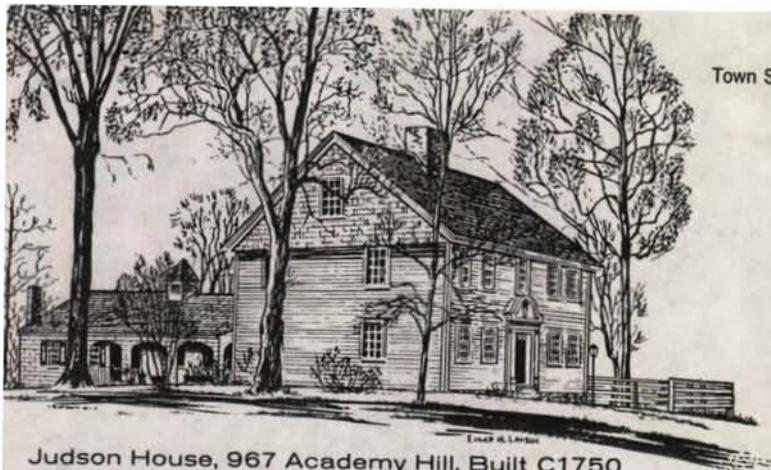
See you on September 25.

Sincerely,

  
John W. Sober  
President

Town Settled 1639

Society Organized 1925



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### MAKE A BASKET

All classes are \$15.00 plus materials fee as noted below:

Mon. Sept. 28	Square market basket	\$10 materials
Sat. Oct. 17	Rectangular market basket (twill weave)	\$10
Mon. Oct. 26	Heart baskets (2)	\$8
Mon. Nov. 2	Large round gathering basket	\$10
Mon. Nov. 9	Hearth basket	\$10
Sat. Nov. 14	Round reed, round basket with cover	\$10
Mon. Nov. 16	Egg basket--colored reed	\$10

All classes will be held in the Catharine B. Mitchell Museum of  
the Stratford Historical Society.

TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (approx.)

WHAT TO BRING: scissors, tape measure, pencil, clamp-type clothespins,  
hand towel, awl, lunch

REGISTRATION: \$10 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTRATION.

CALL Muriel Cumpstone (377-6539) or  
Carol Lovell (375-3569) to register.



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## QUILT A PINCUSHION

A new class to be offered.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW pattern pincushion (4" sq.)

Monday, OCTOBER 12, 1987

10AM until 12Noon

COST: Class: \$6.00 plus Materials: \$2.00--TOTAL \$8.00

Payable upon registration

All materials will be available from the instructor on  
the day of the class.

BRING TO CLASS: scissors, white thread, needles, thimble (optional)

Enrollment is limited.

Register by October 1, 1987.

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