

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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NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Friday, Jan. 29, 1988 8:00 PM Stratford United Methodist Church
Parish Hall, 2600 Main Street

"Post Card Views of Old Stratford, Conn" will be the subject of the talk to be given by Mr. Howard Lounsbury and Mr. Raymond Cable, both of whom are long-time members of our Society and past presidents of the Connecticut Post Card Club. The combined collections of these men represent sixty five years of post card collecting.

Picture post cards originated in the United States at the time of the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Most of the Stratford cards are from the 1905 to 1940 period. Audience participation will be greatly appreciated as some of the views to be shown are not specifically identified.

On display during the evening will be examples of other styles and types of post cards which Mr. Lounsbury and Mr. Cable collect. There is an almost endless variety of subjects and sets of cards which can be sought out and collected.

Remember that our meetings are always open to the public. Membership is not a requisite for attendance. Please bring a friend.

MAIL SERVICE--We have been unable to resolve our problem with delivery of our newsletter under the Bulk Mail process. Therefore, it has been determined that we will send our mailings by First Class postage from now on. The additional expense should prove to be worthwhile, especially in the announcement of meetings. Several of you did respond to my request to know your date of receipt of the November letter.. which ranged from less than one week to six weeks delivery time. Some letters have not yet been received? One member sent us a post card which was delivered back to her instead of to the Museum address!

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE--Docent training classes will begin on Feb. 4 at 10:00 AM in the Museum building. Docents are given all the information necessary to show Judson House to school children, scout groups, or adult visitors. If you are interested in the history of Judson House, the Judson family, or the history of Stratford in general why not become a docent? The classes last for approximately and one-half hours a week for ten weeks. Call the Society or Mrs. Russel Applegate (377-4224) for information.

350th ANNIVERSARY--The Town of Stratford will be celebrating its Tricentquingenary (350th anniversary) in 1989. Committees are beginning for activities through the many organizations of the town, and we will certainly be involved in the observances. The Planning Committee will have its initial meeting on Wed., Feb. 10 at 7:30 PM in the Museum. The membership of this committee is open to any Society member with ideas and inclinations to participate. Please come to this meeting at which time suggestions for Society activities will be welcome and discussed. YOU are needed to serve on this committee. Please become a part of the activity of your Society. Call the Museum and leave a message if you wish to be involved or call Carol Lovell (375-3569) if you cannot attend on Feb. 10.

QUILTING--As part of our celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Town, the Governing Board of the Society has authorized the creation and raffle of a quilt. We have a stencilled design quilt ready for you to stitch...no piecing or difficult stitching. Please come to the Museum on Wed. Feb. 24 at 7:30 PM if you would like to be part of this project. We hope to finish the quilt before June of this year and save it for a raffle in Sept., 1989. In that way, we will not be working on too many projects in 1989. The plan for the Feb. 24 meeting is for you to have an over-view of the project, receive some slight instructions and take your quilt square home to stitch at your leisure. Please call the Museum (378-0630) or Carol Lovell (375-3569) if you wish to be involved, but cannot attend the meeting.

THE WEAVERS who meet each Tuesday morning in the Loom Room of Judson House are at work reproducing a 'runner' following one of the diaper (geometric) patterns given in the Pattern Book of Silas Burton, weaver, one of our invaluable artifacts.

Silas Burton, 1773-1827, was one of Stratford's outstanding citizens and a man of many talents. In 1801 he purchased the salt box house which still stands on the east side of Linden Ave. He built a weaving shop nearby and there he wove carpets and table linens. His "Stratford Beauty" pattern was much sought after by the wealthy families of New York City. (Our Society owns several samples of this beautiful linen.)

Silas Burton taught navigation in evening classes at the Stratford Academy on Academy Hill, was a teacher in various district schools, was a hatter and a tanner and was, for a time, Town Clerk.

The weaving group welcomes new members at any time. If you are interested, please call Beatrice Schrader (Mrs. J. Walton Schrader, 375-6439). She will be pleased to hear from you.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:

In memory of:

Einar M. Larson

Herbert Kelt

Caroline Davenport

Marion Trumbull Cruickshank

Theodore R. Beardsley &
Howard R. Beardsley

Given by:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hillson
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Chapman
Mrs. Anne Stanford
Mrs. Catherine Lawrence
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dahl
Mrs. Jean Wilcoxson
Mr. Andrew L. Harding

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fowler
Mr. & Mrs. Velmore B. Spamer
Mrs. Einar M. Larson

Ms. Alice Winchester

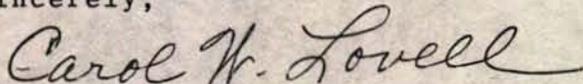
Miss Harriet Allen

Mrs. Ruth Parker

ANTIQUe SHOW items will be received at the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call ahead to tell us when you are coming. If you wish to have items picked up at your home, call Hy Tindall at the Society (378-0630). Remember, the Antique Show will be held on Saturday, March 26, 1988 at the Baldwin Center. This is our only big fund-raising activity. Please offer your items for sale or your time.

Remember the next meeting of our Society: Friday, Jan. 29, 1988 at the Methodist Church, 2600 Main St... "Post Card Views of Old Stratford".

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell, President

AFTERTHOUGHTS:

1. Memberships may be paid at the Jan. 29 meeting.
2. 1988 CALENDARS will be available for purchase at the Jan. 29 meeting.