

The Stratford Historical Society

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

March, 1988

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Friday, March 18, 1988 8:00 PM Stratford United Methodist Church
Parish Hall, 2600 Main St.

"A HURRY OF HOOFS" will be presented by Melvin Schneidermeyer and Ruth Hummel. This is a program which looks at the history, lore and colorful world of horses in Connecticut.

Mr. Schneidermeyer will open the program with a look at the beginnings of horses in the history of Connecticut: assisting in settlement, powering early manufacturing endeavors and "carrying the word" during times of peace and war. The program will portray travel by horseback, sleigh, buggy, stagecoach and canal boat with sidetrips into horse sporting events, the Connecticut cavalry unit and the use of horses for work and leisure activities.

Mrs. Hummel will take us to the land of horse lore, family horses, "horsey" epitaphs, and true stories of fire and police horses. The crafts of the farrier and old time horse doctor will be discussed, as well as the first horseshoe nail machine and the fine points of side saddle riding.

Both speakers are authors of local history and active in historical circles. You may remember their excellent program about the Farmington Canal.

Remember to bring a friend. All of the meetings of our Society are open to the public. As usual, refreshments will be served.

Antique show items may still be donated for the March 26 event. If you wish to donate items, please bring them to the museum on Tuesdays before 1:30 PM or call Bonnie Paradise (377-2332) after 4:00 PM. She will be pleased to hear from you and make arrangements to pick up your contributions. Remember that this Antique Show is our largest fund-raising event each year. Items donated to our Society booth represent a sizable portion of the day's income. The admission fee is also part of our income. You will find enclosed with this letter a discount card which is good for reduced admission fee for 1 or 2 persons. Please make every effort to attend. At the same time you will be able to leave your Bake Sale donations. The telephone committee has contacted many members. If, however, you have not been reached, please take it upon yourself to contribute to the Bake Sale. Last year we were able to sell all which was donated.

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This, also, is an important aspect of the Antique Show which is again at the Baldwin Center on West Broad St. Don't forget your discount coupon.

TRICENTQUINQUAGENERY (350th Anniversary) Planning Committee meetings have been held twice. The plans are still in a preliminary stage with nothing yet definite. If you are interested in helping with this celebratory year of 1989, please contact the Society or call Carol Lovell (375-3569). I hope that you will volunteer. I have no way of knowing who would like to participate but is waiting to be asked. At this time, the date of the next meeting is not available. Please check with us after March 15.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE--Docent training classes continue each Thursday at 10:00 AM in the museum building. If you are interested in learning the history of Judson House and guiding small groups the House and Museum, please call the Society or Betty Applegate (377-4224) or Carol Brancato (375-8187-)

QUILT SQUARES for our 350th anniversary quilt are available now. If you wish to work on a square please call Jane Allen (375-9782). This is a very fine quilt which was designed and stencilled for us by Cecily Zerega of Fairfield, a professional artist and quiltmaker. Since there is no piecing of fabric to be done, the work is simply a fine stitching around each of the motifs of the floral design in each square. It is not difficult. We hope to raffle this quilt and have the drawing at our annual meeting in Sept., 1989.

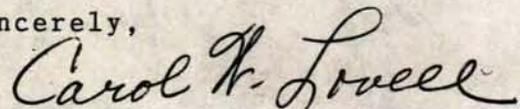
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE donations have been received as follows:

In memory of:
Einar M. Larson

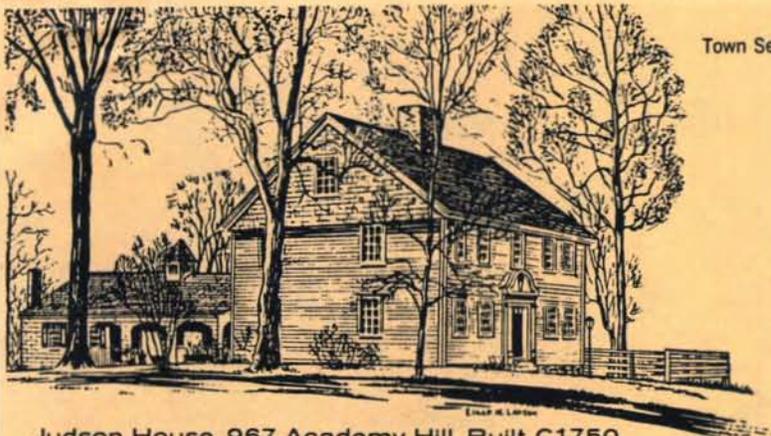
Given by:
Eleanor M. Daubenspeck
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Larson

WE ARE LOOKING FOR a picture of the Committee for the 250th Anniv. of Stratford (1889) and/or a picture of the first Town Council, c. 1921. Do you know of the whereabouts of such photographs? We are also seeking to know the location of oil paintings by Stratford artist Calvin Curtis, c. 1840, in hopes of preparing an inventory of his work for a future exhibit. The Society is fortunate to own several Calvin Curtis paintings. We would appreciate your help.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell, Pres.



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Society Organized 1925

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MAKE A BASKET

All classes are \$20.00 plus materials fee as noted:

Sat. Apr. 30	Hearth basket	\$12 materials
Mon. May 9	Square market basket	\$10
Sat. May 14	Berry basket	\$10
Wed. May 18	Round gathering basket	\$10
Mon. May 23	Heart basket (2)	\$7
Mon. June 6	Round reed, round basket with cover	\$10
Sat. June 11	Egg basket	\$10

Special two-day class: Mon. June 20 & Sat. June 25

Very large bushel-type basket: \$40 plus materials fee to be announced

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

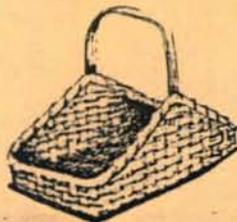
TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM (approx.)

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

REGISTRATION: \$10 DEPOSIT REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION.

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

Hearth



Square



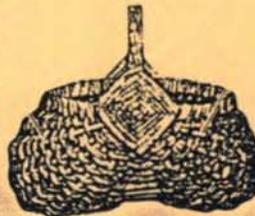
Round



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Egg



"Bushel"

