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The Stratford Historical Society

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September, 1989

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Sept. 15, 1989--8:00 PM--United Methodist Church,
2600 Main Street

The sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Society will include a brief business meeting during which Mrs. Irving Dobkin, Nominating Committee Chair, will present for election the officers for 1989-1990. Following the installation of the officers, the program will be:

"THE REST OF THE STORY"

An illustrated lecture by Lewis G. Knapp, Town Historian
and

Author of the new history of Stratford "IN PURSUIT OF PARADISE".

A reasonable selling price dictated the maximum number of signatures (16 page units) we could put into our Stratford history book In Pursuit Of Paradise. We wrote much that we later had to chop out. Deciding what to save and what to discard was not easy. The final decision was usually made based on "flow" or "continuity", not on interest. Some material just didn't fit; some had too much detail; some we found too late to patch in properly.

Come hear how we chose what went into the final copy and what ended on the copyroom floor; hear Lina Lobdell's mystery story, and about the other trolley wreck. Learn of Stanley Beach's other life, and of the death of officer Zint. Find out about Captain Selby and the minister's sons. What happened at the Dartmoor massacre? All these tidbits would make another book, but you can hear about them at the meeting, at an illustrated lecture. Lew Knapp

The QUILT RAFFLE tickets will be available for purchase at the museum until Thursday, Sept. 14. The drawing will take place at the beginning of the meeting (8:15PM) on Friday, Sept. 15. If you wish to purchase tickets through the mail, please send one dollar for each ticket you wish and a self-addressed stamped envelope. To date more than 1125 tickets have been sold..a substantial contribution to the Society.

BOOK RECEPTION AND SIGNING for In Pursuit of Paradise will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Council Chambers in Town Hall from 2:00 to 5:00PM. Lewis Knapp will be available for autographing his book from 2:00 to 3:00PM. Refreshments will feature two wine punches from Paradise Enow, the companion cookbook.

This reception is made possible by People's Bank with the cooperation of Seagram's Classic Wines and the 350th Committee of the Town of Stratford.

Both the history book and the cookbook will be available for purchase. All members of the Society as well as the public is invited to attend this special event.

INVITATION FROM THE DAR: The Mary Silliman Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, cordially invites the members of the Stratford Historical Society to attend a program in celebration of Constitution Week and Stratford's 350th birthday celebration.

Mrs. Mae Schmidle, Conn. State Representative from Newtown will be the guest speaker. The program will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, 1989 at Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Main Street from 2:00 until 4:00PM.

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1990 CALENDARS should be available for our Sept. 15 meeting. We have continued the use of the Society's large collection of photos and glass plate negatives in this, the sixth in our series of calendars. The price remains at \$5.00 (the same price for the last five years) with an optional \$1 mailing fee. You may order calendars by sending your check with your name, address and telephone number to the Society at P.O. Box 382.

We are pleased to be receiving new memberships (as a result of the flyers which are included in In Pursuit of Paradise). The Stratford Historical Society is open to all interested persons and we welcome your interest in joining in our efforts to preserve the history of our town and to attempt to conduct educational activities and exhibits in order to give a wider public awareness of the Society and the town's past. If you know of anyone interested in joining, please have them contact us.

The VOLUNTEERS are the ones who make the Stratford Historical Society so successful. This is primarily a volunteer society with only a few part-time employees. Without the dedicated effort of many people this 350th year would not have been possible in terms of the varied activities with which we have been involved.

Muriel Cumpstone has tirelessly worked at keeping track of pre-publication orders for the history book and the cookbook--recording orders, sales tax, UPS mailing lists, etc., etc., etc. The smooth flow of the distribution of almost 1500 books has been directly due to Muriel's efforts. We all thank her for fourteen months work!

Betty Hanusovsky worked for a year to bring about our first-ever Early American Craft Festival--held on July 16. This activity, hardly diminished by late afternoon rain, was one of the most successful educational events the Society has held. Attendance was more than expected and the compliments about the quality of the afternoon were constant. Thanks to Betty for all her work!

Of course, without Vivienne and Lew Knapp there would be no history and no cookbook. There are not words enough to express the Society's thanks for their tireless efforts!

The cookbook could not have been produced without the volunteer recipe testers who donated not only their time, but but the cost of the ingredients which they needed. The only expenses to the Society for the cookbook, except for printing, were for postage--\$35.00! Ruth Tabor and Bill Krause gave of their time to create the wonderful full color cover. Thanks also to them!

Don Calkins, Nancy Calkins, Molly Brown, Muriel Cumpstone and Betty Hanusovsky have been responsible for getting 400 copies of the history ready for UPS pick-up--all in the excessive heat and humidity of mid-August! The Calkins have also graciously given up space in their home in order to store several boxes of books.

Many people, too numerous to name, have been available on the distribution days at the museum for three weeks. Without them the task would have been formidable and insurmountable!

Thanks are due to the many townspeople who have responded to our efforts this year by purchasing books and attending events. This 350th anniversary year, from the perspective of the Historical Society has been a demonstration of how members and townspeople have responded to a volunteer effort. Volunteerism is alive and well at the Stratford Historical Society.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

Included elsewhere in this newsletter is a flyer describing a trip to Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts. We are planning this event for Thurs., Oct. 26 as part of the continuing celebration of 350 years of Stratford. This will be a journey back to the place where New England began. At Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum, the year is always 1627. The interpreters who are trained to speak only of the 17th century will be portraying personages not unlike those who came with Adam Blakeman to Stratford in 1639. Please consider taking this trip with us. Space is limited, early payment will guarantee seat selection on the bus.

HELP WANTED!!! The Historical Society does not have a chair person (coordinator?, leader?, organizer?) for the Oct. 7 Founders Day Parade. We do have some ideas for a float, but no one to carry them (or any other ideas that may arise) to fruition. **PLEASE CALL THE SOCIETY IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO BE THIS PERSON!! WE NEED YOU!!!** As of this minute, we do have an application for participation in the parade, but do not have a float or marching unit established. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!**

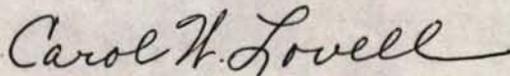
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

In memory of: Mr. Donald W. Fowler

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Andrews.	Miss Jane F. T. Lafferty
Mrs. Michael Barna & family	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lovell, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barnish	Mr. & Mrs. Todd B. Lovell
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Barrett	Ms. Isabel McCobb
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Barrett	Mr. & Mrs. James McCullough
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Barrows	Mrs. J.W. McGibbon
Mr. H. Raymond Benson	Mr. & Mrs. Leo Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Blake	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Brandt	Mr. & Mrs. Stillman Munger
Mrs. Esther C. Burt	Mrs. Virginia Mussler
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Calkins	Mr. & Mrs. John Olha
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Chapman	Mr. & Mrs. Dean Paradise
Mrs. Linton Clarke	Miss Ethel Peck
Mrs. Emma M. Coulter	Mr. Ron Rader
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cumpstone	Mrs. Margaret H. Ross
Mrs. Henry Detweiler	Mr. & Mrs. Maruice F. Sherry
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dickgiesser	Mr. & Mrs. Claude C. Smith, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Dobkin	Mr. & Mrs. Velmore Spamer
Mr. & Mrs. Elden Dustin	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Stone
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Fanslow	Stratford Historical Society-Executive Bd.
Mrs. Esther G. Fortune	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Switzgable
Mr. & Mrs. Rogers Fowler	Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Tindall
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest France	Mr. & Mrs. John Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Franz Goldbach	Mr. & Mrs. David Wiggin
Mrs. Louise Gunderman Mr. & Mrs.	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Wilcoxson
Mr. & Mrs. Burr Hamilton	Mrs. Jean Wilcoxson
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, Jr.	Mrs. Esther Wojtul
Mrs. Marion Herb	
Dr. Jeanette Brewster LaMacchia	
Mr. Andrew L. Harding, Jr.	
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hillson	
Miss Margaret Jacaruso	
Dr. & Mrs. David Jenney	
Mrs. Bette Standish Johnson	
Mr. Stanley Johnson	

Remember, Lewis Knapp will tell "THE REST OF THE STORY" on Friday, Sept. 15 at 8:00pm at the United Methodist Church. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Todd B. Lovell, Pres.

PS: Next General meeting: Friday, Nov. 17. The speaker will be from Plimoth Plantation in Mass. and will speak about the life of the early settlers of New England. A fitting topic as our 350th year draws to a close.

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Shakespeare Travel Centre

PRESENT

\$89 per person....A One-Day Trip to PLIMOTH PLANTATION...\$89 per person

Thursday, October 26, 1989

Includes: Breakfast/Brunch at Tara Hyannis, MA
Dinner at Plimoth Plantation, 17th Century Theme
A Guide for the day
Admissions to: Plimoth Plantation
Mayflower II
Ocean Spray's Cranberry World
Centerville Museum

Itinerary:

6:00am	Depart from Stratford...Private Bus
10:00am	Arrive at Tara Hyannis - Breakfast/Brunch
11:00am	Tour of Hyannis
11:45am	Centerville Museum (Period rooms, Doll and Quilt Collection, Period clothing, Marine Room, Sandwich glass, Elmer Crowell Bird Carvings, etc.)
12:45am	Depart for Plymouth
1:30pm	Admission to Cranberry World
2:30pm	Admission to Mayflower II
3:30pm	Admission to Plimoth Plantation (A Living History Museum which recreates the world of the pilgrims who came to the New World on the Mayflower. Aboard Mayflower II and in the Pilgrim Village men and women portray the English people who established Plymouth Colony.)
5:30pm	17th century theme-dinner at Visitor Center-- Choice of Roast Beef or Turkey
8:00pm	Depart for Stratford
(approx.)	
12:00M	Arrive in Stratford
(approx.)	

This trip has been planned by the Stratford Historical Society, in conjunction with Shakespeare Travel, as part of the 350th Anniversary celebration of the Town of Stratford. Come with us to the place where New England began.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SHAKESPEARE TRAVEL CENTRE.

In order to reserve your place a \$50.00 deposit is required no later than Sept. 15, 1989. However, to guarantee early boarding and seat selection on the bus, full payment of \$89.00 must be received as soon as possible.

If you choose to pay only the deposit of \$50.00 at this time, the balance of \$49 will be due no later than September 26, 1989.

Mail to: Stratford Historical Society
Attention: Plimoth
P.O. Box 382
Stratford, CT 06497

I wish to reserve a place on the Oct. 26 trip to Plimoth.

I have sent a deposit of \$50.00 _____

I have sent full payment of \$89.00 per person _____

The total amount I have included is \$ _____.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

List additional names below or on a separate sheet.