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Society Organized 1925

The Stratford Historical Society

Box 382, Stratford, Connecticut 06497
Telephone 378-0630

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

March 1991

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Friday, March 22, 1991--8:00PM
Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall
2000 Main St., Stratford, CT

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

PROGRAM: CHARLES and ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH: Their Lives and Literary
Contributions--a slide-illustrated lecture

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh, an airmail pilot, flying a monoplane he christened "Spirit of St. Louis," made the first nonstop flight between New York and Paris. In 1929 he married Anne Morrow. Three years later, their two-year-old son was kidnapped for ransom and found murdered; the most famous crime of the 1930s. During World War II Lindbergh was a consultant for aircraft firms, then retired from public life until the early 1970s when he became a leading spokesman for conservation and ecology.

Lindbergh's books include We (1927), his story of the flight to Paris, and The Spirit of St. Louis (1953), and his autobiography which won a Pulitzer Prize. Anne Morrow Lindbergh's books include Gift from the Sea (1955) and Earth Shine (1969). [Information from The Volume Library]

Our speaker, Judith Ann Schiff, Chief Research Archivist of the Yale University Library, is a recognized expert on the lives and literary contributions of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. In 1987, at the International Meeting of the Lindbergh Fund in Paris, she was awarded a medal in recognition of her biographical contributions, especially as co-editor of Charles A. Lindbergh's Autobiography of Values, and as contributing author to Charles A. Lindbergh, An American Life published by the Smithsonian Institution Press.

Ms Schiff, a native of New Haven, is a specialist in American social history, the history of Yale and of New Haven. She is actively involved in the Yale/New Haven community, having worked for and with the Jewish Historical Society, the League of Women Voters, and the Yale University Women's Organization as well as the Museum of American Theatre in New Haven and the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

A MINI-PROGRAM of excerpts of "Stratford Characters--A play About Our Past" by Steven Otfinoski will precede our main speaker. We will "hear" from "Goody Bassett" (hanged as a witch, 1651), "William Samuel Johnson" (signer of the Constitution, 1787) and "Igor Sikorsky" (inventor of the helicopter, 1940).

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APRIL 6--ANTIQUÉ SHOW. Donations may be brought to the Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you wish to have items picked up at your home, please call Hy Tindall at 378-0630 or Bonnie Paradise at 377-2332. Remember that almost anything sells. The Society Booth is one of our largest fund raisers. If you have no discards for the Booth or do not bake but would like to contribute to this effort, please send a check to the address in the letterhead, marked either Baked Goods or Society Booth. We appreciate all contributions.

JUDSON HOUSE and the MITCHELL MUSEUM will open for the 1991 season on Wednesday, April 17 and will be open each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday through October. Arrangements may be made for large group tours for other days of the week. Please call the Society at 378-0630 for information.

OPEN HOUSE to celebrate the start of the 1991 season will be held on Sunday, April 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Both the House and Museum will be open for viewing. Bonnie Paradise is in charge of arrangements and refreshments. Hope to see you there.

A SPECIAL LECTURE on "Women and Family Life in the 18th Century" has been arranged by Carol Brancato, Education co-chair, as part of the Docent Training Program. Lisa Broberg Quintana of the New Haven Colony Historical Society will give us a glimpse into the roles of women and the family in the 18th century. This will be an opportunity to gain insight into an important area generally neglected by the history books.

This very special program will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 PM at the Catherine Mitchell Museum, located behind Judson House. The public is encouraged to attend. Due to seating limitations, reservations are required. Call the Society at 378-0630 or Carol Brancato at 375-8187.

BUILDING NOTE: The Building Committee has had a contractor look at our "Sewer Problem" as it relates to our building program. We now have one cost estimate bid to pipe us to the street sewer line when we build. Meetings and building information will be announced as we progress. We will need your help down the road.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE contributions have been received as follows:

In Memory of:
Donald Fowler
Einar Larson
Isabel McCobb
Helen Barna

Given by:
Stanley Ochman
Stanley Ochman
Mabel Miller
Alma Fowler
Hiram Tindall
Selma Dobkin
Hilda M. Trainor (by her will)

Francis James Trainor

Note: A Discount Coupon card for the ANTIQUÉ SHOW to be held on April 6, has been enclosed with this newsletter. If you cannot use it, please consider passing it on to a friend.

Vincent L. Hardy
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President



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SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Two-Day Trip - April 27th & 28th 1991

- Includes: One night at the Hawthorne Inn
Luggage Handling and Taxes
One Breakfast
One Lunch
17th Century Dinner at House of Seven Gables
Guided Tour of Salem and Marblehead
Admissions to: House of Seven Gables
Phillips House
Peabody Museum
Witch House

Itinerary:

Sat. 4/27	8:00 AM	Depart Stratford by Private Bus
	12:00 N	Arrive Salem Lunch at Hawthorne Inn
	1:30 PM	Tour of Witch House, c. 1642
	3:00 PM	Free time at hotel
	6:00 PM	Depart for House of Seven Gables PRIVATE lecture tour 17th Century Dinner
	Evening	Casual Entertainment is available at Hawthorne Inn--On your own
Sun. 4/28	8:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Guided Tour of Chestnut Street
	(approx.)	Tour of Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House
	10:00 AM	Board bus for 15 min. ride to Marblehead Bus tour of Marblehead: pre-Revolution and Georgian architecture Town Hall at Marblehead to view the original painting "Spirit of '76"
	12:00 N	Return to Salem
	(approx.)	Admission to Peabody Museum Lunch on your own--Pickering Wharf is nearby
	3:00 PM	Depart for Stratford
	(approx.)	
	6 - 7 PM	Arrive Stratford
	(approx.)	

\$245.00 per person/single occ.
 PRICE: \$196.00 per person/double occ.
 \$177.00 per person/triple occ.

REFUNDABLE Payment in Full due by March 27.

For information call Carol Lovell 375-3569.

I have enclosed \$ _____, payment in full (refundable), for the Stratford Historical Society trip to Salem, MA on April 27, 1991.

I plan to share a room with _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____