



Town Settled 1639

Society Organized 1925

# The Stratford Historical Society

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

March 1993

## NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Friday, March 26, 1993--8:00PM  
Christ Church Parish Hall  
2000 Main St., Stratford

## THE WORLD OF P. T. BARNUM

Robert Pelton, Curator of the Barnum Museum, explores the varied and complex world of Phineas Taylor Barnum. During the nineteenth century Barnum dominated the world of show business on an international level. His American Museum and later "P. T. Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth" were world famous, and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus still carries his name. He has been called the "Shakespeare of advertising" and, in politics, he was mayor of Bridgeport and a state representative. His other activities included religion, temperance, real estate and urban development.

This slide illustrated lecture will include some Bridgeport history and the rebirth that the Barnum Museum has enjoyed in recent years.

All General Membership meetings are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served following the program.

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The Stratford Historical Society is looking for a number of picture hooks from the late 1800's - early 1900's that fit the picture rail that was used in houses at the time. They are made of brass with a large loop at the top down to almost a point hook at the lower end. 'S' shape in general.

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The Building Program is just about complete and we are looking forward to the open house in May.

We are planning a grand opening for May 23, 1993.

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This Spring we hope to landscape the area which was disturbed by the construction. We will need many volunteers, and all are most welcome.

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BAKED GOODS BOOTH

Please activate your kitchen and create some goodies for the Baked Goods Booth at the annual Antique show. Mary Hardy is in charge taking over from Margaret Van Gieson who headed the booth for many years. Margaret is still involved.

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SOCIETY BOOTH

Time to houseclean and rid yourselves of unneeded items. It is amazing what will sell. Let us decide if your discards are Junque or Junk. China - glass - furniture - pictures - tools - anything, etc. Call Bonnie Paradise, 377-2332 or Hy Tindall, 377-7361, or bring to Judson House on Tuesday or Thursday.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

From: Mrs. Donald Fowler, In memory of Homer Rawson

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STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARTIFACTS

The Stratford Historical Society artifacts on display in Norwalk. A number of our treasures are on display in a new exhibit, "A Child's Place, 1825-1910 at Lockwood Mansion. The exhibit will last through May 9th.

The small child's cradle, home-made of cardboard is extremely rare, perhaps one of a kind.



Doll in paper board cradle, circa 1840, at LMMM. Stratford Historical Society

Sincerely,

*Vincent L. Hardy*  
Vincent Hardy, President

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