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Society Organized 1925

The Stratford Historical Society

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Telephone 378-0630

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

May 1993

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: May 28, 1993--8:00pm
Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall
2000 Main St., Stratford

COLLECTING MARBLES

Robert Block will present a program on antique marbles at our meeting on Friday, May 28, 1993 at 8:00pm. Mr. Block will discuss the history, manufacture, and collecting of marbles, both new and old. Following the slide-illustrated talk, he will be available for identification and evaluation of any marbles which members of the audience care to bring with them.

Mr. Block is an authority on marbles and has been conducting absentee marble auctions for several years. He has spoken extensively to various clubs and societies on the subject of antique and collectible marbles. Some of the projects that Mr. Block is currently working on are a chapter on machine-made marbles for the soon-to-be-published Marble Collectors Society of America guide to marble collecting, a videotape series on marble collecting and identification, and an article on reproduction and fake marbles.

Mr. Block is a partner in Block's Box, located in Trumbull, CT, which runs the longest, continuously operating videotape absentee auction service in the country. In the coming year, Block's Box will be conducting six absentee marble auctions, as well as at least one absentee paperweight auction. Block's Box is expanding to provide videotape production services to auctioneers, dealers, appraisers and collectors, who wish to create videocatalogues for use in either selling collections or creating permanent records of collections.

Mr. Block, a CPA, is currently employed as a finance manager at Yale-New Haven Hospital and resides in Milford, CT.

The meeting is, as usual, open to the public. Bring your friends and your marbles!!

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FROM MARY HARDY

A big thank you to all the wonderful folks who contributed to the Baked Goods and Dessert Tables at our Antique Show.

We earned a total of \$1,011.50 -- Not Bad - Right!!!

The Officers & Executive Board
of
The Stratford Historical Society

invite you to

A Reception for
The Grand Opening of the New Addition

New Exhibits
Stratford Quilts
A Judson Wedding
A Century of Stratford Post Cards

Sunday, May 23, 1993

3:00-5:00 P.M.

Guests Welcome

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HOWARD SMITH

The Society was saddened by news of the death of Howard Smith, a long time participating member.

Howard was active in the entire renovation, doing carpentering and painting. He served as Building Chairman for many years -- all problems were instantly served. He was ready for every emergency. We called on him constantly.

He was active until he moved from Stratford last year to live with his daughter Sally.

We are thankful for the life of Howard Smith.

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WILCOXSON'S HISTORY

We have two (2) copies of Wilcoxson's History of Stratford available. One copy is in good condition -- \$100.00, and one copy with slight wear -- \$85.00.

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CONCERNED HARBOR USERS OF MILFORD

The annual event of 'CHUM' will be held at the 'Dock' on Saturday, June 12th. The Stratford Historical Society will display its artifacts pertaining to the oyster industry, as well as have for sale maps, cook books, In Pursuit of Paradise History, etc.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Docent Training program is completed and we have four (4) new docents -- Kay Moore, Rita Fitzsimmons, Sandy Rutkowski and Cindy Kleynowski.

THANK YOU

Again, we had a most successful Antique Show, with great membership participation. We would like to thank those who planned, prepared, telephoned, donated time, items and baked goods, gave money, etc.

Many hands make light work and there were many hands.

Results -- \$6,435.42.

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HEADS UP EVERYONE!!!

We are in earnest need of willing workers to assist in raking rocks and smoothing the grounds around the new addition.

Yes -- raking rocks. Bring your rake.

Call Vin Hardy 375-4230 or leave a message at the Historical Society phone 378-0630.

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GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW WING

A festive open house is planned for Sunday, May 23rd from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock to show our new addition. To celebrate, three special exhibits will be opened -- "A Judson Wedding", which will use the wedding outfits of Ida Atwood and Edmund Judson, Sr., who were married in 1896 -- over one hundred (100) years of "Stratford Post Cards" -- and -- "Stratford Quilts", taken from our own collection of quilts.

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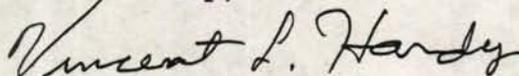
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The following have contributed to the Book of Remembrance, of the Stratford Historical Society, in memory of Howard Smith:

M/M Hiram Tindall
Catherine C. Lawrence
M/M Elden Dustin
Mrs. Elizabeth Applegate
M/M Ronald Wanner
Capt. & Mrs. Bruce E. Heylmun
Mrs. Helen W. Spillane

Mrs. Einar Larson
Mrs. Margaret VanGieson
M/M Walter Mattson
M/M John Budnick
Mrs. Fred Wilcoxson
Mrs. Alma G. Fowler

Sincerely,



Vincent Hardy, President