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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 1994

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Friday, March 25, 1994--8:00PM
Christ Church Parish Hall
2000 Main St., Stratford

American Needlework scholar Glee Krueger will present an illustrated slide lecture entitled Paper and Silk: The ornamental Arts of the Litchfield Female Academy, 1792-1833.

During the past two years, Mrs. Krueger has worked with the Litchfield Historical Society to locate unpublished theorems, watercolors, silk embroideries, painted silk mourning pictures and samplers made at this renowned New England girls' school. It was noted for its academic excellence and the many young women teachers it trained and inspired. The founder, Sarah Pierce, and her school were the subject of two early publications, Chronicles of A Pioneer School and More Chronicles of A Pioneer School by Emily Noyes Vanderpoel. To this material was added new and corrected information by Lynne Templeton Brickley in her Harvard doctoral thesis. More of the work of these pupils has been located and was included in the recent Litchfield exhibition and catalog, To Ornament Their Minds: Sarah Pierce's Litchfield Female Academy, 1792-1833.

Mrs. Krueger is the author of New England Samplers to 1840, published by Old Sturbridge Village and was guest curator of "A Gallery of American Samplers: The Theodore H. Kapnek Collection", an exhibit at The Museum of American Folk Art, New York and the subject of her book by the same title published by E.P. Dutton, Inc. and the museum. She was also curator of the Conn. Historical Society exhibit, "Mary Wright Alsop and Her Needlework", the first exhibition of an American 18th century woman's needlework;. It was also published as "A Middletown Cameo: Mary Wright Alsop and Her Needlework" by the society.

Mrs. Krueger has been a sampler collector for 31 years and a stitcher and member of the Embroiderers' Guild of America. She has lectured in the graduate folk art classes at New York University and in the Folk Art Studies Program of the Museum of American Folk Art.

In case of inclement weather, cancellation will be announced after 1:00P.M. on AM radio station WICC, 600 .

HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

As you mark your calendar for "Things to do this Year" -- kindly call Betty Applegate - 377-4224- to sign up for your turn to "Host/Hostess" at the door of Judson House. We need you from 12 to 3 pm on any Wednesday, Saturday, Saturday or Sunday, from April through October.

It is a fun way to spend three (3) hours -- TRY IT!!!!

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ANNUAL REPORTS, TOWN OF STRATFORD:

We are anxious to complete our files of the Stratford annual reports. If you have any, we would be happy to have them.

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FAREWELL TO THE DUSTINS

It is with deep regret that we say farewell to Roz and Elden Dustin very long, very dedicated active members. Both were actively involved in the restoration of the house and the setting up of the museum. Elden was a past president and Roz was in charge of the weavers.

They have moved to Concord, New Hampshire to a retirement community. Nearby are two of Eldens' siblings and one of Roz's, also two of the children and their grandchildren. We are happy for them, but will miss them greatly.

GOOD LUCK ROZ AND ELDEN!

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ANTIQUÉ SHOW IS IMPORTANT

We have been most fortunate to have received generous bequests from the Judson Trust and Katherine Judson's estate. These funds insure our future. They have been invested as endowment and we will use the income only. With the new addition to the museum, the annual maintenance has increased, utilities continue to go up, etc. These funds will also enable us to begin much needed conservation on some of our more important artifacts. However, to keep our budget in balance, we still need a successful Antique Show which is our major fund raiser.

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SOCIETY BOOTH

We are in need of items for the society booth -- books, china, glassware, chairs, trunks, chests, metalware, etc. etc. We do repairing, reseating, refinishing. Let us decide if your treasures

are junk or junque.

Call Hy Tindall at 377-7361 or Bonnie Paradise at 377-2332.

BAKED GOODS

You may be called regarding contributions for the Food Booth. Breads, cakes pies, cookies. This has been one of our most successful efforts. If you would rather not bake, money donations are happily received.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Given by

Lillian Larsen
Alma Fowler
Ross Roby
Jeannette M. Vail
Catherine C. Lawrence
Joseph & Marjorie Schlosser

In Memory of

Lawrence Wells
Madlyn Salter
Madlyn Salter
Grace Hemmehlert
Virginia Mussler
Arthur Hart

Sincerely,

Vincent L. Hardy
Vincent Hardy, President