



Town Settled 1639

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

May 1994

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Friday, May 20, 1994--8:00pm
Christ Episcopal Church Hall
2000 Main St., Stratford

GROUNDING IN HISTORY

Nicholas Bellantoni, Connecticut State Archaeologist

Hidden in Connecticut's fields and forests is evidence of prehistoric hunters and gatherers, Native American villages, and sacred burial grounds. The landscape also harbors remains of European exploration, Colonial settlement and the Industrial Revolution.

Using slides to illustrate the earliest beginnings of the land we know as Connecticut, Mr. Bellantoni shares his knowledge of and enthusiasm for the early inhabitants whom he has encountered in archaeological digs of sites throughout the state.

A Hartford native, Nicholas Bellantoni began his archaeological teaching at Central Connecticut State University and earned his PhD in anthropology in 1987 at the University of Connecticut. He is the first full-time Archaeologist of the State of Connecticut.

This program is rescheduled from November 1993.

Refreshments will be served, as usual, following the program which is open to the public.

WILCOXSON AVAILABLE: There is available for purchase a copy of the History of Stratford by Wm. Howard Wilcoxson. Since fewer and fewer of these volumes are available, this is a good opportunity. Please call the Society at 378-0630 for further information and/or to leave your name if you are interested.

ANTIQUUE SHOW THANKS

Again we say "Thank You" to the many members and friends who helped with the Annual Antique Show and Sale. Many donated food items for the Society booth, for the book booth, etc. Then there were those who manned various stations, and those who cleaned up. To all we are most grateful. It is this wonderful cooperation that accounts for our success.

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ON CLEANING HOUSE

We collect all year for the Annual Antique Show so, when you are tempted to throw something away, call us. We like repairable chests, trunks, and chairs, etc., as well as glass, china, old kitchen utensils, etc. Just call the Society on Tuesday or Thursday, 378-0630 or call Hy Tindall, 377-7361.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Mrs. Stillman Munger, a member who has given us many things over the years, recently gave us a number of items, two of which are redware pie plates, one with "Apple Pie" and the other with "ABC". Both are now on exhibit in Judson House kitchen.

Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown of Springfield, VT has given us a magnificent victorian quilt of silks and satins with a beautiful knitted lace edging. In excellent condition, this quilt belonged to the family of Calvin Curtis' brother.

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ROBERT TREAT DRAWINGS - 1994 EXHIBIT

By the time this newsletter appears a new exhibit of Robert Treat drawings of Stratford scenes will be opened. In addition, two items from our own collection, additional items have been lent by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Biebel and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lovell, Jr.

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STRATFORD PLATES

There is the possibility that a set of four Stratford Tercentenary plates will be available. If you are interested call the Historical Society.

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Contributions to the Book of Remembrance have been made as follows:

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