

Stratford Historical Society UPDATE

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Capt. David Judson House c. 1750
Catharine B. Mitchell Museum

MARK THE DATES:

- September's General Membership Meeting: September 30th at 7:00 pm at Christ Church
- Historical Society Governing Board Meeting: Monday, October 31st at 1:00pm. All meetings are open to the general membership.
- November's General Membership Meeting: November 18th at 7:00 pm at Christ Church

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September's General Membership Meeting

September 30th, 7:00 pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 2000 Main Street

David Leff presents "**Hidden In Plain Sight: A Deep Traveler Explores Connecticut**". The program contains all the beauty in our State from the Merritt Parkway and old milestones along the way. His brochure mentions our beautiful Academy Hill Civil War Memorial.

Essayist, poet, photographer, and sometime fiction writer David K. Leff works from his home office in the center of the old mill village of Collinsville, Connecticut, not far from the partially abandoned factory buildings that once produced world renowned axes and machetes. David's writings focus on the connection of people to their communities and the natural environment.

David's first book, *The Last Undiscovered Place* (2004), is a memoir about discovering our own neighborhoods—usually the last place we look for anything important.

The Price of Water (2008) is David's first poetry collection. Written as densely metaphorical and musical prose poems, the pieces are accessible and compact lyrical meditations on the

relationship we have as individuals and as a society to nature, our past and each other.

David has been a contributor to the editorial and Place pages of the *Hartford Courant* and has written a column for his local weekly paper. His essays have been published in *Appalachia*,



David Leff

Canoe and Kayak, The Encyclopedia of New England, Yankee, and elsewhere. David's photographs have appeared in newspapers and magazines and were the subject of a show at the Gallery on the Green in Canton, Connecticut.

Born in Albany, New York in 1955, David grew up in Connecticut following his father's job

transfer. David received a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1975. Faced with more kitchen work or learning a trade, he decided to become a lawyer and graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1978, passing the bar exam that same year.

He is the town historian of Canton, Connecticut and also the town meeting moderator. For his writing, environmental, and volunteer work he has garnered awards from groups as diverse as the United Bow Hunters of Connecticut and the Connecticut Chapter, American Institute of Architects. In 2012 he received a Special Recognition Award from the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland wetland Commissions for his writing about landscapes and habitats.

He enjoys working with young people and has been a volunteer high school tutor.

All meetings are free and open to the general public. Please bring a friend! Donations gratefully accepted.

Welcoming New Society Members

We wish to extend a very heartfelt welcome to our new Society members: Evelyn Canfield, David Chess, Grace Garri-

gan, Kris Houchins, Jean Knecht, Michael Sabados, Arlene Silva, and Maria Walsh.

We hope you'll find an occa-

sion to welcome each of these new members at one of our upcoming Society meetings and extend a hand of friendship.

Stratford Trust Company Opens

STRATFORD BANK OPENS NEW HOME TO MANY VISITORS

Well Appointed Institution Is Considerable Addition to the Old Town.

(Special to *The (Bridgeport) Farmer*) Stratford, Aug. 28 (1916)—The Stratford Trust Co. threw open its doors for business today. Despite the inclement weather there was a continual stream of visitors from Stratford, Milford and Bridgeport to inspect the new building. The visitors were escorted through the building by Elliott W. Peck, president of the bank and William E. Goddard., secretary and treasurer. Each person was presented with a handsome small book, the contents of which gave a short history of the institution since it was founded in Aug. 1915, up to the present time. Work was started on the new building Oct. 21, 1915 and because of many delays of material the opening which was scheduled for the first week in August was postponed until today. The bank is a one story structure and is modernly

equipped throughout.

The vault of the new banking institution is one of the features of the building. It is built of steel and concrete and is burglar proof in every detail. In the olden days ordinary iron and steel safes were protected from the drills of the safesmen and it took a considerable amount of "soup" to dislodge the heavy iron doors from their hinges. With the onward march of civilization, however, the electric torch afforded an easy means of entering the steel doors.

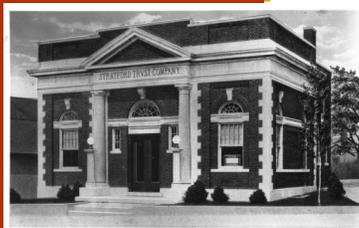
The new vault is fitted with a network of small copper wires. The least disturbance of the wires rings two large gongs, one in the fire headquarters of the Stratford fire department and the other fastened to the outside of the building itself. Either of the bells is large enough to awaken the town of Stratford from its slumbers.

The interior of the building is a model of architecture. There are many small rooms for the depositors, and a large directors room is located in the rear of the second story. The

banking space, proper, rises to the full height of the building.

The officers of the bank are: President Elliott W. Peck, vice-president, Samuel W. Hubbell; vice-president, Frederick S. Beardsley, and secretary and treasurer, Walter E. Goddard. The directors are: Frederick S. Beardsley, Clarence E. Bilton, J. D. Brown, Jr., Harry A. Burnes, Burton J. Calkins, William B. Cogswell, M. D., Joseph H. Deckhand, Charles W. Evarts, William H. Hart, John Hotz, Samuel W. Hubbell, Harold C. Lovell, H. Leroy Lewis, Richard H. Murphy, Elliott W. Peck, Robert D. Sammis, Everett B. Sniffin, Charles L. Snyder, Burton C. Wanner, Louis D. Weidlich and John C. Willcoxson.

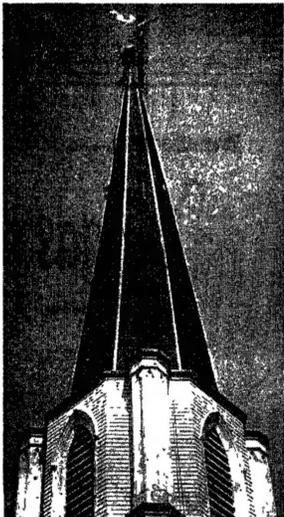
Editors note: Stratford Trust Company served Stratford's residents as the only bank in town until 1953 when Peoples Bank opened its branch on Main Street just north of Fire Headquarters.



Stratford Trust Company as it appeared in 1916.

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Weathercock Returns to Steeple



The historic weathercock, which toppled from the steeple of Christ Episcopal church, Stratford during last November's storm has been repaired and restored to its lofty perch. Symbolic of the general reconstruction program which the church has undertaken, the bird in bright golden plumage is put in place by Stanley Luby of the interstate Riggers and Waterproofers, one of the firms engaged in the \$45,000 restoration job.

Restoring steeple on Christ Church

On November 25th, 1950, a bitter storm swept across the northeast damaging many structures, killing 29 people, and piling 30 inches of snow in many parts of the region. Phone and electrical lines were downed. Winds were clocked at 100 mph, in some areas, and the storm was considered the worst to hit the northeast since the hurricane of 1938.

In Stratford, damage was not as severe as in other areas of the state and region, but one of the structures damaged was the steeple on Christ Episcopal

Church. The church had initiated a capital restoration project some time earlier in 1950, but repair work on the steeple had not been anticipated as funding was being raised for other repairs and renovations.

When the Thanksgiving 1950 storm blew in, the weathercock on Christ Church was toppled and the steeple had to be repaired..

Photo and caption from *The Bridgeport Post*, July 22, 1951.

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Thene Judson Mermaid Story July 4, 1915



All Kiddin' Aside
(*Bridgeport Sunday Herald*,
June 6, 1949)

This is the sad saga of a Stratford lighthouse keeper who, after 40 years, finally captured a mermaid but let her slip from his grasp because he was too late to collect the

\$20,000 reward offered by P. T. Barnum for a live mermaid.

For almost 40 years "Thene" Judson had kept at his dreary post as keeper of the Stratford Point Light—hoping to capture a mermaid and win the Barnum prize.

But it wasn't until two decades after the great showman's passing that the lighthouse keeper made his great catch.

"It was on July 4, 1915," he told the Herald at that time. "It was late in the afternoon I was out on the rocks facing Long Island Sound when I sighted a school of mermaids, off Lighthouse Point."

"There were as many as 12 or 15 of them, their yellow hair glistening and their scaly tails flashing".

"The sky was thickening. I crept closer, and all of a sudden, I noticed one mermaid sitting all by herself on the rocks".

"Her hair was wet and she was brushing it to get it dry",

"She had lovely gazelle eyes and a fair skin, and she was bare to her waist and below that all silver-spangled scales. Her tail was about

three feet long. She weighed, all told, about 75 pounds".

"As I grabbed her she didn't scream or speak, but she had a tongue and beautiful white teeth and the only sound she made was a hissing noise".

"In a second she slipped out of my grasp like an eel and into the water to vanish. When I looked around, the other mermaids had disappeared, too."

The keeper's friends believed his story and none accused him of being a psychopathic case.

"If Judson was wrong mentally he'd never been able to hold his responsible job so long," snapped his wife, who produced a hairbrush which she said was used by the mermaid.

It was a very ordinary wooden-back hair brush of a cheap type-but on the back of it was an oyster shell, the many layers testifying to a good old age.

Judson argued that mermaids get their brushes from the state rooms of wrecked steamers.

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"Summering" in Stratford 1866 - NY Times

On assignment in Stratford in the summer of 1866, reporter "Adam" wrote a lengthy dispatch to *The New York Times* of his observations of the town. The following is but a minor snippet of Adam's July 20th, 1866 dispatch.

"When I came down to this quiet, refreshing, reinvigorating rural retreat, the grandeur of that Paradise which our very silly first parents sacrificed for the sake of the orchard's tempting fruit, described itself to my mind in such a manner that Milton's powerful description paled before what I could hardly resist believing to be the real Eden;

...The first recommendation for this town is in its old age. It is, if not the oldest, at least one of the earliest settled towns in the State of Connecticut. It was settled, as well as I can learn, by Mr. Fairchild, from England; John and William

Curtis and Samuel Hawley, from Roxbury; and Joseph Judson and Timothy Wilcoxson, from Concord, having for their first minister in holy things, Rev. Adam Blackman, an Episcopal clergyman from Derbyshire, England.

...The territory occupied by Stratford was the habitation of two tribes of Indians, and were known in the good old times as "Cupheag" and "Pughquonnuck," and I think the Indians must have had a good time of it.

...In the central part of the town of Stratford is the old burying-ground. It is neglected and dilapidated, as well as old. I think if the spirits of the dead could realize the small attention paid to their memorials set up by their immediate posterity, as exemplified in this graveyard, they would want to severely forget ?? a living. Here the poetry

of church-yards appears to have become ignored. The old headstones are betossed, and worn, and sunk. The grass is long and rank; the weeds are thick and strong. Gravestones are sunk in one corner and uplifted at the other; some are on edge and some are turned end up like head-stones. The whole ground looks as if it was day after the resurrection....

...The principal streets of the town are well shaded with magnificent, tall, friendly elms. At brief intervals the residences of the inhabitants appear, somewhat in the background on either side of the streets. Not a two of these belong to gentlemen whose business relations are in New York, but who evince no small amount of common sense in choosing such a place for their dwellings".

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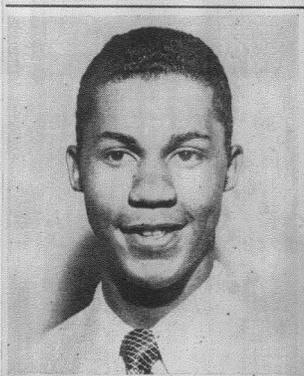
Their Communion Day



Last Saturday, some two hundred and forty children of St. James Roman Catholic church received their First Holy Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass. Following Mass, the children were served breakfast in the school hall by the women of the Court of St. Cecilia, CDA. Above, the Rev. James O. Lambert, assistant pastor, chats with a few of the first communicants. Left to right, Diane Daconto, Father Lambert, Albert Tolonio, Pat Keane and Rose Clapp. Photo by Hjerpe

Photo from *The Stratford News*, June 1st, 1951

Stratford Faces



Paul Correia... they elected him president. Photo by Hjerpe
A Swell Bunch
Paul Correia, 18, of 282 Spruce street, Ludshup, has lived in Stratford for the past sixteen years.
"There are wonderful people in Stratford," Paul says sincerely. "And if I had a choice of all the high schools everywhere, I'd pick Stratford High school. They're a swell bunch."

Paul Correia headed to Boys State. *The Stratford News* photo.

Bridgeport Sunday Post

June 10, 1951

Stratford High Graduation Spotlight to Focus on 'Sonny Boy' Forizs

A high school graduation is a time when students look ahead to years of responsibility, and proud parents look back on years of growth.

... For John Forizs, known to his family and classmates as "Sonny Boy", is Mr. Baseball in Stratford. In four years of high school pitching, he has won 37 out of 40 school games interspersed with no-hitters.

Bridgeport Telegram

July 2, 1951

A full evening of entertainment has been arranged for the public, without charge, at Raybestos Memorial Field tomorrow night when the Raybestos division presents its third annual community service award and climaxes the program with a public fireworks display.

Arrangements have been completed by Police Chief Patrick J. Flanagan and the Raybestos special police force to handle a record crowd. It was estimated that more than 18,000 persons were on hand

for the festivities last year.

The American Legion drum and bugle corps, holders of the national championship in 1946 and contenders for the 1951 title, will get the program under way at 8 p.m., with a concert and field demonstration of the title drill.

Bridgeport Telegram

August 4, 1951

12 Games Scheduled at Longbrook Park

Top-notch men's and women's teams from all sections of Connecticut are scheduled to display their skill in Stratford tomorrow as the annual State championship softball tournament gets under way at Longbrook park.

No less than a dozen games are included on the opening day program arranged by the Connecticut Amateur Softball association. Eight of these will be played in the men's major division, with the other four involving contenders for the women's championship. Competition in the men's league division will not begin until the following Sunday, Aug. 12.

Bridgeport Telegram

August 4, 1951

U.S. Plans Survey to Find if

Housing Need is Critical

... If the Stratford area is declared a critical area by the Federal authorities, as requested by the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, the Defense Production authority could waive regulation X which restricts down payments on homes.

Town Manager Harry B. Flood, at the request of the (Town) Council, has asked the Federal authorities to take such action to allow necessary housing for defense workers. The Defense Production authority is also drawing up a labor and defense report to help decide the case.

Bridgeport Telegram

September 16, 1951

5,000 Expected to Attend Parade of Champions Today

The Parade of Champions, a drum and bugle corps competition sponsored the Stratford American Legion drum and bugle corps, will be presented in Longbrook park...

Advance ticket sales indicate a complete sell-out for the musical event, Robert Hermann, vice commander of the Stratford corps and general chairman of the competition, said last night.

Stratford Theater June-September 1951



June 3, 1951

June 10th

Appointment With Danger

Alan Ladd, Phyllis Calvet

June 17th

Along the Great Divide

Kirk Douglas, Virginia Mayo

June 24th

The Great Caruso

Mario Lanza, Ann Blyth

July 2nd

On the Riviera

Danny Kaye, Gene Tierney

July 9th

My Forbidden Past

Robert Micheum, Ava Gardner

July 22nd

Excuse My Dust

Red Skelton, Sally Forrest, MacDonald Carey

July 29th

Take Care of My Little Girl

Jeanne Crain, Dale Robertson, Jean Peters

August 12th

Half Angel

Loretta Young, Joseph Cotton

August 18th

On Moonlight Bay

Doris Day, Gordon MacRae

August 25th

Showboat

Kathryn Grayson, Ava Gardner, Howard Keel

September 2nd

the Last Outpost

Ronald Reagan, Rhonda Fleming

September 16th

Force of Arms

William Holden, Nancy Olson

Postal Marker Centennial—June 3, 1915

The Bridgeport Farmer
June 4, 1915

IMPOSING SCENES AT FORMAL DEDICATION BY PATRIOTIC BAND OF MARKERS OF HISTORIC TRAILS

Sons and Daughters of the Revolution Gather at Ye Ancient Training Ground for Placing of Bronze Memorial Tablets.

Some three hundred members of the Silliman Chapter, D. A. R., and the Gold Sellick Silliman Branch, S. A. R., gathered in Ye Ancient Training Ground, at North and Brook-lawn avenues, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to attend the dedication of the bronze tablets which the Mary Silliman chapter has had placed to mark Ye Olde King's Highway and Indian Trail.

The affair was in honor of the 21st birthday of the chapter, that in these has grown to be a powerful organization which has done much for the preservation of historical relics of the community.

Previous to the opening of the program the Wheeler & Wilson band played a number of patriotic airs. On the dot of 2:30 a march was struck up and the officers and speakers of the occasion, attended by the Camping Girls and with the Boy Scouts as guards, and accompanied by the members of the dou-

ble quartet dressed to represent colonial matrons, were seen approaching the platform.

The invocation was made by Rev. George M. Brown, D.D., chaplain of the Gold Selleck Silliman Branch, S. A. R., and was followed by the address of welcome by the regent of the Mary Silliman Chapter, Mrs. Katherine Moody Spaulding.

"We are here," said Mrs. Spaulding, "to mark a highway. Over this highway have passed to and from men who have given us the most wonderful history known and it is because we appreciate our great debt to our forefathers that we welcome you here today,"

"America" was sung by all standing and then Mrs. Samuel M. Garlick, Chairman of Olde Trails committee of the Mary Silliman chapter and a member of the state Olde Trails committee, was introduced. Mrs. Garlick delivered an eloquent address on the King's Highway, tracing its origin from the time of the Pequot wars to the present.

It was in 1673 that the first government post rider started from New York to make the trip to Boston. The trip was to take two weeks and required an intrepid man because of the dangers which he must encounter. Mrs. Garlick traced the changing scenes which the road witnessed through the various phases of colonial history.

Following her address, which was warmly applauded, the tablet was

unveiled by the pages of the Mary Silliman chapter. Miss Loraine Armstrong and Miss Dorothy Smith, while Hon. Morris B. Beardsley, Ex-President General of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution read the following inscription which the tablet bears:

"This Tablet Marks Ye Olde King's Highway which Follows in General the Indian Trails and is the Oldest Mail Route in America. The First Post Rider Made the Trip from New York to Boston in January, 1673. Placed by the Mary Silliman Chapter, D. A. R., 1915."

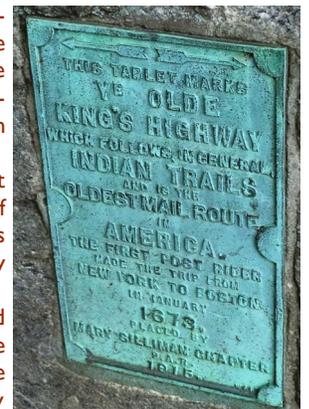
... As some of the stones are to be set in Stratford, presentation of them was also made to that town. Dr. George M. Curtis, first selectman of Stratford, accepted them saying that it gave him great pleasure to accept the stones on the behalf of Stratford, and, that the people of the town greatly appreciated the honor of having them set there.

... Mr. Burr who is a descendant of the famous old Burr family of Fairfield gave a stirring address upon the old trails and the history of this section.

The exercises were concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne by the entire assemblage. The attractive markers were made by W. A. Barnes a member of the S. A. R. committee.



Commemorative postal marker on Elm Street



Commemorative postal marker on West Broad St.

Docents Wanted for Fall School Tours

The Stratford Historical Society is offering docent training this fall for people interested in presenting local history to third graders. If you like history and children and want to do a real service for your community, contact us at this number: (203) 378-0630.

There will be three two hour classes, one each week during the weeks of September 3, 10 and 17.

The day will be decided. The classes will prepare costumed docents to demonstrate how people lived in early colonial times, the tools they used, and what chores were expected of children. Hands-on activities are included in a tour through the Judson House. Stories about people who lived in Stratford are part of the Museum tour.

All third graders in Stratford's

public and parochial schools are scheduled for a morning visit during the month of October. We ask volunteers for six mornings to work along with five other docents each day that a school visits. We hope you will consider this very worthwhile activity.



Docents awaiting school visit

Proposed Amendments, Omissions, and Corrections to the 2016 By-laws

EXPLANATION OF BY-LAW CHANGES

Three major changes have been made to the 2016 By-Laws: additions, omissions and corrections.

Additions: Term limits, attendance and statistics record keeping, duties of the Newsletter Committee, exhibits assigned to the Director-Curator, and the Dissolution clause.

Omissions: Where the same matter occurred in two different places, one was eliminated, e.g., budget preparation and Nominating Committee.

Corrections: The list of Committees was brought in line with the committee duties listed for each committee.

ADD

ARTICLE III- Officers and their Duties

Section 2. No officer except the Treasurer shall be elected to the same office for more than three consecutive terms,

ADD

ARTICLE III -Officers and their Duties

Section 3. The President shall:

i. Appoint a member to keep annual Attendance Statistics records,

ADD

ARTICLE VIII - Committees

Section 10. The Newsletter Committee shall:

a. Be responsible for the Society newsletter. UP-DATE, to be printed January, March, May September and November of each year and its distribution.

ADD

ARTICLE IX- The Executive Director - Curator

Section 1. Curator—Executive Director shall:

k. Purchase desirable articles within budget limitations or from specific monetary gifts. Whenever possible, purchases should be related to Stratford.

l. Arrange for, and supervise, all repairs and restoration of historic items within budget limitations or with specific monies which may be approved outside the budget. Restoration is to be guided by authorities in specialized fields.

m. Dispose of unrestricted items only with the prior approval of the Governing Board. Money received from the sale of such articles shall go into the general fund of the Society.

n. Arrange any museum exchanges.

Section 2. Curator - Executive Director shall:

a. Arrange for *exhibits* and displays of all selected artifacts within the Society's Buildings.

b. Maintain a complete record of the location of all artifacts.

ADD

ARTICLE XIII - Dissolution Clause

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Governing Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute or otherwise dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to a private organization, or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for the charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the Governing Board shall determine, and which organization, or organizations, have as their purpose ,or purposes, those which most nearly approximate the objects of the Stratford Historical Society, Inc. Dissolution of the Corporation shall occur upon the vote of two-thirds of the Governing Board at a meeting duly called for that purpose.

OMIT

Article III- Officers and their Duties

Section 6. The Treasurer shall:

b, Prepare a budget with input from the Executive Director and Committee Chairpersons.

OMIT

ARTICLE VII - Executive Committee/ Governing Board

Section 2.

c. viii. To assume the duties of the Nominating Committee.

CORRECT

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 1.

a. Buildings, Education, Finance, Gardens, Grounds, Hospitality, Hosts and Hostesses, Library, Membership, *Newsletter, Nominating, Programs, Publicity, Scholarships, Ways and Means.*

CORRECT (in italics)

ARTICLE VIII- Committees

Section 4. The Finance Chairman shall:

a. Prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and present it before July first to the Governing Board for approval *with the help of the Treasurer.*

ADDITIONAL CORRECTIONS:

Article III, Section 2—add annual between three and consecutive.

Article VIII, Section 10—five times a years (instead of listed months).

Article IX, Sections 1 and 2—Curator - Executive Director—switch in wording.

Article IX, Section 2-1, k through n—inadvertently omitted.

To download a complete copy of the By-laws as currently constituted, go to <http://bylaws.stratfordhistoricalsociety.info>.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2016 - 2017

PRESIDENT	Shirley McCormack
VICE PRESIDENT	
RECORDING SECRETARY	Carolyn Shannon
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Barbara Firisin
TREASURER	Robert Hocter

STANDING COMMITTEES

Accessions	Carol Lovell	Library	Gloria Duggan
Building	Joseph Bonitatebus	Membership	Jeanette Caron
Education	Dolores Hocter	Newsletter	David Wright
Finance	Joseph Bonitatebus	Nominations	
Garden	Dolores Hocter	Programs	Gail Liscio
Grounds	Joseph Bonitatebus	Publicity	David Wright
Hospitality	Pam Hutchinson	Scholarships	Shirley McCormack
Hosts & Hostesses	Barbara Firisin	Ways/Means	

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To cast your vote, please use the mail-in ballot printed below and return it to the Society Office before October 16, 2016. If you wish to nominate a candidate, or work on a committee, please attend the September 30th General Membership meeting.

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2016 - 2017 ELECTION BALLOT

FOR ALL BY-LAWS CHANGES, **OR**

FOR ALL CHANGES EXCEPT: _____

FOR ALL CANDIDATES, **OR**

FOR ALL CANDIDATES EXCEPT: _____

NOMINATIONS FOR:

POSITION _____ NAME _____

POSITION _____ NAME _____

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

A note to our current and past members

It's membership renewal time. We hope you will choose to renew your membership for the coming year. Please remember that your paid membership entitles you to the following benefits:

1) **VISITATION PRIVILEGES** at the Captain David Judson House and the Catharine B. Mitchell Museum during regular visitation hours.

- 2) **PROGRAMS**, at least five each year.
- 3) **NEWS BULLETINS**, at least five each year.
- 4) Most **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**.
- 5) **GIFT SHOP DISCOUNTS**.

Please use the enclosed envelope to renew your membership today. This could be your last newsletter and we would not like you to miss out on future news and events.



Fourth grades tour Judson House with docents
May 17th, 2016

To view past editions of our **Update**, and/or to view current as well as historical photo slide shows and videos, visit www.stratfordhistoricalsociety.info.



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