

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

March 2003

Next meeting: April 2, 2003 7:30 p.m.

Location: Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center, 300 Park Road, Bloomfield, CT

Program: The Bloomfield Cooper Family and Mt. Meadow Massacre, Utah

Speaker: Bloomfield resident Carol Panke

President's Message:

I would like to share with the membership the report given to the board March 13th (believe it or not in spite of the frightful weather eleven members showed up). A new document has been received from appraiser Pete Marsele who talked with the Town's Liability Manager Re our insurance and the Builder's Risk policy; the document from the Town Manager extending completion of project to 2006; took DECD to Town Attorney, Marc Needleman, who with Society's attorney Al Taylor, will develop a document connecting Society and Town and its commitments for Filley House Rehabilitation; Assistant Treasurer Mike Swan has completed the financial breakdown of expense and income for the period April 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002 on a quarterly basis (he is now working on a document to project future fund raisers to raise the balance (\$350,000) of the Society's part of the entire cost of the project. Fred Hesketh and Al Taylor have been appointed to develop a contract for, the Project Architect — other members of the committee are Parliamentarian Virginia Hallisey, your Recording Secretary Winnie Granger and your President.

As you continue through this newsletter you will note particulars for the May 10th tag sale and a major fund raiser on October 19 with Anthony Kearns.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

We need help for

the Tag Sale. . .

May 10th at the Old Farm School 9-3

Needed **Volunteers** to do publicity for this fund raiser

Needed **baked goods** for sale that day

Needed **tag sale items** for OUR TABLE (tell your friends when cleaning out — to give us their items-will have donors card for them) Drop off time-Sunday May 4 2-4 p.m.; Thursday May 8 4-6 p.m. Friday May 9 10a.m.-12 noon.

Needed **Table tenders** (sales persons).

Newsletter. . .

We'd like to expand the newsletter, if we could get more people to submit articles and photographs. Please help.

The deadlines for the newsletter, are for material to be received by Fannie the week-end before each of the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. (If you are going to have material that will need to be scanned to go with the written material, it would help, if you could get it in a little sooner. For the remainder of 2003 that would be by:

May 17/18 (Bd Meeting May 21),

Aug 23/24 (Bd Meeting Aug 27), and

Oct 18/19 (Bd Meeting Oct 22).

Flea Market

at the Old Farm School

Park Avenue, Bloomfield

Saturday, May 10, 2003

8:00 TO 3:00 PM

(Rain Date: May 17th)

Set-up at 7:00 am

To reserve your space,
call **Ralph & Louise Schmolli**
860-242-2953 by **May 3rd**
20'x15' Space for \$20

to Benefit the

THE CAPTAIN OLIVER FILLEY HOUSE REHABILITATION

A VERY SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The date is October 19th.....SAVE THE DATE.....

Something special is going to happen, and the Wintonbury Historical Society members are going to be the lucky ones to sponsor this extraordinary event!

Anthony Kearns, internationally known Irish Tenor, is coming to the Lincoln Theater on the University of Hartford campus. We've all heard him on various P.B.S. specials, singing with the group known as the The Irish Tenors.(Mr. Kearns is the middle one, and oh! so handsome). Anthony Kearns, from County Wexford, Ireland, started his career in 1993 when he won Ireland's search for a tenor. Since then he has been touring the globe, sharing his talents with enthusiastic audiences. Patrick Healy, well known in the opera world who is also a Gilbert and Sullivan expert, will accompany him. Faith McMahon will be the MC.

More information will be forthcoming, however, we know that tickets go on sale September 1st and general admission will be \$35. There will be sponsored seating section up front, priced \$75. Sponsors will have the opportunity to attend a reception after the performance, take photos and obtain autographs with Mr. Kearns.

Mary Murray

Please visit the newly expanded WHS website at www.bloomfieldcthistory.org

We are looking for lots of help to expand the content. This is a great way to make the resources we have available to the public until our new home has been rehabilitated. Contact Fannie Gabriel or Janis Langston if you would like to help with this project.



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to the Wintonbury Historical Society's Web Site. This site will feature information about the history of the Town of Bloomfield and the Wintonbury Parish from which it was formed. This site will also endeavor to enlighten you about the historic people and places of Bloomfield and about the exciting research being done by members of your community. Please bookmark this site and visit often to see what is new.

We would like to have you [join](#) the Wintonbury Historical Society and help with the development of our many historical and educational projects.

[Anthony Kearns](#)



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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 17 March 2003
TO : Fannie Gabriel, President
Wintonbury Historical Society
FROM: Eloise Marinos, AIA
PROJECT: The Captain Oliver Filley House Rehabilitation Project
Wintonbury Historical Society
NO: 98-200

MESSAGE :

The following is an update as to project status:

Urban Action Grant (UAG):

Requested documents, including revised and updated (to current fiscal year) budgets and schedules, appraisals, insurances, etc. were submitted to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) via grant coordinator, Lynda Costen. The project start date has been filed as concurrent with the passage of the Challenge Fund, beginning 1 July 1999; the project completion date has been projected as 31 December 2006. The grant application is now in legal review, and is pending sign off by the Attorney General. Grant monies will be issued by DECD following applications/requests for "Disbursements" for actual construction work for the project; generally, these monies will be issued on a reimbursement basis. The WHS may apply for reimbursement for any monies spent on "hard costs"/ construction costs to date, via this process. This office intends to make application for your first disbursement on this basis, as soon as all required documentation is in place. Further, it is projected that \$50,000 will be applied for in matching grant monies from the UAG for the current fiscal year, 4th qtr. (April-June 2003). Another \$100,000 total (in multiple installments as per project bid work) is projected to be applied for in matching monies for the fiscal year 2003/2004, which is projected to be matched by the Challenge Fund monies through the Town of Bloomfield and fundraising by the WHS. The remaining \$50,000 in UAG grant monies are projected to be applied for and matched during fiscal year 2004/2005, at which time the project should be approximately half way toward completion.

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MEMO: WHS- Project Status

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The DECD has requested two additional documents from the WHS prior to release of any grant funding/disbursements: 1) Fund Raising Plan; 2) Legal Agreement Between Town and Bloomfield and WHS, outlining parameters and conditions of the project and the relationships and responsibilities of each party. Submission of a written, approved FUND RAISING PLAN from the WHS is being required; this document is being generated by a joint effort of the Financial Development Committee, Mike Swan, Asst. Treasurer, and the Umbrella Committee. The Legal Agreement Between the Town and the WHS is being drafted by the Town Attorney and Attorney Al Taylor acting on behalf of the WHS. Completed documents are anticipated sometime in April. After submission, review and acceptance by the State DECD, grant funding may be dispersed via the DECD application for disbursement process.

Underground Utilities:

Monies have been set aside in the Site Fund account at the Town of Bloomfield for this work. Architectural bid package has been completed and reviewed; consulting Engineering work is pending contract negotiations. It is anticipated that this work can be engineered and bid in the upcoming quarter (April-June 2003); the Town of Bloomfield will implement the work.

General Construction Schedule:

Once sufficient monies are in place in the Town Account for the Challenge Fund, the next phase of work will be put out to bid: this will involve removals of not salvageable materials, removal and storage of remaining salvageable historic trim to be preserved for re-use, structural stabilization, and utilities installation and associated site work. Phase II, projected to cost approx. \$180,000 and already in progress, is anticipated for completion by end of year 2003.

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pc: W. Granger; M.V. Hallisey; M. Murray (via email); S. Steinberg (via email)

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Calendar of Events

- Apr 2** **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
- May 3** **Southwest District School** opens for the season 1st Saturday May - Oct 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- May 10** **WHS tag sale** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Old Farm School-cor. Park and School (more details elsewhere in newsletter)
- May 25** **Old Farm School** Opens for the season 1-4 p.m.
- Jun 4** **WHS Annual Meeting**
- Jun 7** **Southwest District School** 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Jul 5** **Southwest District School** 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Aug 2** **Southwest District School** 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Sept 6** **Southwest District School** 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Sept 10** **WHS Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center
- Oct 4** **Southwest District School** 11 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Oct 4** **Drum Festival**
- Oct 19** **Anthony Kearns Concert** (one of the Irish Tenors) U Hartford-Lincoln Theatre 2 p.m.
- Nov 5** **Regular Meeting** 7:30 p.m. Marilyn Michaelson Sr. Center

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