

The Wintonbury Drummer



Newsletter of the Wintonbury Historical Society

Bloomfield, Connecticut

September 2002

Next meeting: September 11, 2002 7:30 p.m.

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

Program: History of the Bloomfield Fire Department Speaker: Judge Jerry Wagner

President's Message:

Our June 6th meeting brought to the members attention, the fact that we would hold an Auction Sept 21st on the grounds of the Old Farm School. My thanks for all who already have volunteered to help and/or donate items (valued over \$25.00). As has been our custom, tax deduction cards will be made available.

Last week the Town's acting Finance Director advised us that the \$18,000 grant had been placed in the Challenge Fund account. This grant from the Conn. Historic Commission was a matching grant for approximately half of the cost to replace the roof on the Southwest District School.

The Old Farm School has been a beehive of activity... what with the May 25 tag sale and the open house on Sundays from May through the middle of October. Mary Murray has been very attentive to the docent program, but needs more volunteers to help Sundays (1-4). Please call her. The school will also be the site for our Auction. (More info later in this newsletter). The Filley/Pinney/LaSalette site has seen much activity with the repairs to the pump house. I hope all have had a chance to go up and see how nice it looks. Our thanks to the Town's Public Works Dept. for keeping the grounds in top notch appearance.

I want to thank Charlie Regini for allowing the Society to hold a "post-tag-sale" tag sale, in his driveway August 10th. The society realized \$156.20 for The Challenge Fund.

Our September 11th meeting at the Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center (7:30 pm) will feature Judge Jerry Wagner in a "Review of the History of the Bloomfield Fire Department." I recall the various times, Jerry has presented enlightening programs, and know this will be no exception. His over 40 years as a volunteer, in the department, should give you a hint of what's in store for us.

Fannie R. Gabriel, President

Membership: The Society is sorry to have lost three long standing members -Bruist Anderson; Doris Jordan (who was a member of the board & in attendance at the June 16th meeting; as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, she helped set-up the June 6th Annual Meeting); and Murial Vaughn (one of the first financial supporters of the Society).

Hospitality: Bea Shea and Mae DiFabio will be on hand to provide and abet the social period, following the business and program portion of the meeting.

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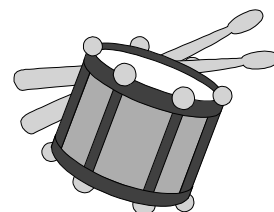


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Descendants and Founders of Ancient Windsor Annual Meeting

An invitation from Eileen Phelps and Libby Merrow (both Officers in DFAW) to attend the Annual Meeting of the Descendants and Founders of Ancient Windsor. DFAW will hold their Annual Meeting September 21st at the Bloomfield Congregational Church. There are over 600 members in the U.S. and Canada, from the original 44 founders of Windsor (which now, includes Bloomfield).

The featured speaker will be Fred Hesketh speaking on "The Brown's of Wintonbury, Makers of Brown Drums."



Schedule:

9:30 am Registration coffee-donuts
10:30 am Memorial Service
11:00 am Program-Fred Hesketh
12-1:30 pm-Luncheon (Kane's of Simsbury caterers)
1:30 pm Afternoon activities

Cost Full day - \$16.00
Program only - \$5.00

Checks made out to:

Priscilla Silliman to DFAW
1207 Poquonock Avenue
Windsor, Connecticut 06095
phone 688-2756



Wintonbury Historical Society

Auction

(to benefit the Filley House Restoration)

Old Farms School Grounds

Saturday: September 21, 2002

9 am to 12 noon

(Gounds will be open at 8 am for items review)

General Parking at Metacomet School

**WHS members are asked to donate items
(collectibles & one-of-a-kind welcomed) to sell for \$25 or more**

(Drop off at Old Farms School

Sunday, 9/15, 4 to 6 pm; Wednesday, 9/18, 5 to 7 pm; Friday, 9/20, 2 to 6 pm)

Volunteers are needed on the day of the auction

4-5 for setup, 4 cashiers, 2 recorders, 4 runners, 2 guards & 4-5 for cleanup

Please call: Fannie Gabriel at 860-242-1016

Address Service Requested

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Calendar of Events

- Sept 11** **WHS Regular Meeting**
- Sept 21** **WHS Auction:** 9 am - 12 noon (preview 8:00 am) grounds of Old Farm School
- Sept 21** **Descendants & Founders of Ancient Windsor, Annual Meeting:** Bloomfield Congregational Church; 9:30 am - 1:30 pm (plus) Fred Hesketh speaker, The Brown's of Wintonbury (more details inside)
- Oct 5** **Drum Festival:** WHS part of this town celebration 10:30 am -5:30 pm
- Oct 19** **Genealogy Seminar:** Gateway Community College, North Haven
(call 242-1016 for more details)

WHS meeting dates - Nov 6th, 02; Feb 5th, 03; Apr 2nd, 03; Jun 4th, 03

Visit the WHS website at: **www.bloomfieldhistory.org**

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