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**Upcoming Events**

**JUL29 2-4 SKH?**  
StEPS Open House

**JUL29 6:30 SKH**  
BOD Meeting

**AUG4 2-4 School**  
Ice Cream Social

## *Harwinton Historical Society*

### **July, 2013 Newsletter**

Hope you all are managing to stay cool these days.

The outhouse re-shingling project has taken an interesting twist. George English, Mary's husband, had volunteered to provide the labor. Then upon further review, it was decided that Charlie Kirchofer and Brian Dunbar will rebuild and replace the rotted boards before a new roof is put on. Then it was decided that we would make the shingles at the shingle mill during the fair. Way to go guys!

At the June BOD meeting Candace Jones-Pacholski was unanimously elected to replace Sue McClen on the BOD. Sue was unable to attend our meetings because of end of month activities on her job. We're sorry to see her go and delighted that Candace has agreed to join the board.

We will be hosting the StEPS open house on Monday, July 29, at a site to be determined (Skinner House or Library). Our regional StEPS partners from the Kent, Torrington, and Warren historical societies along with the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington will meet with our mentor, Sarah Griswold, to review progress on the current section, Stewardship of Collections. We will conduct a tour of the schoolhouse and barn museum for our guests.

Our monthly BOD meeting will be held that evening at 6:30 at the Skinner House.

Plans for the Ice Cream Social are moving forward. Brian Dunbar is hoping to provide the freezer again this year. I'll be working with Friendly's of Farmington to provide discounted ice cream and toppings. If you're available for serving that day please contact me. Dennis will be organizing a crew to set up the tent in the morning and to tear it down after the social. Contact him if you're available.

This year we will feature a strolling historical troubadour, Tom Hanford. Tom is planning a circa 1840 orientation for his repertoire and costume. His programs illuminate the lives of 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> century Americans by way of historical songs and stories. Authentic period costumes and period correct (or at least approximately correct) instrumentation enhance the programs. Tom sings and plays (depending on the era depicted) parlour guitar, gutstrung banjo, harmonicas, and fiddle. Singing along and role playing with Tom's colorful handmade props and masks are encouraged. I'm looking forward to it.

Don't forget to plan on making saleable items for the Country Store at the Harwinton Fair this October. Candy and I have decided to host a cookie bake featuring the Bentley/Thierry cookies. They went over very well when Marion made them. We hope we're up to the task. Nancy Schnyer is planning to host a group to make a hot pepper jelly from a Shanley family recipe. How about you? Got some specialty item you can mass produce and make available for the fair?

Stay cool!

Dick