

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Harwinton Historical Society To Sponsor Program on Reconstruction Following the Civil War

Although the Union proved victorious in the American Civil War, the fruits of that victory were still in doubt. The era of Reconstruction (1865-1877) was the crucial completion of that conflict. Fundamentally, it would determine the future of the United States by attempting to resolve two dilemmas: how to admit the defeated southern states back into the Union and how to prepare 4 million ex-slaves for equality and citizenship.

Dr. Karl Valois, Professor of History at the Torrington branch of the University of Connecticut will lead the discussions of these topics at the **Harwinton Library on September 14 and 21, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 4:15 PM.**

All are invited. There is no fee although donations are always gratefully received. We hope to see you there!

Check your basements, attics, closets and book shelves !!!

HARWINTON FAIR OCT. 4-5

Summer is a great time to see if you have some items you no longer need or want but are in great condition so that someone else might appreciate them. These would make wonderful contributions for sale at the Country Store at the Harwinton Fair.

As you know, the Harwinton Historical Society displays many of its artifacts at the Country Store, Blacksmith Shop and Shingle Mill during fair weekend, which is October 4th and 5th this year.

The sale of craft items, collectibles, knick knacks, pottery, like new used books, good scraps of material, knitting and sewing supplies, antiques, even surplus fall fruits, plants and vegetables are welcome additions to the fair.

We will also be looking for bakers. Many people come to the fair hopeful that they will be able to purchase a pie or homemade cookies, jams and jellies or other bakery items. We will also need workers to help sell the merchandise. We are hopeful that you will be help in some way when called upon. Call Bonnie or Dennis Andrews (860-482-7978) to arrange for your donation or to volunteer.

Curator's Corner

The curators and assistants have continued to meet throughout the summer with time off here and there for personal vacations and other obligations. By September the curators will return to a more consistent regular work schedule of Mondays from 9 to 11:30 at the Jason Skinner House (2nd floor) off Bentley Drive

- Curators Bev Mosher and Bonnie Andrews

A BIT OF TRIVIA

July Trivia Question: *There have been many names attached to sections of the main road that runs from Farmington to Litchfield as it passes through Harwinton. Can you name five?*

Answer: Some of the names include: The trail from Farmington to Litchfield, the road from Farmington to Litchfield, the Stage Coach Road, the Country Road, Burlington Road, Litchfield Road, Route 4, Route 116, Route 118, Center Hill, Meeting House Hill and, most recently, the Robert and George Oneglia Memorial Highway.

New Trivia Question for August:

Question: Famous abolitionist John Brown is often depicted wearing a long flowing beard. However, for most of his life he was clean shaven. Why did he grow the beard?

Answer will be in the September Newsletter

Update from HHS Board of Directors

At the July meeting of the HHS Board of Directors it was decided to not hold an ice cream social this August. The cost and a lack of manpower prompted the decision for this year. It is hoped that the tradition will return in the future if someone is willing to step up to lead the effort.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the historical society, please consider offering to lead a special event or serve on the Board of Directors. To volunteer in any way, please see any officer or director of the society. The future of the group and preservation of Harwinton's history is dependent on new ideas and new directions.

The historical society's 2014-2015 appeal letter will be in the mail in late August or early September. Please support this annual request.