

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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PROGRAMS SCHEDULED IN OCTOBER

October 9, 2016

CONNECTICUT'S JONATHAN TRUMBULL (This program rescheduled from September)

Often forgotten by the general public, historians have long regarded Jonathan Trumbull Sr. as one of the greatest governors in Connecticut history. Serving from 1769-1784, he became a trusted friend of General George Washington, who affectionately called him "Brother Jonathan". Under his leadership, Connecticut earned the nickname "The Provisions State" by making many valuable contributions to the Patriot cause. Join **Dr. Karl Valois** of the University of Connecticut for a lively discussion about Jonathan Trumbull, Sr.

October 23, 2016

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

As we approach the upcoming presidential election, it can be fairly stated that the great majority of American voters do NOT know how our presidents are elected. Join **Dr. Karl Valois** of the University of Connecticut for a surprising presentation on the ELECTORAL COLLEGE. Learn about the TRUE feelings of our Founding Fathers on democracy and the common people, WHY the Electoral College was created as a compromise and why there have been calls to abolish it.

All programs are offered free to the public by the Historical Society as the result of generous grants from the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation and are usually scheduled from 2:00-4:00 PM on specific Sundays at the Harwinton Library on Bentley Drive across from Town Hall.

A Bit of Trivia

September Trivia Answer: What was the original name of the Harwinton Fair? Answer: Cattle Show Day

October Trivia Question: What is the name of the organization closely connected to farming and was the first general farm organization?

HHS Board of Directors

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving on the Historical Society's Board of Directors, please contact any of the officers or directors listed on the first page of this newsletter or by email via harwhistsoc@gmail.com. New thoughts and ideas are always good for an organization.

NOTE: Long-time HHS Curator Beverly Mosher is cutting back on some of her responsibilities, so additional assistance is most welcome. Anyone willing to donate a few hours, especially someone with computer and organizational skills – may contact Beverly at 860-485-0610 or Bonnie Andrews at 860-482-7978 for more information.

Looking Back at Harwinton's History – The Ice Cream Social

The Harwinton Historical Society has been conducting an Ice Cream Social almost every year for almost 35 years. Initially, the event featured a demonstration of hand-made ice cream. Later members contributed home-made ice cream. Eventually, the ice cream was purchased from a vendor in order to be in compliance with current health code regulations. The event has traditionally been a community social and not a fund-raising activity.

HHS Annual Appeal Underway

The annual appeal for donations to the Harwinton Historical Society began in September. Last year, generous donations allowed the Society to continue its work to preserve and encourage an interest in Harwinton's history. If you did not receive an appeal letter (bulk mail letters were sent to Harwinton residents only), donations may be mailed to Harwinton Historical Society, PO Box 84, Harwinton, CT 06791.

"The Graveyard Shift" Cemetery Walk – OCT. 14th

Due to the popularity of the first Harwinton Cemetery Walk last October, another is scheduled Friday, Oct. 14. This year the event will begin at 5:30 and will feature local actors portraying "former Harwinton residents" who are buried in South Cemetery. About 10 former residents are returning from the past for this one night only. They will greet you in South Cemetery up until they must be laid to rest again late that evening. Bus transportation will be provided from town hall (no parking allowed on South Road). ***See flier in this newsletter for more details, including the rain date.***



2016 HARWINTON FAIR

Top photo: Dennis Andrews (co-chairman of the Country Store), Brian Dunbar (millwright at the 1850 Shingle Mill) and Joe Mangini (blacksmith).

Above, left, Lewis Mills High School Senior Katie Francis waits on a customer in the Country Store.

Above, right, Charlene and Lou Giovanniello (who are now residents of Florida), donated several hours to help in the Country Store. Lou was the fair's blacksmith for 30 years.

About 50 other volunteers manned the Country Store booth, assisted in running the shingle mill, helped with set up and breakdown, or contributed items for sale to make the event a success. In spite of generally poor weather, the effort produced about the same financial success as previous years.



"THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT"

A NIGHT TIME GUIDED TOUR OF SOUTH CEMETERY



OCTOBER 14, 2016
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM



ALL VISITORS WILL MEET AT TOWN HALL - 100 BENTLEY DRIVE
AND CHECK IN

No Parking Allowed at or near the Cemetery

FREE TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED IN 15 - MINUTE INTERVALS WITH EACH
GROUP LIMITED TO 25 PERSONS

A SHUTTLE BUS WILL TRANSPORT EACH GROUP TO AND FROM THE
CEMETERY

INSIDE THE ANCIENT CEMETERY YOU WILL MEET

ANSON HUNGERFORD SR.

THE FATHER OF THEODORE A. HUNGERFORD

BELINDA BARTHOLOMEW

HARWINTON'S FIRST CENTENARIAN

CHARLES S. BARBER

CIVIL WAR VETERAN WHO LIVED ON WHETSTONE RD.

ISAAC CATLIN

A VETERAN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

ALBERT BARBER

12 YEAR OLD TRAGICALLY KILLED BY LIGHTNING

AND MORE OF OUR EARLY HARWINTONIANS

THIS IS A NON-FRIGHTENING ADVENTURE INTO OUR PAST
COME LEARN WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE FOR THESE EARLY SETTLERS

RAIN DATE IS OCTOBER 15TH

For More Information — Call Roger Plaskett 860-485-9636

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WEATHER APPROPRIATE