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Harwinton Historical Society

July, 2012 Newsletter

At our June 25 BOD meeting we reaffirmed our intent to donate \$25,000 to the Harwinton House reassembly fund. The presentation of the check will take place on Friday, August 10 @ 10 AM at the proposed site for the reassembly. We plan to have our annual appeal mailings ready shortly thereafter followed by a kickoff fundraising dinner probably in September. Planning is ongoing and will be addressed further at our next BOD meeting on Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 at the Skinner House. Regular members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Our buildings will undergo an extermination process on Wednesday, July 18. Thanks to Dennis Andrews for spearheading this effort. Thanks to all who participated in the "boxing event".

We are sponsoring a program "1863: Lincoln's Remarkable Year" by Howard Wright on Sunday, July 22 @ 2PM at the Town Hall. Please plan to attend and encourage others to come also. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Plans for the Ice Cream Social scheduled for Sunday, August 5 from 2-4 PM are moving forward under the very capable direction of Julie Slowik. Please plan to participate and attend.

Upcoming Events

July 19@6:30 SH
BOD Meeting

July 22@2PM TH
1863:Lincoln's
Remarkable Year

Aug 5 2-4PM
Ice Cream Social

Aug 10@10AM
Check Presentation
to First Selectman

The Harwinton House Internal Design Committee has been formed. Curators Bev Mosher and Bonnie Andrews head a committee consisting of Candace Jones-Pacholski, Loda Sheehan and Mary English with ad hoc members Dick Pacholski, Roger Plaskett and Dennis Andrews. At their first meeting in June, Roger Plaskett presented a conceptual layout of the reassembled house which provided everyone with an effective concept of how it might be. Later in June the Andrews' and Pacholski's were treated to a tour of the Elton Tavern in Burlington which provided additional ideas. Some of those ideas were presented to the Harwinton House Committee at their meeting on Monday, July 2.

Candace has also been busy pursuing grant opportunities and has attended DECD training sessions related to their grant offerings. She reported on those opportunities to First Selectman Mike Criss, HHC chairman Roger Plaskett and HHS president Dick Pacholski on June 21 and then again to the Harwinton House Committee on July 2. All have agreed that we do not have enough time to complete the application process for this grant in this cycle. Also since it is a matching grant we would like to raise more money before applying. Candace will continue tracking this and other grant opportunities.

I attended the StEPS-CT open house session on section 2, Audience, on June 25 in Middletown. The next open house will be held on July 30. The section wrap up will be held on August 27. There is much work to be done to keep up with the StEPS-CT schedule and commitment.

Please plan to support the society's projects and events.

Dick