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**Upcoming Events**

Jun 9 1pm-3pm
CT Open House Day
Jun10 11am&2pm
Jones Tour **cancelled**
Jun16 9am
Boxing Event
Jun25 6:30
BOD Meeting
Skinner House
July19 6:30
BOD Meeting
Skinner House
July22 2:00pm(TH)
Lincoln: The
Remarkable Year

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Harwinton Historical Society

June, 2012 Newsletter

Opening the schoolhouse and museum on May 12 in conjunction with the West Side roast beef dinner proved worthwhile in that approximately 25 people toured the facilities. Bonnie and Dennis, Corrine and Jim, Carole and Harry, and Dick and Candy also find time to partake of the dinner.

Likewise, Super Saturday was a worthwhile venture. Larry Connors added a nice touch by providing a handmade mortise and tenon demonstration which would have been used in the construction of the Harwinton House. Several people stopped to observe which led to questions about and awareness of the Harwinton House project. We also sold three books. Thanks to Larry, Bev and Bruce Mosher and Bonnie and Dennis Andrews for their effort.

Thank you to Carole and Harry for carrying our banner in the Memorial Day Parade and Stew and Karen Jones for providing the car and driver for the 2012 Citizen of the Year, Tom Schoenemann. Special thanks to Theo Camara and Matthew Law for distributing flyers on the Stew Jones Restoration Tour and the Young Historians.

The schoolhouse and barn museum tour for the Harwinton second graders was a big success. Bev, Bonnie, Corrine, Elaine and Mary English provided guidance for the schoolhouse while Bruce, Dennis, Bo, Jim and yours truly did the same for the barn museum. Thanks to all.

The schoolhouse and barn museum will be open from 1pm-3pm on Saturday, June 9 in recognition of CT Open House Day.

The Stew Jones Restoration Tour which was scheduled for June 10 is cancelled due to lack of interest. Thanks to Stew and Karen for their willingness. It is truly unfortunate we couldn't muster enough support for this project. After emailing over 100 people and passing out 100 flyers along the parade route and placing ten flyers at seven locations in town and a significant sized article in the Register Citizen and Waterbury Republican, we received three HHS member and three community reservations. It is hard to believe that with so many people allegedly supporting the effort that only six people could buy or sell a ticket. This does not bode well for our fundraising effort as we move forward.

On June 16 we will hold a boxing event at the museum and schoolhouse to box non-wood artifacts prior to the pesticide treatment. Hopefully we can get it done in one session. If not we will resume the effort on subsequent Saturdays. Be sure to bring those boxes you all have been saving.

The June 25 regular meeting was to have featured a program by Mike Rybak. Unfortunately he will not be able to attend. I have changed the regular meeting to a BOD meeting at 6:30 and changed the location to the Skinner House. The regularly scheduled BOD meeting on July 19 will also be held. The BOD needs to address the Strategic Plan including our mission and vision statements, the StEPS-CT section 1 wrap up, the StEPS-CT section 2 issues, the HHS \$25,000 donation to the Harwinton House along with associated fundraising strategies and the internal design of the house. I expect we will need to schedule another BOD meeting before our regularly scheduled October 18 BOD meeting. We will be taking a serious look at the future direction of the Harwinton Historical Society. Regular members are invited and urged to attend.

Dick