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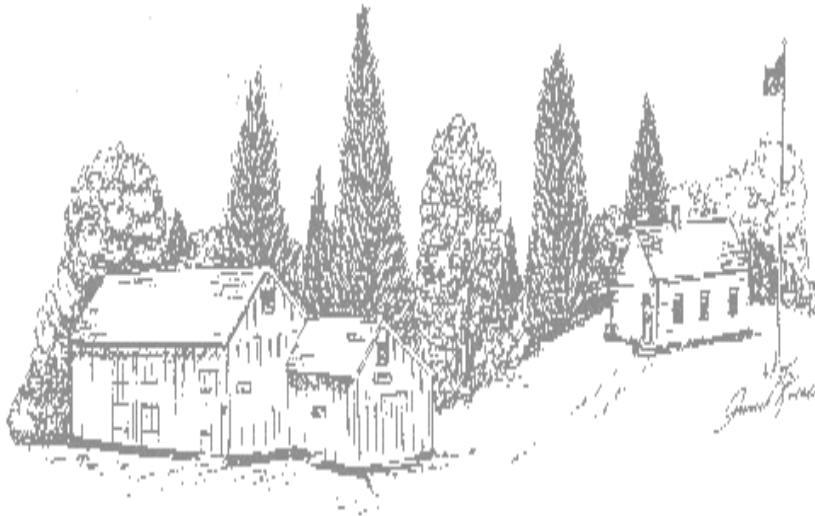
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**Upcoming Events****Apr 21 Field Trip**

Squires Tavern

**Apr 30 REG MTG**

Civil War as seen by  
Frederick B. Barker

**May12 Cleanup**

**9am**

Schoolhouse & Barn

**May12 Open House**

**5pm**

Schoolhouse & Barn

**May 19 9am-2pm**

Super Saturday @

Town Hall Complex

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**April, 2012 Newsletter**

Thanks to those of you who attended the March program on Baseball in the days of Mark Twain. It was another well received program by Craig Hotchkiss of the Mark Twain House in Hartford. He will be returning on October 28 with a program on Huckleberry Finn.

There are two programs scheduled for this month. On Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 1:30, HHS members are invited to a field trip to the Squires Tavern on East River Road in Barkhamsted. The program will feature a tour of the facility along with a history of the renovation. Contact Luella Bartes at 860-489-6631 if you have not already signed up.

On April 30, 2012, The Harwinton Historical Society will present Ernest B. Barker, author of "The Civil War – As Seen By Frederick B. Barker". Barker hales from Goshen, Connecticut and has written about Fred Lucas, who was also from Goshen, and served in the military during the Civil War. Following the war, Fred served in the state legislature, and looked back on the war and what it was like and decided to share letters between him and his special " lady friend" and his own mother. The stories are heart-warming and some of the names may be familiar to residents today. Barker, is a former schoolteacher and currently lives in the former home of

Fred Lucas' late grandson. Barker's retirement has been spent researching and writing about Fred Lucas, the Civil War, and Fred's participation in that conflict. Books will be available at the presentation which will be held at the Harwinton Senior Center on Weingart Road in Harwinton at 6:30 PM. The public is invited.

On Saturday, May 12, the West Side fire department will hold a roast beef dinner at the consolidated school. Bonnie and Dennis, Candy and Dick, Corrine and Jim, and Carole and Harry will alternate their dinner times with coverage of the schoolhouse and barn which will be open for the diner's viewing pleasure. A cleanup of the barn and schoolhouse is scheduled for that morning at 9:00 AM. Please bring cleaning supplies. Many hands make light work.

We are also signed up for Super Saturday, May 19, from 9AM to 2PM at the town hall complex where we will conduct a book sale. We will also present a display on the Harwinton House.

Behind the scenes, the Board of Directors is busy reviewing the Letter of Intent (LOI) proposal which was passed by the Harwinton Board of Selectman on Tuesday, April 3. Workshops are scheduled to address LOI questions and concerns. I don't expect a vote on the LOI to occur until after April 17.

The StEPS-CT committee has been hard at work on the development of a strategic plan for the society. Thanks to Bonnie Andrews and Candace Jones-Pacholski for their attendance at the open house on Monday, March 26 in Middletown where we had a productive session with our mentor, Sarah Griswold. We reviewed the draft of our strategic plan and our bylaws and Sarah offered many constructive comments for our consideration which have since been incorporated into the draft.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dick Pacholski,  
President, Harwinton Historical Society