
LEFFINGWELL INN NEWS

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SAVE THE DATE and SHARE WITH FRIENDS

Everyone is invited to

Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

7 PM

**Leffingwell House Museum
348 Washington St
Norwich, CT**

Museum Tour, 5:30 – 6:30

Followed by:

Short business meeting. Light Refreshments.

Presidents Message

Dear Friends, it has been a confusing year for me but I had a lot of help to keep it all together. As it is down to the wire to complete this and invite you to the Annual meeting I'm going to make this short and resolve to get back on schedule the rest of the year.

At last years Annual meeting we introduced a new treasurer in hopes of lightening my load but it didn't work out. As a direct result some bills were not paid on time and we lost our mail box. I've also dropped the use of bulk mail. With a desire of sending out only 3 newsletters and the annual report it was about break even and with first class the delivery was more reliable.

Last year in October we had a Malware attack on our website that was eventually cleaned up and we can be thankful for the skills of our web support, Bizgrok, but specifically Joyce Thomas who so ably manages our web pages, thank you Joyce.

Last fall, Beryl and I as well as several others spent a number of days buttoning up the Museum to prevent the loss of heat through the fireplaces, windows and doors. From the looks of our fuel bills we were quite successful.

At the suggestion of a member we have added PayPal for the purpose of paying dues, making donations or making purchases from the gift shop. If you go to the website you will see how it is used.

The project known as the Greenleaf House, next door, has been partially advanced. The rear of the building has been restored. A new foundation, basement floor and rear wall are all in place. We are preparing new a grant application with Connecticut Culture and Tourism and would hope to continue development of the property in the fall.

The Leffingwell Inn has received some fresh paint but needs more. We are putting our best face to the public.

Plans are advancing for a colonial garden by the front door. The garden is being developed by a Master Gardener. We

expect grow a number of heirloom vegetables and herbs, providing explanations as to how they were used.

During our fall program, several women docents wore colonial era costumes they had made. Your president was there and not in costume. This has been rectified by Kate Clark. I now have a rather handsome suit, pants, shirt, vest, and a coat is in the works. By the fall I should in complete and appropriate attire, thanks to Kate.

Program Year 2010 - 2011

There were 11 scarecrows and then there were only 8. The three scarecrows in uniform from the CT Tigers (baseball team) were stolen their very first night as a sign thanked the community for their warm reception in their first year. Our grateful thanks to Hannah Terrien, AARP #1004, RSVP/UCFS, Putnam Bank, Eastern Federal Bank, St. Mary's Church, the CT Tigers, Camero Signs and all who made scarecrows. All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.

George Fratoni and a few of his friends brought their 1960's cars for people to see. The museum opened in 1960, 50 years ago, when these now antique cars were new! A reminder that what is new today is a history lesson tomorrow.

In the tavern room two restaurants competed for the Norwich Lion's 2010 trophy plaque, Jackie's Bake Shop of Norwich and Chaplin's Tavern of New London. Jackie's has retained their title for the best cocoa in Norwich! Art Mueller was the Lion in charge of cups and voting buttons.

Mike Fox and Denise Williams dressed in colonial costumes and recruited others to ring large handbells as they braved strong winds and chilly temperatures on the street level to attract attention to the festival. Our grateful thanks to them for chairing the event for the Norwich Lion's. I know how hard you worked. Great Job! Thank you!

6 Apple, 6 Blueberry and 6 Pumpkin Pies made by St. Vincent de Paul's Catering were sold by Natali Wall and Kate Clark. Thank you Gabe Terrien for making a delicious home baked apple pie! Natali also helped people discover their future fortune by cutting the apple in half and counting the seeds.

You all know I do not bake so I made Pumpkin Pie in a Crockpot. Melodye Whatley and President Jay Deming served samples to people with a gingersnap cookie and whipped cream. A friend later said "Congratulations! You've invented dessert dip." Put some of the mixture in a dish surrounded with ginger snaps and vanilla wafers. Warm or cold YUM!

China Williams-Sneed (10), Nicole Sellum (10) and Lauren Veile (13) greeted guests and gave first floor tours. Big responsibility taken on by these three young

Many Thanks.

Austin Jay Deming,
President

ladies. They were very professional, maintained a cheery disposition and kept track of the games hoops and rings on the lawn. That was huge at the end of the day when it was time to clean up!

Chili-Bob Whatley gave a candle making demonstration in the summer kitchen as he chatted and met with each and every visitor who went down stairs. Chili-Bob is our chandler, making all of the candles we have for sale in the gift shop. \$5.00 a pair. Have you ordered any lately? They make great gifts!

Karen Beasley, Norwich LAA, stopped in to say she will begin planning for the Norwich 2011 Arts and Heritage Weekend on Monday.

Our thanks to CJ Knudsen, Vice President of Operations for the CT Tigers, for his understanding and sense of humor in dealing with the theft of their scarecrow entries and to the Norwich PD for their help. The uniforms were eventually returned to the team office. Our grateful thanks too for responding to our plea for help to keep the sidewalks shoveled during this exceptionally snowy winter.

To everyone who came, to everyone who helped that I have not mentioned (my apologies) but

"THANK YOU!" "THANK YOU!" TO ALL!!

Minnie Frese generously sent us ten CD's of her family genealogy book to sell in the gift shop as well as one copy of her book in print for our library and not for sale.

The CD's are currently available on the gift shop table for \$10.00 each.

Norwich held its 1st - 2nd Saturday Open Air Market day on the museum lawn. We had it all on the first warm, sunny Saturday of the year! "Tink" Wanda L De Coteau sold wonderful items for spiritual healing, Kate Clark had a range of [handmade jewelry](#) she designed and everyone was treated to a variety of yummy and healthy treats from representatives from [Demarle at Home Representative](#). I wish I baked so I could use the flexible molds! But I can always use some of the spice mixes. Delicious! Chili Bob Whatley dipped and sold candles while Melodye set up a display of items from our gift shop including our brand new birdhouse bottles made for us by Steinhagen Pottery. Special thanks to

Rick Spencer for providing guitar and banjo music for everyone to enjoy.

Last Saturday our emphasis was still on Norwich and with special thanks to ShopRite we handed out trash bags and gloves to visitors and residents who were interested in helping to clean up the city while they walked and talked about neighborhoods, history and architecture.

Richard Guidebeck is working on cataloging all of the print materials of the museum and he is finding the most wonderful hidden treasures

Once the days begin to warm we'll be concentrating on putting the windows. One window and one pane at a

time. We sure could use your help! 20 minutes or the whole afternoon. **YOU** can make a difference. Will you sponsor the cost of a single window? Or room? Every little bit counts and is appreciated more than you know! Putting the windows will help protect the glass and help insulate the interior of the building from outside weather and damage.

Visit the new garden planted by Cub Scouts and parents of Den 4 Pack 4.

Stop in and visit soon!

Beryl Fishbone
Program Chair

SFN Registrar Report:

Genevieve W. Calcasola

The Registrar has been busy this past year verify applications from California, Connecticut and New York as well as answering questions from perspective descents. The Society of the Founders of Norwich, Connecticut, Inc. welcomes the following descendant's applications that were approved:

New Members

Ruth Buckley Sanders
David Wade Morton
Martha Field Kendall
Tara Sanders Banning
Jessica Sanders Banning

Descent of:

Deacon Hugh Calkins
Deacon Thomas Bingham
Deacon Hugh Calkins
Deacon Hugh Calkins
Deacon Hugh Calkins

Descent No:

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If you are interested in becoming a descendent of one of our founders go to our web site at www.Leffingwellhousemuseum.org/ and the download the form.

Advertisement
CT Notary Public
Available Saturdays Noon – 4
At Leffingwell House Museum
Thru October 2011
Service fee will be donated to museum



Leffingwell House Museum
Evening Under the Stars Fundraiser

An outdoors family event with games, music, laughter and s'mores!

Bring a covered dish with 3,5 or 7 ingredients to share for our "Potluck" supper.
No alcohol please!

Will you help? We need sponsors for games, prizes, food, drinks and ice.
Call 860.887.9000

Check our website for more details
www.leffingwellhousemuseum.org

Please make your check payable to Society of the Founders of Norwich, and may be sent to
PO Box 62, Norwich, CT 06360

Thank you for your support!

**Plan Now to attend our "Evening Under the Stars" Fundraiser
Saturday, June 25, 2011 Reservations not required but appreciated**

We need to give back to our children what they don't even know they've lost. In the yard of the museum will be some colonial period activities, games, cooking and a little backyard colonial period science and botany exploration. The Society of the Founders of Norwich and the Leffingwell House Museum join with the National Wildlife Federation to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.



Helping others is the best way to help ourselves!



NORWICH, PACK 4, DEN 4
2010-11 WOLF DEN

CT RIVER COUNCIL
MOHEGAN DISTRICT

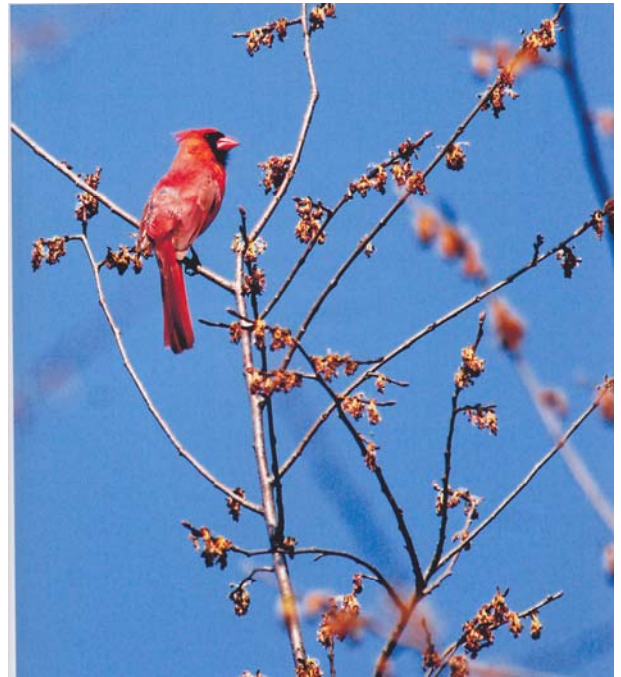
Dear Ms. Fishbone,

The Cub Scouts and their families would like to thank you for the opportunity to visit your wonderful museum, especially for opening it just for us so we can complete our Wolf advancement. We enjoyed the Skowhegan craft and hot cocoa you served us.

Den 4 Wolves, from Norwich Pack 4 would like to help the Lellingwell house this spring with planting a flower garden as a community service project. We look forward to working with you and the Lellingwell House Museum.

Thank You,
The Cubs from Den 4... Den 4 Does More!

George
Do Your Best
Logan
Charlie
Aiden
Iaf
Choi
Zachary



The Society led Norwich to be the most reported city in CT in the Great Backyard Bird Count in February 2011

Pack 4 Den 4 Thank You



Newman's Own made a difference to us and we made a difference to the SVDP Kitchen!



Thank you Norwich Tigers Organization!



Sarah is looking forward to seeing you soon

OFFICERS 2010 - 2011

President Austin J Deming
 Vice-President Stan M Lucas
 Secretary Melodye Whatley
 Treasurer Austin Deming
 Archivist Vacant
 Librarian Linda Kate Edgerton
 Registrar Genevieve Calcasola

MANAGERS

Ralph Learned
 Judith Hamblen
 Stanley M. Lucas, Esq.
 Robin Tavares

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010 - 2011

Annual Report Austin Deming
 Buildings & Grounds Greg Stott
 Mike P
 Gift Shoppe Vacant
 Hostess Chairman Vacant
 Grant Writer Austin Deming
 Membership Calista Green
 Nominating Ralph Learned
 Newsletter..... Austin Deming
 Program Coordinator Beryl Fishbone
 Public Relations Vacant
 Publications Vacant

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2010 - 2011

Annual Meeting Beryl Fishbone
 Resource Center..... Stanley M. Lucas, Esq.

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense
 June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Museum	363.09
Contributions, Donations	6,617.50
Special Events	542.68
Other Income	8,937.50
Total Income	16,442.77
Expense	
Program Printing	254.16
Management & General Exp	8,050.69
Insurance	10,514.13
Miscellaneous Exp	265.00
Total Expense	18,487.81
Net Ordinary Income	-2,045.04
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Other Expenses	4,262.97
Total Other Expense	4,262.97
Net Other Income	-4,262.97
Net Income	-6,308.01

Balance Sheet
 As of May 31, 2011

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Soc. Of the Founders	33,218.48
Other Current Assets	
Inventory	775.65
Total Current Assets	33,994.13
Fixed Assets	
David Greenleaf Property	77,760.00
Construction in Progress – Greenleaf	54,932.00
Total Fixed Assets	132,692.00
Total Assets	166,686.13
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Mortgage	56,792.88
Total Liabilities	56,792.88
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	-103,777.71
Opening BAL Equity	144,215.71
Retained Earnings	75,763.26
Net Income	-6,308.01
Total Equity	109,893.25
Total Liabilities & Equity	166,686.13

Austin Deming
 Treasurer

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Founders of Norwich Connecticut

Dea. Thomas Adgate
Robert Allyn
William Backus, Sr.
Lt. William Backus, Jr.
John Baldwin
Dea. Thomas Bingham
John Birchard
Thomas Bliss
Morgan Bowers
John Bradford
Hugh Calkins
John Calkins

Richard Edgerton
Rev. James Fitch
John Gager
Lt. Francis Griswold
Thomas Howard
Christopher Huntington
Dea. Simon Huntington
Samuel Hyde
William Hyde
Lt. Thomas Leffingwell
Maj. John Mason
Dr. John Olmstead

John Pease
John Post
Thomas Post
Josiah Reed
John Reynolds
Jonathon Royce
Rev. Nehemiah Smith
Sgt. John Tracy
Lt. Thomas Tracy
Robert Wade
Sgt. Thomas Waterman

Membership Annual Report 2010-2011

In the year 2010-2011 we welcomed sixteen new members. We re-instated one member and we accepted the resignation of one member. We noted the deaths of four members.

At the present time we have two hundred-twenty-nine members. Members are in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Europe.

New Members

Anne Baker	Norwich, CT
Bethany Cinque	Norwich, CT
Kimberly and Jason Doubleday	Franklin, CT
Caroleen Frey and Gordon Kyle	Norwich, CT
Pamela Hebert	Yantic, CT
Martha Kendall	Lebanon, CT
Howard ray Lawrence	Mokelumne Hill, CA
David Wade Norton	Manilus, NY
Leslie Potter	Cromwell, CT
Cynthia and Richard Strouse	Norwich, Ct
Loren M. Lichtenstein and Leon Ferber	Norwich, CT
Susan and Henry Wulf	Jensen Beach, FL

Deceased Members

Priscilla Botti	January 11, 2010
Mrs. Keneth Catlin	June 16, 2010
Rosemary Curran	2010
Lewis L. Leffingwell, Jr.	2010

Respectfully Submitted

Calista H. Green

ANNUAL DUES: June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012

Annual Rates

Student	\$10.00
Senior Citizen (over 65)	\$15.00
Individual.....	20.00
Family	30.00
Sustaining.....	60.00
Patron	150.00
Life.....	500.00

Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please check your address above for accuracy or necessary corrections. Make checks payable to:
The Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT, Inc., and send to:

JoAnn Meroll-Martin
C/o The Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT, Inc.,
P.O. Box 62,
Norwich, CT 06360-0013

Donations to the Philip A. Johnson Endowment Fund dedicated to the upkeep of the Museum
\$ _____

Donation to the general fund for use to maintain the other properties, offset activities costs, stock
the gift shop, etc. \$ _____

Donation as a Memorial to: _____ In the amount of: \$ _____

I have included the Leffingwell House Historic Museum (Society of the Founders of Norwich) in my
will.

I am interested in including the Society of the Founders of Norwich in my will.

(All contributions above the amount of membership are tax deductible)

***Please save us follow-up postage by sending your dues promptly. They are payable June 1,
2011.***

