



# The Society of the Founders of Norwich, Connecticut, Inc.

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2005 - 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Call for the Annual Meeting

## ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

7:00 PM

Norwich Senior Center

Mahan Drive, Norwich CT

Presentation

Historical and Cultural Presentations by the Mohegan Tribe after a short business meeting.  
Light refreshments will follow.

### The President's Annual Report 2005 – 2006

Dear Friends,

Although winter is usually a quiet time at the Leffingwell Inn, we have had activities which give evidence that both the Museum and the Founders are awake and active even in the winter months!

In early December we had a reception at the Museum to "kick off" the fund raising drive for the David Greenleaf House next door to the Museum. The Mayor, Ben Lathrop, city officials and other friends gathered for light refreshments and a presentation by Stanley Maxim Lucas who showed the architectural plans. I was pleased with the enthusiasm expressed by our guests because they were all so supportive and really pleased to be with us for the evening.

As a result of that gathering, a number of guests and others have already made donations toward the Greenleaf House Project.

Early spring always brings a flurry of various activities. Beryl Fishbone and Desiree Pearson conducted a course through Norwich Adult Education, titled: "An Introduction to Museum Work". The participants were enthusiastic and may well be interested in being docents at the Museum.

On April 29th, the Founders hosted "A Conversation with Ben", with nationally renowned Jan Leighton portraying one of our most famous and beloved forefathers, Benjamin Franklin. We thank Sandra Brindamour for arranging this outstanding afternoon of history, humor, games and kite making.

Norwich Mayor Ben Lathrop came to welcome Ben Franklin to the city and to present him with a copy of Bill Stanley's book, "The 9-Mile Square" (and I, of course, pointed out the chapter on the Leffingwells and their home!)

On May 2nd, Jay Deming and I returned Mayor Lathrop's visit when we joined a small, enthusiastic group at Norwich City Hall for the unveiling of Norwich's 350th Anniversary logo. June 6, 2009, is the actual date. The June 6th part is what traditionally has determined the date of the Annual Meeting of the Founders of Norwich, which falls on the "Wednesday closest to June 6<sup>th</sup>".

Through the summer there will be special activities at Leffingwell Inn that should be of real interest to children of all ages. Remember scrub boards and hand washing? An old fashioned wash day is set for July 22nd. Other days will feature candle making, wood carving, knot tying name just a few.

On June 10th, we will join Connecticut Open House Day, a state-wide event to celebrate our state's unique history and culture.

We look forward to a busy summer and hope to share it with our members and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann-etta Cannon, President

Attachment 1.

“THANK YOU!”

Many thanks to all of you who came to the museum’s rescue with special donations, in answer to our plea.

It was not an easy request to make, but the escalating cost of everything has hit our finances (shoe-string at best!) just as badly as everyone else’s.

I have often said that we have cut so many corners that our museum life is one big circle! Unfortunately there is a limit to how far we can cut without doing more damage than good, and without jeopardizing the Museum and its contents.

Thanks to all of you and your continuing concern, we are over this hurdle. We hope that the coming year is less stressful on us all.

Thanks again from the President, Ann Cannon

Attachment 2.

“FINANCIAL FLOW”

Your membership dues go toward the upkeep of the Museum; heat, lights, alarm system and security, snow plowing, simple maintenance costs, etc.

The “extras” so kindly given by members and friends, go toward such expenses as postage, paper products and some necessities for the Annual Meeting.

A mailing for the Newsletter is approximately two hundred dollars (\$200.), even with bulk rate.

The Gift Shop is expected to pay for itself, but donations given to add to the saleable inventory are always a real gift, and very appreciated.

Membership pins are available for five dollars each), (plus postage). They are a nice gift for members and their families.

Note cards featuring the Museum were originally intended for the

President’s use for “thank you” notes. They appealed to many recipients who wanted to purchase them for their own personal use. We now offer them 6 notes for three dollars (\$3.), plus postage, and have found them to be very popular.

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**OFFICERS, MANAGERS, CHAIRS ....**

**OFFICERS 2005 - 2006**

President ..... Ann-etta Cannon  
Vice-President ..... Ralph Learned  
Secretary ..... Gail Deming  
Treasurer ..... Austin Deming  
Archivist ..... Vacant  
Librarian ..... Linda Kate Edgerton  
Registrar ..... Genieve Calcasola

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Annual Report ..... Austin Deming  
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..... Austin Deming  
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Hostess Chairman ..... Vacant  
Grant Writer ..... Sandra Brindamour  
Membership ..... Calista Green  
Nominating ..... Ralph Learned  
Newsletter ..... Austin Deming  
Public Relations ..... Vacant  
Publications ..... Vacant

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS  
2005 - 2006**

Annual Meeting ..... Louise Stott  
Resource Center..... Stanlely M. Luscas, Esq.

**Volunteer, become a member of the Board, we need your support.**

**NOMINATIONS 2005 – 2006**

The nominating committee will present nominations for elected positions at the annual meeting

## Membership Report 2005 - 2006

### New Members 2005 – 2006

Milton D & Karen E. Andrew  
 Marrie C. Bronson  
 Genevieve W. Calcasola  
 Isabella Fitzgerald  
 Laurette Guess  
 Mildred Keller  
 Charles H. Leffingwell  
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 Bob & Mary Reed  
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### Deceased Members

Gerald M. Cruthers  
 Mrs. Robert D. Hinson (Lois H.)  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Lill III (Eleanor Coit)  
 Katherine Malone  
 Paul H. Marx  
 C. Herbert Pierce  
 Mrs. Earle M. Potter (Gertrude)  
 Viola B. Polsby  
 John Harlan Reeves  
 Mary Walton

In the year 2005 – 2006 we welcomed ten new members. We noted ten deaths. At the present time we have two hundred fifty-two members. They are in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted

Calista Green

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Summer Calendar of Events	June 10	CT Museum Day Open House – No admission charged
<p>This summer the Leffingwell House Museum is proud to present “Afternoons in New England,” a craft demonstration and education program for all ages and levels of experience. On each Saturday afternoon from June through September various crafters from Norwich and surrounding areas will be demonstrating and teaching their crafts to the visiting public. The museum will be open to the public for tours Saturdays and Sundays from Noon – 4 pm other times by appointment. Adult Admission \$5.00, Seniors and children \$3.00. Members of the Society of the Founders of Norwich – Free. Attendance at the demonstrations and classes are free for everyone but donations are gratefully accepted.</p> <p>“For many years the Leffingwell House was a family, community and cultural center for Norwich and we’d like to bring some of that energy back.” Said Ann-Etta Cannon, Society of the Founders of Norwich, President.</p> <p>The Afternoon in New England Schedule is</p> <p>June 3            Opening Day - games and fun                      June 7            <b>Annual Meeting</b> and                                               Presentation                                               At Rose City Senior Center on                                               Mahan Dr., at 7 pm, Historical and                                               Cultural Presentations by the                                               Mohegan Tribe after a short                                               business meeting.</p>	June 17	Docent Training Candle making demonstration Woodcarving demonstration
	June 24	Learn to crochet as you make a Project Warm-up America Afghan To Be Announced
	July 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	Learn to Knit and make your very own shawl or scarf
	July 15	Wash Day – Be prepared to get wet! Learn to use an old fashioned washboard. We make laundry fun!
	July 22	Historic cultural presentation by the Mohegan Tribe of Indians – 2 p.m.
	July 29	Wood Carving Demonstration by Mystic Seaport’s “History to Go”
	August 5	Quilt Exhibit by the Clamshell Guilt Guild and the Thames River Quilters
	August 12	Knot Tying Demonstration by Mystic Seaport’s “History to Go”
	August 19	Cornhusk Doll making and demonstration. Everyone goes home with a new cornhusk doll or cornhusk insect.
	August 26	Celebration of the Season – contests, games and fun
Sept. 2		

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Treasurer's Report

Jun 1, '05 - May 12, 06		Current Assets	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Society of the Founders</b>	
		<b>Accts</b>	
Museum Income	558.50	Chelsea Groton Accts	
Campaign Income	22,320.00	PAJohnson End	14,274.18
Contributions, Donations		Savings Acct	6,797.72
Awards	10,884.50	Checking	1,485.71
Membership Dues & Assmts	3,877.00	<b>Total Chelsea Groton</b>	
Miscellaneous Inc	178.15	<b>Accts</b>	<u>22,557.61</u>
Special Events	203.00	The Dime	
Other Income	4,902.31	(2 Town St Accts)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>42,923.46</u>	Savings 2 Town St	14,604.68
		Checking	370.58
<b>Gross Profit</b>	42,923.46	<b>Total The Dime</b>	<u>14,975.26</u>
		<b>Total Society of the Founders Accts</b>	<u>37,532.87</u>
<b>Expense</b>		<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>37,532.87</u>
Program Printing	2,531.49	<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>37,532.87</u>
Maintenance	23,314.49	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>37,532.87</u></u>
Professional Fees	4,045.14	<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Insurance	5,987.86	<b>Liabilities</b>	
Miscellaneous Exp	75.00	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Payroll Other	25.00	<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>35,978.98</u>	Payroll Liabilities	-24.89
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	6,944.48	<b>Total Other Current</b>	
		<b>Liabilities</b>	-24.89
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>		<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	-24.89
Other Expense		<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-24.89
Other Expenses	260.00	<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>260.00</u>	Opening Bal Equity	143,282.09
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>-260.00</u>	Retained Earnings	-112,408.81
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>6,684.48</u></u>	<b>Net Income</b>	<u>6,684.48</u>
		<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>37,557.76</u>
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>37,532.87</u></u>

In addition to the Financials shown above we own three buildings, The Inn, The Silversmiths Shop and The Greenleaf House (Mortgage of \$68,000). We have a \$75,000 State Tourism Grant pending matching funds of which we have received \$22,320. The Spring Fund Appeal has received \$1,810 todate.

**S.F.N. Lapel Pin**

Our logo pin is a penny-sized red and gold pin with a tie-tack-style fastener. The dates June 6, 1659 Oct. 10, 1901 encircle the edge in gold on a red background while red S.F.N. letters appear on the gold center. The pins are \$5 and may be obtained by sending remittance to: *Society of the Founders of Norwich, P.O. Box 13, Norwich, CT 06360.*

**Gift Shoppe**

The Gift Shoppe is continuing to stock Leffingwell Tee Shirts in adult sizes, Colors: red; white; blue, Sizes: Medium (8.00) Large (10.00) and Extra Large (12.00). We also carry Leffingwell House notepaper priced at \$2.50 per package. We have Red and Gold Founder's Lapel pins (5.00) for members only.

We will fill mail orders for the above list items.

Make checks payable to the Society of the Founders of Norwich.

Mailing address:

Society of the Founders of Norwich  
Gift Shoppe  
P.O. Box 13  
348 Washington St  
Norwich, CT 06360

Postage and Handling:

Orders up to \$25.00 - \$3.50  
\$25 to \$50.00 - \$4.50  
\$50 to \$100.00 - \$5.50

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### Donors to the Greenleaf Fund Appeal

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Anderson	Mike Goldblatt & Sons. Collectors	Thomas J. Masterson M.D.
Mrs. Hazel Brown	Mr. Rodney Green	Core Plus Federal Credit Union
Ann-etta Cannon	Mr. & Mrs Walter A. Green	Mr. Jerry G. Olson
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### Donors to the Spring Fund Appeal

Ronald Aliano	Peter Johnson	Nadine D McBride
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William Huntington	Jack Lutgens Painting	Elaine Sylvia
Stanley Israelite	William Lyman	Arthur Young

**Please note that contributions continue to arrive in our Box 13, Thank you**

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#### Grant Writer's Report

The Board of Managers and members of The Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT are so

grateful for the outpouring of support in their latest endeavor to preserve another of Norwich's colonial architectural treasures. Understanding a need to

preserve historical artifacts, documents and buildings, the Founders has once again accepted the challenge of restoring the 250 year old David Greenleaf House located adjacent to the Leffingwell Inn and Museum. This project would not be possible without our community's full support. The significance of preserving the Greenleaf House is exponential, as not only will the home of one of New England's first silversmiths be preserved, but our community, and visitors, will have an accessible venue where history enthusiasts of all ages, scholars and students will have the opportunity to learn, or expand their knowledge, of greater Norwich's colonial history through research, lectures, performances and workshops year-round. Your generosity is making it possible for artifacts and documents that have been gifted to the Founders and stored away in the basement of the Museum will be on display for the first time in over 100 years.

At the fall kick-off of the Founder's first Capital Campaign to restore and convert the Greenleaf House into the Museum's Visitor & Resource Center, President Ann Cannon, and Chair, Attorney Stanley M. Lucas, shared their gratitude with the friends of the Founders who have supported its mission over the years. And, they asked for the support of the greater Norwich community, those who still call Norwich home and those who have moved away but still have a special place in their heart for Norwich. The tremendous expression of support continues.

In December, the Founders celebrated the Campaign's progress and the welcomed news of a \$75,000 Matching Grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism under the Historic Restoration Fund at a Benefactors Holiday Gathering. It is important for those who have given, and those who are still waiting to contribute, to recognize that their generosity is vital to the success of this project. The Board of Managers has full confidence this milestone will be achieved as no other community cherishes their colonial heritage more than the Rose of New England.

Understanding that the Founders must be creative and seek out other avenues to raise the full \$300,000 needed to complete the Greenleaf House restoration, a Historic Preservation Grant requesting \$25,000 was written to the Quinebaugh-Shetucket

Heritage Corridor in April as was a \$4,700 grant to conduct a general preservation assessment to guide the Founders in obtaining a Collections Management System under their Partnership Program for Technical Assistance.

The importance of keeping Norwich's colonial history alive was celebrated with a recent visit from the quintessential colonial patriot, scientist, writer and entrepreneur, Benjamin Franklin. Children and adults gathered at Three Rivers Community College to be mesmerized by character actor, Jan Leighton, who transformed himself into Ben Franklin as he shared his many inventions, travels and his role in winning our independence from England. Age wasn't a factor when it came to making a kite to celebrate one of Ben's more famous experiments or having a picture taken with him as he read an original copy of Poor Richard's Almanac with his spectacles sitting on the tip of his nose. A "*Conversation with Ben*" was made possible by the generosity of The Norwich Bulletin, The Elsie Brown Fund, Backus Hospital, Dime Bank and a grant from the Tri-County Area's Cultural Heritage Fund, supported by the Connecticut Humanities Council.

The response of the Founders first time Spring Appeal has been remarkable. In this call to action, the Founders noted a need to meet the rising cost of heat, insurance and electricity and the desire to bring a summer filled with quality workshops.

Each and every one of our efforts is made to preserve Norwich's rich colonial history and to keep it alive for the young and old, for our families or our visitors. When Ann Cannon reminisces about her experiences as a docent at the Museum, she often tells the story of how awed a seven year old little girl was during her visit and her comment to Ann that, "When I grow up, I hope my little girl can come see how really neat this Museum is." What more could we ask for - the hope of one generation for a future generation to have the opportunity to celebrate Norwich's colonial history.

Thank you for all your efforts in helping us keep this dream a reality.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Brindamour, Grant Writer

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## Editor's Report

I really enjoy assembling the Newsletter but I would happy to pass the responsibility on to someone else. I use MS Word to put it together but there are several other good applications that could be used. If you are interested get in touch with me.

If anyone that can trace their families back to the Founders and has stories about those founders that they would like to share I'd be glad to print them. I have scanned the Norwich Packet from the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century for interesting articles and then printed them in a colonial era font and received some positive comments and here are some more:

TO BE SOLD,  
AT  
PUBLIC VENDUE,

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October, Instant,  
A Commodiouse DWELLING-HOUSE, with about Half an Acre of Land Adjoining, situate in Norwich, oppofite the Shop of Christopher Leffingwell, Efq; Said Houfe if well fituate for any Kind of Trade, two Storief high in Front, and Three in the Back, with two Chimnief, commodiouse for two Familief, and haf a Well of good Water adjacent. A good Deed will be given. The Vendue will begin, at the Houfe of Mr. Samuel Leffingwell, Inn-holder in Norwich, at two o'Clock, P. M.

Daniel Greenleaf, Jun.

*Norwich, Oct. 7. (1774)*

AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE  
PHILADELPHIA, *December 1.*

Captain Feariff from Lisbon, which he left the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, on his passage the 18<sup>th</sup>, in lat. 31, 10, long. 30. spoke the brig Ranger, from Rhode-Ifland, out 30 days, who had been on a whaling voyage, and taken one fish.

Capt. Paterfon from Jamaca, on the first of Nov. of Heneaga, spoke a floop, Capt. Chafe, from Hispaniola for Rhode-Ifland.

RUN away from the subscriber, living at *New London*, (Great Neck) a Negro Boy, named PIGGEN, about 19 yearf of age, five feet two inches high, and speak good Englifh: had on when he ran away, a woolen fhirt, checkered black and white, an infide jacket of the fame colour, a motly coloured outside jacket, a pair of double foled fhoe, and an old felt hat.

Whoever apprehendf the faid Negro and conveyf him to the fubfcriber, fhall have three dollarf reward, and all neceffary chargef.

JAMES ROGERS.

*New London, Dec. 1, 1773.*

Huntington and Carew,  
HAS FOR SALE AT THEIR  
SHOP,

Nearly oppofite the Store of CHRISTOPHER Leffingwell, Efq; in  
*Norwich,*

A Neat Affortment of Saddler Ware, which they will difpofe of very low for ready Pay. Alfo, SADDLES of all Kindf.

AT the Houfe of the Subscriber in Norwich, there is a Horfe Attach'd for the Expencief of itf Rider, fuppofed to be bought of a Perfon in Coventry in Rhode-Ifland, who if fuppof'd to have a Note already for the fame. --- Upon a proper Application and paying neceffary Chargef to the fubfcriber the Owner may have the Horfe again.

ABEL BREWSTER

Norwich, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 1774

WANTED

A Good new MILCH COW, with a CALF by her Side, that can be well recommended, for which the CASH will be given by the Subscriber.

JABEZ PERKINS.

N. B. Said Perkingf haf good Salt to fell for Cafh, or exchange for Flax-Seed.

Newsletter Editor

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCENT

Again we list the names of the original founders of the Town of Norwich from whom the Society deems it necessary that one be able to trace a line of descent for Membership by descent.

The original proprietors are:

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 Caulkins

John Caulkins  
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

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**ANNUAL DUES: June 1, 2006 - May 31, 2007**

Annual Rates

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

Mrs. Walter Green,  
c/o The Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT,  
Inc.,  
P.O. Box 13,  
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. \$\_\_\_\_\_

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, 2006.***