
LEFFINGWELL INN NEWS

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Annual Report 2009

SAVE THE DATE and SHARE WITH FRIENDS

Everyone is invited to

Society of the Founders of Norwich, CT

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

7 PM

**Rose City Senior Center
Mahan Drive
Norwich, CT**

Short business meeting. Community Award. Games. Light Refreshments.

**Entertainment by
Connecticut's own**

Troubadour Tom Callinan

**Performing selected pieces from his Norwich 350th commemorative CD
“Where Three Rivers Come Together [Norwich through the
Centuries]”.**

The CD will be officially released at a July 6th concert at the Otis Library.

Presidents Report

We are sorry to announce the passing of Ann-etta Cannon, our president, on April 19, 2009. Ann was a director of the Society of the Founders of Norwich and the programs at the Leffingwell House Museum. For over 20 years Ann actively supported programs at the Inn, often dressed in a period costume that she made. Her greatest pleasure was reading to the children at the Inn during the holidays.

She was always concerned that the museum and its contents be preserved and presented to the public in the best light.

When it was too cold for the board meetings to be held at the museum, Ann held the meetings at her home and always provided us with delicious samples of her baking. My job as treasurer and receiver of the mail meant bringing her the record of various donations to be acknowledged. If you were the recipient of her 'thank you notes' you know of her dedication and love of the Society and our Museum.

Ann is remembered by the community as proactive supporter of reading in the Preston School system and the establishment of the Preston Read-a-thon.

She will be sorely missed, but in her honor we will continue to strive to make the Leffingwell House Museum an important part of the Norwich community.

Ann-etta Cannon, Thank you.

~Jay Deming, Editor

Advertisement

CT Notary Public

Beryl Fishbone

My commission expires 12/31/2013

Available Saturdays Noon – 4

At Leffingwell House Museum

Thru October 2009

Service fee will be donated to museum

Program Year 2008 - 2009

If you didn't participate with the Society of the Founders of Norwich in the last year here are some of the opportunities you have missed –

- Seeing the movie “Iron Jawed Angels” (Fundraiser) - As Election Day approached, we obtained this video and conducted a viewing in the common room at Christ Episcopal Church.
- Fall Festival with pie contests, scarecrows and games (FUNdraiser) – An enthusiastic group of judges tasted and commented on the pies. Scarecrows were set up by several families for all to enjoy and prizes were awarded.
- Every Saturday there were Displays, Exhibits, Demonstrations April through October – A number of different exhibits were set up presenting various artifacts from our collection. We have so much and so little space to display it.
- Seeing on display the official scrapbooks, memorabilia, mementos, meeting minutes, sketches and more from the 150th Anniversary of the City of Norwich to the 350th.
- Visiting and working in the new gardens filled with herbs, flowers and vegetables – We made some progress in developing a garden to show some of what might be found in the colonial kitchen garden. It was a start handled by a few enthusiastic volunteers.
- Continuing research opportunities with other individuals and organizations interested in history.
- Greeting and touring with school and University groups
- Increasing the Touchables Exhibit – In the basement a table is set up with a number of items to be touched and examined. Some items are familiar to the children such as tops and jacks. A piece of whale baleen, an iron, a horseshoe and an ox shoe.
- Participating in Earth Day Programs, Spring Clean-up and Fall Shut-down.
- Updating displays with integrity
- And lots more. Get involved today!

~Beryl Fishbone, Program Chair

Treasurer's Report

Income & Expense

June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

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~Austin Deming,, Treasurer

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 Resource Center..... Stanley M. Lucas, Esq.

Membership Report 2008 – 2009

In the year 2008-2009 we welcomed fourteen new members. We accepted one resignation and we noted eight deaths. At the present time we have two hundred and thirty-nine members. They are from the United States, Canada, England and Spain.

New Members

Frances P. F. Armstrong	Connecticut
Eric Beit	Connecticut
Iva R. Bellach	Nevada
Debra Dickey	Connecticut
Walter Constantine	Georgia
Minnie Frese	Canada
Glen Freyer	Connecticut
Derek M. Harden	Ohio
Ellen Leffingwell	Connecticut
Thomas A. Leffingwell	Florida
Mary Moffitt	California
Ruth & George Sanders	Connecticut
Joe Wierzbinski	Connecticut

Deceased Members

Ann-etta Cannon	April 19, 2009
Mary K. Connelly	August 2008
Marilyn C. Cruthers	December 2008
Diogenes P. John	July 2008
Geraldine M. Kitzmiller	2007
William M. Lyman	Sept 12, 2008
Phyllis Moffitt	December 2008
Margaret S. Wilson	July 12, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Calista Green, Membership Chairman

Who is Cato Mead?

The Leffingwell House Museum in Norwich, CT, and the Hunold Heritage Center Museum of Montrose, Iowa, are working together to trace the life of Revolutionary War soldier, Cato Mead. Cato Mead was born at Norwich in 1761 - 1962 and died near Montrose, IA, April 25, 1846. To date, he is the only known black Revolutionary War soldier buried west of the Mississippi River. Watch for further information on our Web Site and in the next News letter.
~Beryl Fishbone.

Letterboxing

Letterboxing is a fun activity that combines puzzles and mystery with venturing in the great outdoors. Letterboxing has its origins in Darmoor, Devon, England in 1854 when a gentleman left his calling card in a jar by a remote pool. The note accompanying the card directed people to leave their cards in the jar as well. More jars were placed in Darmoor, and letterboxing began. The cards were eventually replaced by stamps, and word of mouth clues moved to the internet.

In order to begin letterboxing, one needs a stamp, ink pad, a notebook, and to visit one of the letterboxing sites on the internet. We like to use letterboxing.org but altasquest.com is another popular site. On the website you can find clues to hidden letterboxes in all 50 states. These letterboxes contain at least a stamp and notebook. The finder stamps their personal stamp in the letterbox guest book, and stamps the found stamp in their personal stamping notebook. The letterbox is returned to its hiding spot for others to find.

When hooked on letterboxing, one will find them hidden in many scenic and historic areas. Some are hidden in more remote areas i.e. the trails at Mohegan Park, and others are in high traffic areas i.e. downtown libraries. **There is even a letterbox hidden at [a local historic museum!](#)** This is a great activity to get you & your family outside and exploring your world.

For more information, check out CT author Randy Hall's [Letterboxer's Companion](#).

Founders of Norwich Connecticut

Dea. Thomas Adgate	Richard Edgerton	John Pease
Robert Allyn	Rev. James Fitch	John Post
William Backus, Sr.	John Gager	Thomas Post
Lt. William Backus, Jr.	Lt. Francis Griswold	Josiah Reed
John Baldwin	Thomas Howard	John Reynolds
Dea. Thomas Bingham	Christopher Huntington	Jonathon Royce
John Birchard	Dea. Simon Huntington	Rev. Nehemiah Smith
Thomas Bliss	Samuel Hyde	Sgt. John Tracy
Morgan Bowers	William Hyde	Lt. Thomas Tracy
John Bradford	Lt. Thomas Leffingwell	Robert Wade
Hugh Calkins	Maj. John Mason	Sgt. Thomas Waterman
John Calkins	Dr. John Olmstead	

Are you related to one of our Founding Families? Tell us about it.

Registrar's Report

Nine descent applications were sent out. One received complete, reviewed, approved and voted on by board. Now a member, his name is Derek Michael Harden of Ohio, #514, and he is the 12th descendant of Simon Huntington.

Descent applications are now on the Society's web site generating interest. Genevieve, our genealogist, fields calls to the Leffingwell Museum regarding genealogy as well as correspondence requesting information.

~Genevieve Calcasola

ANNUAL DUES: June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2010

Annual Rates

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

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. \$_____
- 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, 2009.

