



Calendar of Events

All of our programs are open to the public.

Sunday, November 14
2:00pm

Greener Pastures
Connecticut's
Western Settlements

Talk by State Historian
Walter Woodward

Sunday, December 5
6:00pm

Tree Lighting

Stop in after the lighting of the tree for cookies, cider and crafts for the kids!

Saturday, January 15
10:00am - 12:00pm

Preservation Workshop
Textiles: Clothing &
Household Items

Reservations Required

Saturday, February 12
Preservation Workshop

Metals: Silver, Pewter
Copper, Brass & Iron

Reservations Required

Sunday, February 20
Antique Glass

Talk by Noel Tomas,
president of the Connecticut
Museum of Glass
*Bring an antique bottle
to be identified*

***More programs can be
found on page 4***

“Be Prepared” & “Do a Good Turn Daily”

By Donna Baron

In the late 1800s many separate organizations for boys were created around the world. Drawing on this trend and his personal experience in military scouting, British Lieutenant General Robert Baden-Powell held the first Boy Scouting encampment in 1907.

A year later, Baden-Powell published *Scouting for Boys* (considered the first Boy Scout Hand Book). The movement grew rapidly and in 1909, 10,000 boys from around the world attended the first Scout rally at the Crystal Palace in London. Inspired by Baden-Powell's work in England, American William Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) in February 1910. Later that year thirty-four representatives of existing boys' organizations met in New York City to set up a national headquarters and develop organizational plans. In 1911 BSA adopted the Scout Oath, Scout Law, badges and fundamental policies. A year later the first Eagle Scout rank was awarded and *Boys' Life* became the official BSA magazine. Like many great organizations, the



Panel included: *left to right*, Dave Hawkins, Ernie Manning, Marty Shenkle, Al Wilder and Sue Church

Boy Scouts of America has a founding legend that is partly myth. According to tradition William Boyce was inspired to found BSA because of an encounter in London with a young man who helped provide directions. When offered a tip, the youngster declined saying he was a Boy Scout and just doing his daily good turn. Boyce felt that this Scout, who never identified himself, represented the true spirit of Scouting.

Scouting in Lebanon began about 1934 when Reverend Howard Champe, who had started a troop in Hebron some years before, founded Troop 58 so his own son could be a Scout. In 1937 the fledgling troop traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the first National Boy

Continued on page 10

**The mission
of the
Lebanon Historical
Society**

The mission of the Society is to preserve and to interpret all aspects of the history of Lebanon, Connecticut from its earliest inhabitants to the present day, with a special emphasis on the role of Lebanon in the American Revolution.

Board of Trustees

President

Ed Tollmann

*Vice President and Acting
Membership Chair*

Glenn Pianka

Treasurer

Rob Slate

Secretary

Sandie Chalifoux

Buildings & Grounds

Jim Mello

Community Events

Keith LaPorte

Collections

Brian Bartizek

Development

Jan Grigas

Education

Sara Cross

Exhibitions

Margaret McCaw

Finance

Connie Berglund

Nominating

Al Vertefeuille

Personnel

Betty Forrest

Publications

Jacy Worth

Members-at-large

Linda Heatherly

Suzanne Yoe

Ex-Officio

Archie Andrews III

Director

Donna Baron

From the President

Ed Tollmann

Summer has passed and winter is coming soon. The momentum at the museum is still building. Our Boy Scout display is in place and looks great thanks to staff and volunteer Marty Kendall. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts kicked off with a reception and a panel discussion on October 24th.

A wine tasting event (Evening at the Museum) was very successful in September and raised much needed funds. Everyone had a wonderful time. I'm sure next year the event will be even more successful.

Our annual Antiques Show was also a great success. Without our many volunteers and



fantastic staff both events would not have been as successful. It always amazes me how the antiques show comes together. All our volunteers know what to do and the day always ends up a great success.

Donna has been soliciting more schools to visit Lebanon and has been very successful. I was at the museum during one of the visits of a class from Lyman Memorial. It was great to see how quickly the group felt at home at the museum. The class wanted to do some volunteer work at the museum and they have returned once and cleaned and organized our Visitor Center. There have been more than 80 pupils visiting at one time.

It was decided at our last Board of Directors meeting to fill the last spot on the board which is a member-at-large spot and have that member oversee the Beaumont House. Dee Krouppa and John Kendall have been very loyal keeping the house open for visitors. The Board felt it's time they became more involved with getting docents and keeping the house up. The south wall that has been plagued with water damage will be replaced this fall. Many thanks to Dee and John for all their help with the Beaumont House.

We have a fantastic Board of Directors, they are a group the whole historical society can be proud of. My thanks to our Board, our staff and our dedicated volunteers. Without all of you, we would not be reaching our goals for the LHS. I have never had the feeling of satisfaction with other organizations I've been part of as I have with LHS. Thank you all.

Director's Message

Donna Baron

October is both American Archives Month and National Family History Month, a logical combination since most genealogical research (family history) depends on the contents of archives. The Lebanon Historical Society observed these two celebrations with Carol Whitmer's talk on October 27 about the pros and cons of using the Internet for genealogical research. Helping members and visitors with family research, however, is an almost daily activity for museum staff and volunteers.

Answering genealogical inquiries was one of the first activities of the Lebanon Historical Society. Our files include letters written in the 1960s in response to correspondents trying to trace Lebanon ancestors. As plans for our current building progressed in the mid 1990s, a genealogy library was always part of the design. Family history researchers are still the largest part of our out-of-state visitors. Some folks just call and ask for help because tradition says an ancestor came from Lebanon. Many more find us first on the Internet.

Our web site www.historyofLebanon.org has an entire section on genealogical research with a long list of the resources available. For many years our wonderful volunteer genealogist Lindy Brunkhorst-Olewine has been transcribing all kinds of public and church records and creating alphabetical indexes and data bases that greatly simplify searching for information about individuals and families. Her work has been supplemented with Matt Keagle's data bases of men from Lebanon who served in the

For many years our wonderful volunteer genealogist Lindy Brunkhorst-Olewine has been transcribing all kinds of public and church records and creating alphabetical indexes and data bases that greatly simplify searching for information about individuals

American Revolution. In addition, the library holds printed, microfilmed, or digitized copies of many original manuscript records including deeds, probate docketts and censuses. All of these, plus our subscriptions to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register and Heritage Quest, published family histories, and our own family history files are available to our library patrons.

If you come to do research, you will probably work with staff member Grace Sayles or volunteer Marty Kendall. If I am very lucky, they will be busy and I will be able to help. (I love family history research and welcome every chance I can get to become involved.) If you complete our online research request form, you may begin working with Lindy Brunkhorst-Olewine who is a top notch genealogist as well as a patient and thorough records transcriber. One of the benefits of your membership is that genealogical services are often free or discounted.

Please take advantage of this member benefit. Although our collection focuses on Lebanon and the neighboring towns, we can often provide suggestions for research online or in other communities. Our collection cannot be checked out, but we have lots of resources that can help students of all levels with school projects. And, if you have Lebanon ancestors, this is the "go-to" to begin your family history exploration.

Welcome to our newest members

Senior

Fred & Nancy Henderson

Alice Williams

Individual

Dale Zeppieri

Family

Donald & Deborah Cobb

Chris & Lisa Manville

History Trivia Answer:

The Palisado

Contact Us:

The Lebanon Historical Society
856 Trumbull Hwy
P.O. Box 151
Lebanon, CT 06249

860-642-6579

museum@historyoflebanon.org
www.historyoflebanon.org

Museum Hours:

Wed. thru Sat.
12pm to 4pm

Library & Research Center

Wed. and Sat. only
12pm to 4pm
or by appointment.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Times still to be determined

In the planning stages:
*A display
about the Goshen
Congregational Church*

Saturday, March 19 Basket-making Workshop

Pre-registration required
fee charged for
all participants

Sunday, April 3 "Outlaws, Villains & Rogues"

Musical Presentation
by Rick Spenser

Wednesday, May 4 ANNUAL MEETING & Program

Going It Alone: Lebanon Since 1804

Presentation by
Alicia Wayland

You can always visit
our website **www.
historyoflebanon.org**

to see a list of our current
events and programs

We would love to see
you at our programs.
If you have an idea for
a program or you
would be interested in
putting on a program,
please let us know!

Patriotism, Food and Monuments Become a History Mystery

By Alicia Wayland

Patriotism and food production were strongly intertwined in Lebanon during World War II. An article in the *Hartford Courant* on Sept. 14, 1942, describes in detail a ceremony and large rally planned for the following Sunday, Sept. 20.

The program included the unveiling of an Honor Roll on the Green that listed the men in the armed forces and a parade celebrating the town's commitment to agriculture.



*The young sailor is Wilfred Chalifoux.
Photo courtesy of Helen Krause*

Officials in the parade included military, educational, agricultural and state defense officials, joining with Lebanon's citizens to pledge their agricultural strength to victory.

The rally was part of the national "Food for Freedom" program started by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Agriculture department workers around the country promoted increased food production to aid the war effort by staging special events like the rally in Lebanon.

According to the *Courant*, Lebanon was the leading milk producer in the state, making daily shipments to major

cities like Norwich, New Haven and Providence. It was also second in the state with the number of acres harvested. According to a follow-up article in the *Courant*, dated Sept. 20, 1942, it rained the day of the rally but "practically every resident of Lebanon who was able took part in the town's 'Food for Freedom' rally."

The unveiling of the Honor Roll was an ecumenical ceremony

with Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant clergy participating. The 70 men in the services who are listed represent only the men called up in the first draft in 1941. Some of the 1941 draftees were deferred because they worked in defense industries. They were called up in the second draft in 1943.

All the Lebanon men and women who served in World War II are

listed on the permanent monument erected at the east end of the driveway into Town Hall. There are four women and 130 men on the list. Seven of the young men were killed in action.

The monument also includes a list of the Lebanon men who fought in World War I. One Lebanon soldier was killed in that war.

How the permanent monument came about remains something of a mystery. At a town meeting on March 7, 1949, residents approved a motion "that the Town appropriate \$600.00 towards the creation of the Memorial to the Veterans of World Wars One and

Continued on page 11

Farming with Horsepower

By Marie Reynolds

Until the late 1930s and early 1940s many farmers used draft horses to perform their daily chores. The farmer depended on the horses to provide the power for moving equipment and tilling the fields. The horses were hitched to the equipment using leather harnesses and were controlled using a bridle and reins as well as voice commands.

The harnesses in this photo were found at Oak Leaf Dairy in a barn attic during renovation project in the summer of 2010. Stephen and Anna Kurcinik purchased Oak Leaf Dairy in 1922 where they raised their

family, Stephen, Joseph, Kalmon, Helen and Emil. This farming family used horse power to clear the land and take in the harvest. The leathers, hames and traces in these photos were used on Tom and Dick, the last team of horses at Oak Leaf Dairy. Tom and Dick were used for plowing the fields in preparation for planting vegetable crops. They were also used for mowing, raking and taking in the hay. When the vegetable crops were harvested, the horses pulled a buckboard to Willimantic to deliver the produce to local markets. The horse drawn buckboard was also used for shopping trips and taking Anna to the American Thread Company where she worked for many years. *Oak Leaf Dairy, located on Bogg Lane in Lebanon, is owned and operated by Mark and Jackie Reynolds, who are fourth generation family members.*



Horses with harnesses in action. The pictured harnesses were recently donated to the historical society

State Historian Walter Woodward is coming to Lebanon

By the 1760s, Lebanon residents (like folks from towns around the colony) began leaving and moving north and west. For almost a century thousands of families left economic uncertainty at home for the greener pastures they hoped to find in Pennsylvania, Vermont, New York and the Western Reserve of Ohio. Dr. Woodward will explore how these emigrants transferred Connecticut culture and values to new parts of America and how they influenced the development of the new nation. Walter W. Woodward is Connecticut's fifth State Historian and an assistant professor of history at the University of Connecticut. A scholar of early American and Atlantic world history, he has recently published a book, *Prospero's America: John Winthrop Jr., Alchemy and the Creation of New England Culture 1606-1676*. Before becoming a historian Woodward was an Emmy-winning country music composer and a Clio-winning advertising person.

Tony Brooks, director of the Luzerne County Historical Society (LCHS) which is located in the Wyoming River Valley in northeast Pennsylvania will also be in Lebanon on November 14. Following Dr. Woodward's talk, Mr. Brooks will briefly describe the collections at LCHS and the community's roots in eastern Connecticut.

**LAST CHANCE,
TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to share a taste of your family's heritage.

**FAMILY
RECIPES
DUE BY
Dec. 31, 2010.**

Reconnect with your heritage by writing your recipe and include a family photo or a special memory of your family making or enjoying your favorite dish. The Historical Society will create a book of these Heritage recipes for purchase.

We have received many delicious recipes from "soup to nuts" but would like to include more. All Lebanon residents and former residents are invited to contribute.

To get your recipe form just contact the museum 860-642-6579 or Claire Krause 860-423-0468. Forms are available at the museum and senior center.

Thank You

to all of our
Antiques Show
volunteers and
all of our friends
behind the scenes.

Each year we bring
the show together
in a seamless way,
creating a Lebanon
tradition.

The Lebanon
Historical Society
looks forward to
next year's
45th Annual
Outdoor
Antiques Show.
The sum of the parts
equals the whole.

*Again thanks
& Tallyho!*

Keith LaPorte,
Community Events
Chair

**The Antiques Show
is always held the last
Saturday in September
so mark your calendar
and tell your friends!**

LHS Featured Volunteers - Marge & Bill Jahoda

By Jacy Worth

Our featured volunteers are Marge and Bill Jahoda, who recently welcomed me in to their lovely home in the woods for an interview. I spent the afternoon listening to wonderful stories of their history together and of the productive lives they have led. Their home reflects the depth of their accomplishments. It is filled with artifacts from their travels and Bill's research; there is even a picture of a paramecium, named for Bill, by a former student, hanging on the wall. Photos of nature and of their cherished family are all around. Trophies from Marge's days of playing tennis as well as awards for their many accomplishments are proudly displayed. These are well-deserved accolades for a couple who have devoted a great deal of time to their community as well as to conservation and land preservation. Bill was born in New York City in 1917, but his family moved to Fairfield in 1920. This is where his appreciation of the outdoors developed as he spent much of his time at local estuaries and enjoying the woods in the area. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps after high school and then earned a degree in forestry at the University of New Hampshire. He met Marge, who was the sister of a classmate, while they were both studying at UNH. Bill entered the Air Force during the Second World War. He received his wings at Parks Air College in St. Louis, then went to Tucson, Arizona, to be trained as a B-17 bomber pilot. He



Marge and Bill Jahoda after Marge received the 2010 Lebanon Citizen of the Year award

persuaded Marge to fly out to Tucson and they were married in the University of Arizona chapel in 1942. The couple had their first son, John, in Texas during Bill's work as an aviation instructor, prior to his being sent abroad. After his deployment Marge went back to New Hampshire with their son and Bill was sent overseas to India and Burma where he flew supplies and fuel over the "Hump" from India to Kunming, China. He used a 4 engine transport aircraft. He served for several years, ending up as a Lt. Colonel and receiving two Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Bill earned a BS and MS in forestry from UNH. After the war, he was released from active duty and obtained his PhD in biology from Ohio State University. The Jahodas' daughter Judy was born while they lived in Ohio. Bill became a biological science

Continued on next page

Johoda continued

Continued from previous page

professor at New Paltz State Teacher's College in NY and their third child, Janet, was born. When the Korean War began he was recalled to active duty with the Air Force. Bill was assigned to UConn's ROTC as Professor of Air Science and Tactics. This is what brought the Jahodas to Lebanon. They consider themselves so fortunate to have found such a wonderful place to live. Lebanon was a small rural community back then, very much like the town in New Hampshire where Marge grew up. Everyone knew their neighbors and always helped out when necessary. The move took place in 1951. Their house was just a cottage then. Bill added rooms and received much advice from Bill Buckley regarding plumbing. They raised their 4 children in this home, their youngest son, Jim, was born at this time. Like their parents, the children developed a great appreciation for nature on the property. Bill planted many trees on what was open land when they purchased the property.

Marge (Johnson) was born in 1921. She hails from Pittsburg NH and grew up on the family farm in a rural community. She has an extensive New England family tree with German, Irish and English roots. Marge's parents met in Pittsburg NH, where her mother worked for 35 yrs in a general store owned by Frank Baldwin. She was the town clerk and notary public as well. Marge's father ran the family farm. Marge took commercial courses in high school and had initial plans to become a career woman. After graduation Marge was offered a job in a bank but her Mother encouraged her to

go on to college. She spent three years at the University of New Hampshire, then life took over with marriage and four children and the Jahoda motto, "family first." Marge was able to continue her schooling when, in 1958, Bill's mother came to live with them, and helped with the children.

Marge obtained her teaching degree from Willimantic State Teacher's College and taught at the Lebanon Elementary School prior to her retirement.



Marge in colonial dress

After UConn, Bill became a biology professor at Eastern CT State University until he retired at fifty-five. He wanted to devote more time to his many interests, including photography. An enthusiastic photographer, Bill did work in both still photos and in cinematography. His still photos were marketed by Photo Researchers. As a cinematographer, he produced *Nature's Ways, Coral World of Bermuda and Bermuda, Land and Sea*, and lectured internationally, on the Audubon Wildlife Films lecture circuit.

Continued on next page

*A favorite inspiration
of Dr. Jahoda's*

The Crucial Resource ***By Nancy Newhall***

**From
This Is The American Earth**

Of all resources, the most
crucial is man's spirit.
Not dulled, nor lulled,
supine, secure, replete,
does man create
but out of stern challenge,
in sharp excitement,
with a burning joy.

Man is the hunter still,
though his quarry
be a hope, a mystery,
a dream,
from what immortal
hungers, what sudden
sight of the unknown,
surges that desire?

What flint of fact,
what kindling light of art
or far horizon,
ignites that spark?
What cry, what music,
what strange beauty,
strikes that resonance?
On these hangs the future
of the world.

We are all learning lost,
all music stilled,
man, if these resources
still remained to him
could again hear singing
in himself
And rebuild anew
the habitations
of his thought.

Tenderly now, let all men
turn to the earth!

*A wonderful time
was had
by all at...
An
★ Evening at the
Museum
Fundraising Event*

SAVE THE DATE
August 27
*For next years'
event*



Featured Volunteer continued

Continued from previous page

Once retired, and with the children on their own, Marge and Bill found more time to get involved in community activities. Their good friend Dolle Fischer enticed them to join the Lebanon Historical Society. Together they were responsible for the Lebanon Historical Society's Yearbook publications from 1984 until 1993. Marge became the Chair of the Publications Committee. Bill contributed much of

the artwork for the publications. In 1986 the committee published a book written by George McLean Milne, titled *Lebanon: three centuries in a Connecticut hilltop town*. The book included a collaboration of sources within the community contributing to the research of the final product. This book still stands as an accurate account of the town's development. In discussing the rediscovery of a local landmark, Bill asked that I note that Teddy and George Randall had an idea of the location of Five Mile Rock. With Rev. Milne and the Jahodas, they went searching for it. By accident they came upon the location when Bill spilled some powdered chalk which brought out the rock's inscriptions. This discovery is featured in the book. Five Mile Rock is one of the most ancient landmarks in Lebanon, dating

back to 1705. A book signing took place after publication and was hosted at the Governor's mansion by Mrs. O'Neill. Mrs. O'Neill, Rev. Milne, Dolle Fischer,



Dolle Fischer, Mrs. Milne, Bill Jahoda, Marge Jahoda, Mrs. O'Neill Governor's wife and Rev George Milne at the book signing

Edith Prague and Marge and Bill were present. This was a great highlight for the committee. They also published small booklets such as "Touring with Henry" and "Recollections." The Jahodas wanted to point out the lovely illustrations by Billy Dougal in "Recollections". These books are still available in the gift shop at the museum. The Jahodas were awarded the Lebanon Historical Society's Second Annual "Volunteer of the Year Award" in 1994. While involved in the Society they enjoyed volunteering at the antiques show, putting on educational programs and fundraising with bake sales. Marge was a docent for a period of time. They truly "had fun" during this period of their lives. They are generously handing over years of published material to the

Continued on next page

Johoda continued

Continued from previous page

Historical Society to archive.

Along with their many years of involvement and contributions to the Historical Society, the Jahodas have served their community as volunteers and our town is a better place for their efforts. Bill (along with Russell Tollmann) was a Boy Scout leader and Marge a den mother for many years. They are remembered fondly by those boys who were lucky enough to have been Scouts at that time. Marge served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and also was responsible for typing state regulations regarding recycling, an important subject to these conservation-minded people. Bill and Marge were Deacons at the First Congregational Church and were also very involved with the completion of the Rails to Trails project. Marge told me that their love of hiking prompted them

they received the American Forest Foundation, National Conservation Forestry award. This award was for enrollment of their 400 acres in New Hampshire called the Johnson Memorial Forest, in the Forest Legacy Program

to embark on that endeavor. Bill was named Citizen of the Year in 2006 and Marge received the award in 2010.

Together they have enjoyed extensive travelling experiences throughout the U.S., South America, Africa, Europe, the

Galapagos Islands and Bermuda. The family enjoyed skiing both cross country and downhill with their children amongst many other outdoor activities. Marge reminisces of the many wild animals they rescued and nurtured back to health and the interesting 'items' she'd discover from the woods in her children's rooms. Marge also loves her flower gardens and for years provided the Historical Society with table arrangements for our annual meeting. She was quite an athlete and played tennis until just a few years ago. Bill proudly produced a photo of her with her high school basketball team! Last year they were taken by their family to Washington, D.C. where they received the American Forest Foundation, National Conservation Forestry award. This award was for enrollment of their 400 acres in New Hampshire called the Johnson Memorial Forest, in the Forest Legacy Program. This is a land conservation program which is so important to the Jahodas.

This is just a small slice of a very rich and rewarding life this unique couple continues to lead. They feel fortunate to be able to remain in their own home with their family's assistance. John, Judy, Janet and Jim have given them seven grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren who bring them great pride and joy. The Jahodas feel so fortunate to have had a very fulfilling life and many dear friends in Lebanon.

I thank them for the opportunity of spending time with them. The Lebanon Historical Society is so appreciative to Marge and Bill for their many years of service to the organization as well as the community.

Don't miss out on our continuing and very popular series of Preservation Workshops

**Saturday,
January 15
10:00am - 12:00pm
Textiles: Clothing &
Household Items**

Lebanon Historical Society director Donna Baron will demonstrate common problems created when storing heirloom textiles (from wedding dresses to crocheted doilies) and explain simple at-home solutions and remedies. Registrants are invited to bring one heirloom with them to discuss with the group.
Registration Required

**Saturday,
February 12
10:00am - 12:00pm
Metals: Silver,
Pewter Copper,
Brass & Iron**

Many families have; inherited metal artifacts and then struggle with issues about cleaning, polishing, and storing. Donna Baron will lead a workshop investigating the causes of corrosion, products to clean and protect and effective storage techniques. Participants may bring one item for specific care advice.
Registration Required

A Good Read

*Prospero's America:
John Winthrop Jr., Alchemy,
and the Creation of New
England Culture,
1606-1676*

by Walter W. Woodward
Woodward, who is
Connecticut's State
Historian, has written a new
biography of John Winthrop
Jr. that brings out the multi-
dimensional nature of the
man who talked King
Charles II into giving
Connecticut its remarkable
royal charter in 1662.

Winthrop, who was
governor of the colony at
the time, had founded the
town of New London in
1645 in hopes it would
become a center of
alchemical studies.
Winthrop was deeply
involved in the study of
alchemy, the precursor of
modern chemistry.

A learned and
compassionate physician,
Winthrop was also an
entrepreneur who initiated
iron mining and salt making
projects. His broad religious
tolerance, his support for
the Pequot tribe, and his
refusal to execute so-called
witches show he was a giant
among men. Not an easy
read but worth the effort
for a new understanding of
17th-century New England.

“Be Prepared” & “Do a Good Turn Daily”

Continued from page 1



John Champe

challenge of mastering fire-starting skills. During its 76-year history, Troop 58 has been sponsored by the First Congregational Church and has expanded to include Cub Scout Pack 58.

In 1985, a second troop formed in Lebanon to provide boys with a choice when selecting their path through Scouting. Troop 180 is sponsored by American Legion Post 180 and started with equipment from Troop 158 (a short-lived Lebanon troop) and the Willimantic Fire Department Troop 1440. Troop activities have focused on camping, outdoor skills and confidence building. The troop takes

Scout
Jamboree.
John
Champe
recalls
an early
service
project
burning
tent
caterpillar

nects and the

great pride in having many of its former members now in active military service or now serving as fire department members.

Lebanon's first Boy Scouts recall attending Camp Quinebaug in Preston during the 1930s and 1940s. Early photographs and movies show boys swimming and boating in the lake. In 1964, Troop 58 headed north to Ashford, Connecticut to spend a week at a new and as yet unnamed Scout camp. Known then as “Ashford I”, this facility has been the regular summer camp for Troop 58 ever since. The facility was named June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in 1966. Troop 180 has been to Camp Webster and now uses Camp Yagoo in Rhode Island.

Each year boys and leaders from Lebanon pack their gear and head to summer camp. Everyone bunks in canvas tents on wooden platforms and many meals

are served in the mess hall. Swimming, boating, marksmanship and Scout skills are part of every day. Scouts work on merit badges, skill awards

and generally have

a great time. Evening campfires with skits and music and morning and evening flag ceremonies are still part of the daily tradition.

Lebanon Scouts have also participated in regional camporees and national jamborees. At least twice, in 1986 and

Continued on next page



Camping then and now



Patriotism, Food and Monuments Become a History Mystery

Continued from page 4

Two.” This was a time when Selectmen and other agencies did not have to keep minutes of their meetings so there is no town record to show how the idea came about and who carried it out. However, in the Town Reports for the year ending August 20, 1949, there is a record of checks paid during that fiscal year. In the month of April, it is recorded “paid Order No. 5803 American Legion, appropriation \$600.00.” This is the only \$600.00 check made out in that fiscal year so it appears that the Legion was responsible for the erection of the monument.

American Legion Post 180 was organized in September of 1948. Unfortunately, their early records have been lost so there is no way to record and salute the members who may have instigated and carried out the erection of that beautiful monument to Lebanon’s veterans.

Thanks to Gary Littlefield, who sent us the *Courant* article from Sept. 20, 1942, that started us off on this hunt. If anyone has any information about the monument, we would appreciate hearing from you.

“Be Prepared” & “Do a Good Turn Daily”

Continued from previous page

2006, Boy Scouts from Lebanon have traveled to the BSA high adventure facility in northern New Mexico. Founded in 1938, Philmont Scout Ranch has welcomed more than 930,000 campers who hike, camp and master skills in its 214 square miles in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

Lebanon boys and leaders participated in the *trek*, a program that lasts 10 days and covers from 50 to 103 miles of trail. Each group or “crew” plans its own route, backpacks its gear and food, and visits established camp sites. During the trek boys receive training in adventure skills like rock climbing, spelunking, and horse-back riding. Crews also learn about the traditions of Native Americans and skills such as black powder musketry, advanced archery and advanced woodcraft.

In the late 1940s and 1950s Lebanon residents presented an elaborate historical pageant on the Green to

dramatize the many significant contributions the town had made during the American Revolution. The Boy Scouts participated for at least eight years (1948-1956) by holding a “Pilgrimage and Camporee.” In 1951, more than 1,050 Scouts attended. They camped on the Green and participated in the parade and demonstrations which included ox teams, fife and drum bands and military units. The Boy Scout event was sponsored by the Lebanon Foundation, Inc. and included Governor John Lodge presenting awards for essays and troop attendance. For more than fifty years Lebanon boys have grown up as Boy Scouts, challenging themselves to learn and master new skills. Today, computers and technology are as much a part of the program as woodcrafts and camping. Even with all the many other activities and distractions Troops 58 and 180 and Pack 58 continue to be an important part of life in Lebanon.

Exhibit News

*Long,
Long Ago.*

Lebanon’s History through Music 1875-1940

Thanks to a recently awarded grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council, 2011 will be a musical year at the Lebanon Historical Society as we plan a new exhibit and associated programs. Inspired by May Taylor’s sheet music collection, “Long Long Ago” will explore the many ways music touched the lives of Lebanon residents between 1875 and 1940.

Former LHS collections manager Sarah Griswold will serve as researcher/curator and work with the Exhibits Committee on technical aspects of planning. However, help from the local community is urgently needed. If you are a musician, love old music, like to sing in the shower or would like to learn more about “times gone by,” please consider volunteering. We need help cataloging the sheet music, locating musical instruments, a Victrola or jukebox, and ideas for performances and programs.


 Programs, exhibitions & services of the Lebanon Historical Society are made possible in part by a generous grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council.

What was the name of Windsor's original stockade settlement, built in the 1630s?

History Trivia Question:

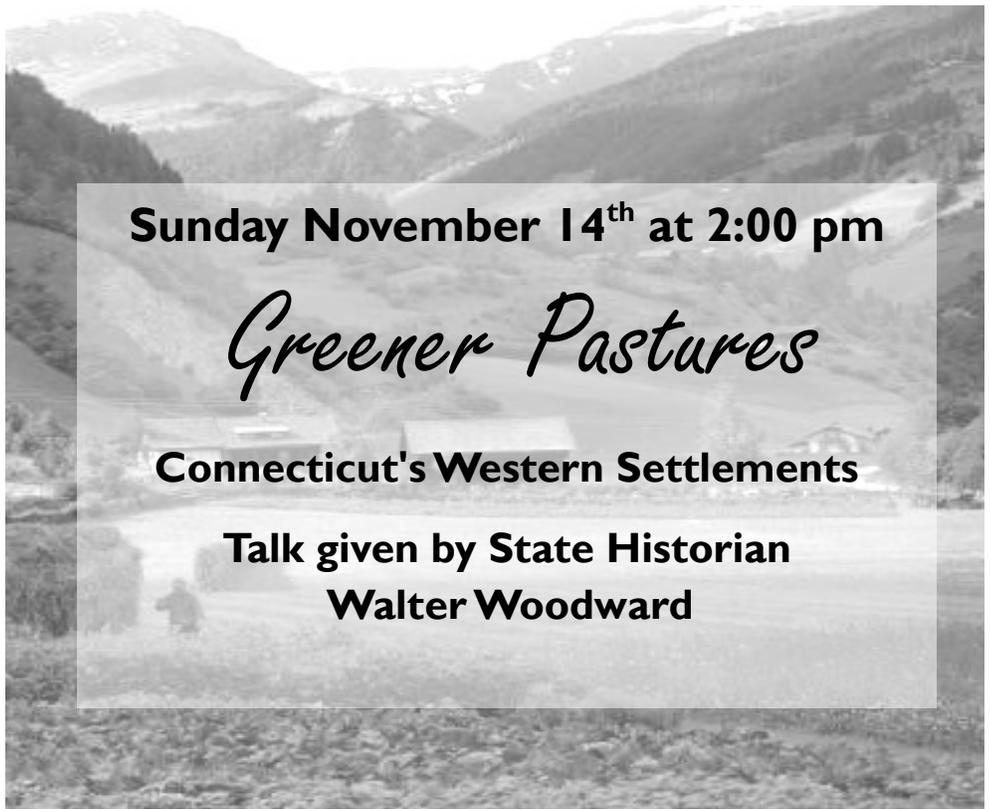
Non-Profit Org.
 US Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 1



LEAVE A LEGACY[®]
CONNECTICUT

*Include charities in your estate planning
And make a difference in the lives that follow.*

Every day, people from all walks of life make gifts to charity through their wills, making a tremendous difference in the world they leave behind. If you are interested in leaving a legacy of your own, please visit www.leavealegacyct.org or contact the Lebanon Historical Society.



Sunday November 14th at 2:00 pm

Greener Pastures

Connecticut's Western Settlements

**Talk given by State Historian
Walter Woodward**

Lebanon Historical Society
 Museum & Visitor Center
 P.O. Box 151
 Lebanon, CT 06249

Provisions
Lebanon

This issue of

was funded in part
 by the generosity
 of Alicia Wayland
 If you are interested
 in sponsoring
 the next issue
 please contact us
 860-642-6579