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# Provisions

Newsletter for the Lebanon Historical Society

## Programs & Events

Unless noted, all programs & events are open to the public and are held at the museum.

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### • Sunday, September 16 • 2pm

#### **Croquet Anyone?**

On the lawn of the  
Beaumont House.

We'll have the  
equipment & refreshments  
waiting for you!

Beginners and experienced  
players welcome  
Event is free.



### • Saturday, September 29 • 9am—3pm **52nd Annual Antique Show on the Lebanon Green**

Held rain or shine

**\$5 admission**

Free parking

Up to 70 dealers

Enjoy homemade pies,  
chowders & sandwiches.

Grilled hamburgers  
and hot dogs



**See page 4 & 5  
for more events**

## ***From the Collections: A Well-Used Icebox***

By Donna Baron

In 1942, someone in the Pultz household wrapped their old icebox in newspapers, probably to extend its usefulness in keeping food cold. We know this, because that icebox, with its newspaper wrapping, recently became part of the Lebanon Historical Society collection.

This well-used and repaired artifact reveals much about life in Lebanon from the 1880s to the 1940s.

Iceboxes began to appear in New England farmhouse kitchens in the 1870s, at the same time that commercial ice harvesting became a profitable business. Although early iceboxes may have been made by local furniture makers, large catalog companies like Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery Ward soon offered a

Iceboxes were wooden cabinets lined with sheet metal. An upper



compartment had a drain line and held the ice while the lower section had shelves for food storage. In 1902, a Sears & Roebuck icebox cost between \$5 and \$53 dollars depending on its size and finish. In towns and cities, ice harvested from rural ponds was delivered door to door by an ice wagon. In the country,

residents harvested ice from their own ponds or bought ice from a neighbor.

The Pultz family icebox, which

probably dates to the 1890s, is made of oak or chestnut and painted white, although the paint may be a later addition. The top lifts to open the ice

*In 1902, a Sears & Roebuck icebox cost between \$5 and \$53 dollars depending on its size and finish.*

variety of commercially-made "refrigerators" in different sizes and styles. (The terms icebox and refrigerator remained interchangeable into the 1960s.)

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**The mission of the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society**

*To encourage a sense  
of community, the  
Lebanon Historical  
Society connects  
residents and visitors  
with the people, places,  
objects and stories  
of the Town's past.*

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## From the President

Rick Kane

I begin by repeating the same introduction to my message from the Provisions Fall issue of 2017. "Evening at the Museum" held on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> was a terrific night. Attended by approximately 150 people, "Evening at the Museum" has become THE social event of the year in Lebanon. Thanks to our Evening Committee, staff, volunteers, servers, corporate and individual donors and bidders to the Silent Auction, this was a record year! Our committee works hard to improve this event year after year and this year was no exception – best yet! Yes, I repeat it because the 2018 event exceeded the 2017 by all measures!

We hope to make next year even better again. We send out invitations to members and past attendees each year well in advance of the event. It is not limited to just members of our Society. I have been asked by several attendees if it would be OK to bring family and friends who are not members to this event. We encourage you to do so and to sign up early.

The community events chair, Jacy Worth, now turns her and her committee's attention to our 52nd annual Antique Show which will be held on the Lebanon Green on Saturday, September 29, 2018, 9am to 3pm rain or shine.

We enjoyed our program on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Dark Skies over Lebanon'. Approximately 25 attendees were able to view Jupiter, Saturn and Mars with the highlight for me being the International Space Station crossing the night sky over Lebanon.

Our program committee has great programs lined up thru the fall. Please review the upcoming events listed herein.

I ask all of our members to continue to "spread the word". The Historical Society Museum is a great town asset. The Museum is open to the public at no charge. While we hope for increased membership to support our many activities, being a member is NOT necessary to enjoy the Museum and all it offers. Our staff and docents enjoy visitors and look forward to discussing the history of the Pastor's Library and the Beaumont family as well as the several exhibits within the Museum.



*Many hands made the  
charming table arrangements*



*Our wonderful servers: Nicole, Delton, Haley and Sam*



*Evening guests: Lori & Jim  
Wesolowski with Joyce Reynolds*



*Photo-op in our hands-on  
history Revolutionary  
War exhibit*



## Director's Message

Donna Baron

When I was in school, history was defined as "the study of the past as it is described in written records." This approach to history was sometimes interesting, but often seemed to leave out whole parts of the world, as well as those people who lacked the time or the skill to write about their lives. Later, as I began to work in "history" museums, I learned that objects could also tell stories and that archaeology can reveal the history of people and places over-looked in written records. In time, I've come to realize that the past is both further away and closer than I'd imagined as a student.

### *Welcome to our newest members*

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### ***Student***

**Sawyer Baran**  
of Lebanon

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of Columbia

This year, at the Historical Society, we've been exploring the full range of local history. Robert Thorson's talk "Changes in the Lebanon Landscape" led participants on an exploration of Lebanon's geologic past and present and the ways different groups of humans have shaped the environment. Geoff McLean's hands-on astronomy workshop celebrated both the ancient suns and planets of the galaxy and the unique quality of Lebanon's clear dark sky that permits star gazing. With a bit of gardening and some relaxing beer tasting last spring, we can look forward this fall to programs about Lebanon's Revolutionary War period.

Our great Program Committee members work very hard to find programs that relate to this town, are history based and will be fun. We can, however, always use your help. Is there a topic you'd like us to feature? Do you know of or have you heard a good speaker/presenter who we should invite to the Historical Society? What would you like to see, hear or learn more about? Please feel free to contact committee chair Genevieve Nowosad, or committee members Lydia Myers,

Beth Iacampo, Linda Wallace, Suzanne Yeo and Kathy Schultz or me with any suggestions by calling or emailing the museum, 860-642-6579 or [museum@historyoflebanon.org](mailto:museum@historyoflebanon.org).

Join us for great fun  
playing croquet on the  
lawn of the Beaumont  
House on Sunday,  
September 16, 2018  
at 2pm.

**We'll have the  
mallets ready and  
waiting for you.**



## Trivia Answer:

According to a letter published in two newspapers on August 13 & 18, 1774

*"In Lebanon...they have collected and sent near 400 sheep to Boston a day or two ago."*  
Norwich, where the writer lived organized sending a hundred bushels of grain which was also sent to help Boston residents impacted by the British blockade of the port, imposed in March 1774 in retaliation for the "Boston tea party" the preceding December.

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## Museum Hours:

Wed. thru Sat.  
12pm to 4pm

**Research Library**  
by appointment.

## Calendar Of Events



### • Saturday, October 6 •

#### Walktober Event

#### Airline Trail—Talk & Walk Part 1

#### History of the Airline Railroad Talk

12:30pm-1:30pm

by Ray Axelrod from Eastern  
CT Railroad Museum

#### Part 2

#### Walk the Airline Trail

2pm—3:30pm

with Donna Koenig.  
Meet at the Leonard  
Bridge parking lot.

*This combined walktober  
event is co-sponsored by the  
Eastern CT Railroad Museum,  
Lebanon Rails to Trails and the  
Lebanon Historical Society*



### • Wednesday, October 10 •

7pm

#### History Book Club

Discussion about our newest  
book, Thunder at Twilight  
Vienna 1913-1914  
by Fredric Morton  
*Join the fun even if you haven't  
read the book!*



#### Walktober Event

### • Sunday, October 14 •

1:30pm

#### Hussars

Talk by Dr. Robert Selig  
about the French soldiers  
in Lebanon during the  
Revolutionary War and the  
American Campaigns of  
Robert Guillame  
\$2 non-members

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## The Lebanon Golf Course

By Robert Chalifoux, Sr.

These are some of my memories of the Lebanon Golf Course off of Old Route 2 and situated on Camp Moween Road, in the Red Cedar Lake area of Lebanon.

The owners of the golf course were the Rose Brothers. Eventually it was sold to the State of Connecticut when the new Route 2 was constructed, in the early seventies. The Rose Brothers opened a new par 3 facility, "Cedar Ridge," in East Lyme, Connecticut and it is still opened today.

The small club house at the Lebanon course reminds me of Harry's Place in Colchester. If you scored 35, you parred the course.

I began playing there in the late fifties with other Lebanon Golfers – Tom Wentworth, Bob Wentworth, Les Clarke, Jr., Clayton Lathrop, Russ Tollmann, and Russ Clapp, all from Lebanon and a Mr. Wadsworth from Scotland, CT.

We would tee off every Sunday morning by 6:00 am to get 18 holes in before the crowds arrived. The owner would use a long willow whip to get the dew off the greens. Surrounded by swamp area you didn't want to hit the ball into the rough. When you went to retrieve it you were greeted by snakes because of all the swamp areas. The second to third holes were up a large hill about 140 yards up and then over. You could not see the green. Someone would ring the old school bell for an all

clear signal to hit over the top. If you hit too hard, your ball would roll into another swamp.

Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> green was a swamp about fifty yards wide to drive over. It

was a magnet for golf balls to fall into the water. About once a month during the summer Clayton Lathrop and I would play nine holes on a Thursday evening around 6:00 pm. The reason we chose that time and day was the owner of the golf course would leave around 8:00 pm.

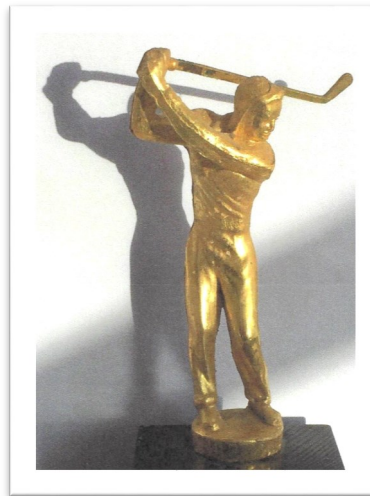
Clayton would go to his car and get a rake, fishing boots and a pail. He ventured into the swamp

finding golf balls – throwing them to me. When the pail was full, we would leave and go to his home on Club House Road and wash the golf balls. The other reason we did this on Thursday was, that Clayton's wife, Ellen worked in Hartford at G. Fox and wouldn't get home until about 10:00 pm, so we had time to wash the golf balls and clean up the kitchen before she arrived home.

During the winter months, when there was a little snow, we painted the golf balls green so we could play.

I remember a gentleman from Norwich who played the course. He only had one arm and he could drive and putt as well as the rest of us with two arms. He amazed me how well he controlled the golf ball.

Another note: most of players in our group smoked cigars, I didn't. However, with some coaching from



*Golfing trophy that was won by  
Leslie P. Clarke Jr*

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## **Calendar Of Events**



### **Walktober Event**

• **Saturday, October 20 •**  
**1:30pm**

### **Windows on the Revolution**

Guided walk around the  
Lebanon Green by Museum  
Director, Donna Baron.  
Free & open to the public.  
Park at the museum or  
Town parking lots.



• **Sunday, November 4 •**  
**2pm**

### **John Trumbull, the Artist**

A richly illustrated  
talk by Connecticut State  
Historian, Walter Woodward  
sharing stories of the life and  
struggles of John Trumbull to  
earn respect for his art.



• **Sunday, November 25 •**  
**1:30pm or 2:30pm**

### **Holiday Spray-making Workshop**

Make a spray for your door,  
mailbox or a centerpiece.  
Choose one of two sessions.  
Materials fee \$5 per spray for  
members. Non-members  
pay an additional \$3 to attend.  
Pre-registration required.



• **Sunday, December 2 •**  
**6pm—8pm**

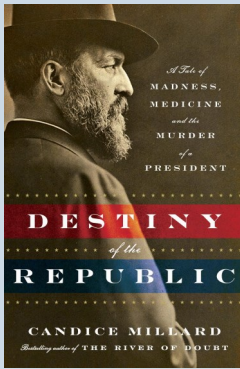
### **Lebanon Tree Lighting & Open House**

Enjoy warm cider and ginger  
cookies by the fire while kids  
make holiday crafts. View our  
latest exhibits and take a lantern  
tour of the Beaumont House  
and Pastor's Library.



## A Good Read

By Linda Wallace



### *Destiny of the Republic:*

*A Tale of Madness and the Murder of a President*

By Candice Millard

James A. Garfield is one of those obscure presidents of whom not much is known. His term of office was brief, only 200 days and he probably is best known as one of the four presidents who were assassinated. But there was much more to James A. Garfield and his death and Millard, through her engrossing storytelling, brings him and that time to life.

Garfield was a self-made man, growing up in abject poverty when his father died when Garfield was only one year old. He persevered to become an educated man, served in the Civil War and became a reformist congressman. One of his greatest attributes was his oratorical ability. This may, in fact, have been the beginning of his demise.

At the Republican Convention in June of 1880, Garfield gave the nomination address for John Sherman, but after thirty-six ballots, no candidate had a majority of votes. Then the

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*Snapshots of some of the lively Events at the Museum and in the community!*



*Memorial Day Parade Float in May*



*Vintage Car Rally in June*



*Second Saturday in June*



*Evening at the Museum in July*



*Viewing the Night Sky on the Green in August*



# Built Like An Ox

By Marianne Freschlin

First and foremost, I would like to thank the museum staff for their support and encouragement. You never had any doubts that it could be done, or at least none that you made known to me.

How to build an Ox-an amateur's experience in the trenches of exhibit conception and construction.



- 1) Clean out a corner of your living room-be sure it's an area where, once framing is complete, the view to the television will be partially to totally obscured.
- 2) When sawing sheets of rigid, insulating Styrofoam needed to make the ox's "skeleton", have a temperamental vacuum cleaner ready to repeatedly clog with- and more importantly redistribute- the 1000s of little bits of purple fluff that are created after each cut is made. This will ensure that you are reminded of your efforts every time you clean the room well into the next decade.
- 3) Be prepared for the questioning looks from the cashier at the local hardware store when you are buying the dozen rolls of duct tape necessary for creating the "skin" of the animal. The person behind the counter is wondering where you will be burying the bodies.
- 4) Once you have finished your critter, pray that you were correct in your assessment that it will fit through the door without the need to hire a demolition/building contractor.
- 5) Allow the paint to dry in direct sunlight, forgetting the fact that the sun will heat up the construction material to the point where significant cracking of the surface occurs and requires last minute, frantic patching and repainting (in the shade).

- 6) Repeat the phrases "never give up, never surrender" or better yet, "try not, do or do not, there is no try" over and over- they and the support of a very tolerant and helpful husband will enable the completion, transportation and installation of the creature.

It is always exciting to be a part of the planning and execution of a new exhibit. Although my part is minimal compared to the efforts of the sublimely creative and indefatigable museum staff, along with a host of other volunteers, my involvement with the



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delegates started calling for Garfield to be the candidate and after receiving the majority of votes, he reluctantly agreed. His running mate was Chester A. Arthur who had no desire to be president, but thought being vice-president would be fine as it entailed little work.

Millard interweaves Garfield's story with profiles of Charles Guiteau, the delusional assassin who imagined that he was instrumental in getting Garfield elected and that he deserved to be consul general to Paris; Chester A. Arthur who in spite of his background was more honest than expected; Dr. D. Willard Bliss, the president's physician whose arrogance and unsanitary methods lead to a minor wound becoming fatal and Alexander Graham Bell who worked feverishly to invent a tool to save the president.

As the story unfolds, Millard takes us to the U.S. Centennial Exhibition which Garfield attended and Lister & Bell presented, the dead locked Republican Convention, the steamship explosion that almost killed Guiteau, the deplorable conditions of the White House and the agonizing months of Garfield's suffering.

Millard presents a story that has been meticulously researched and makes it a compelling read. At the end, one can't help but shake one's head in disbelief at the events that lead to President James A. Garfield's death.

## Memorial Brick

Honor your family, a loved one or an organization with a granite brick in our memorial walk.



For a \$100 donation we will have a granite brick inscribed with up to 3 lines of text, 13 characters per line, and have it set in our memorial walkway in the front of the museum.

Order form available on our website at [www.histoyoflebanon.org](http://www.histoyoflebanon.org)



If you previously purchased a brick before we upgraded all bricks to granite, and you would like your original brick, please give us a call and in a short time we will have the brick for you to pick up.

## Barker Road

By Rick Kane

Barker Road is located approximately one mile from the center of town on present day Exeter Road (Route 207). Barker Road runs north with some twists and turns to join Mack Road just below the entrance to the Lions Club Fairgrounds. The road exists on the 1770, the 1854, and 1868 maps and the 1934 aerial photo of Lebanon, but does not appear on the 1957 Connecticut State Department of Transportation map.

The road is named for the Barker family who had a farm on the corner of present day Barker Road and Exeter Road. Benajah Barker purchased 152 acres in 1853 (Lebanon Land records Vol. 31, Pg. 340). In 1919, Agnes Carpenter purchased the land from Benajah's son Nathaniel C. Barker. (Lebanon Land records Vol. 51, Pg. 172-173). The 152 acres actually consisted of two parcels, one large parcel on the northerly side of Route 207 with Barker Road described as passing thru the premises. The second parcel was on the southerly side of Route 207.

We know from the 1870 US Census that Benajah Barker was a farmer born in Rhode Island who came to Lebanon and bought the farm. He was listed on the Baptist Church registry and he and his family were probably attracted to Lebanon because of the Baptist Church. His son Nathan C. Barker had a general store near the Green and married Dr. Charles Sweet's daughter.

Tradition suggests that the road was once called Cheese Factory Road because there was a cheese factory there (though I have not found any documentation to support this). Pieces of the factory building were eventually moved adjacent to the Baptist Church as its original fellowship hall and is still part of the church building today. Ed Tollmann tells of Henry Aspinall talking about being able

to smell cheese in the Baptist Church many years later.

There were a few more subsequent owners of the property until Anthony J. Leone and Emanuel L. Novelli purchased the same 152 acres in 1961 (Lebanon Land record Vol. 74, Pg 332-333). At that time, the road had been effectively, but not officially abandoned, and still had trees blown down across it from the 1938 hurricane. Barker Road was not considered part of the Lebanon Town road system as late as 1973. A letter dated November 1972 in response to an inquiry to then First Selectman Martin Masters from Attorney Melvin Scott on behalf of the owners as to the status of the road states:

- 1) Examination of Lebanon Land records (old Deeds) make reference to the old highway leading from Route 207 to Mack Road
- 2) Reference to the various deeds indicate this highway was open to the public and in fact used by the public
- 3) There is no mention in the minutes of the Town Meeting of the Town of Lebanon which would indicate that the road was ever closed
- 4) Statements from various persons indicate that they have at one time or another used the road in question

The recommendation was that the road is a public thoroughfare and as such should be maintained by the town consistent with that status.

An excerpt from Selectman's meeting minutes from March 5, 1973; "all of Barker Road as approved for maintenance as an existing town road." Another land record in 1975 describes a parcel "on an old highway sometimes called Barker Road." The road managed to find its way back into the town road system and is referred to as Barker Road in memos and

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# Icebox

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compartment and the door provides access to a two-shelf storage space. A brass plate says "Empire" which is probably the model of icebox since research has not found any "Empire" icebox manufacturing company.

In 1913, Fred W. Wolf of Fort Wayne, Indiana invented an electric refrigeration attachment for the top of iceboxes. In 1922, a refrigerator with a wooden cold box, water-cooled compressor, an ice cube tray and a 9-cubic foot storage compartment

replacement. Alternatively, they may have been one of those Lebanon families who still did not have domestic electricity by 1942. With the headlines about the progress of World War II, the newspaper-wrapped icebox is a testament to both frugality and ingenuity.

Sometime before 1900, Elmer and Florence Pultz moved with their six children to Lebanon from Chenango County, NY. Elmer and his two grown sons, Otto and Norman, were butter makers. Otto and his younger brother Warren Monroe married sisters Hortense Elizabeth and Gertie Adelaide Fuller in 1903 and 1909. The two young couples lived with or near the sisters' parents Ozro and Mercy Fuller for the next thirty years. Ozro and Mercy farmed and were founding and life-long members of the Lebanon Grange. Otto Pultz was superintendent of the Lebanon Creamery until it closed in 1934 and W. Monroe Pultz was the head butter maker.

In 1934, Gertie Fuller Pultz inherited the "Pultz" house from her father Ozro Fuller's estate and her husband Warren Munroe Pultz inherited it after her death in 1966. The house remained in the family for another generation owned by Gertie and W. Munroe Pultz's son Merton and his wife Helen (Wilhelm) until 2000.

Which member of this family took the time and effort to eke out a few more years from the old icebox may never be clear. Since it was found in a shed and not in the house, we don't know if a new electric refrigerator already stood in the kitchen and the icebox was serving as an extra cold storage space and not as the primary place for refrigerating foods. Whichever was the case, the icebox is an unusual survivor, a relic of a very different time and an object of some importance to those who used it.



cost \$714 while a new Model T Ford cost about \$450.

General Electric introduced their popular "monitor top" refrigerator in 1927 which sold for about \$520. The draw-back for small-town and rural home owners was that these new appliances required electricity. Some property owners in Lebanon had electric power by the mid-1920s, but often power went first to the dairy not to the house. With the start of the Great Depression in 1939, adding electric power to a house became an even more expensive undertaking.

Using an icebox in the 1940s was becoming out-of-date, but rural families had learned to "make do" during the Great Depression. Perhaps, in adding layers of newspaper and cardboard, the family was trying to extend the life of an old appliance to avoid a costly

## Our rapidly growing library collection includes:

- \_ Lebanon land records on microfilm
- \_ Exeter Congregational Church records on microfilm

## Early American newspapers on microfilm :

- \_ The Windham Herald ( 1791-1795)
- \_ The Norwich Currier (1796—1820)

Some of the computerized databases include:

## Lebanon Births

- \_ Barbour index to vital records Births, deaths & marriages (1700-1854)

## Lebanon Baptisms:

- \_ First Congregational Church ( 1700-1836)
- \_ Goshen Congregational Church ( 1729-1882)

## Lebanon Marriages:

- \_ Early CT Marriages by Frederick Bailey before 1800
- \_ First Church (1816-1821)
- \_ Town records (1852-1884)

## Lebanon Deaths:

- \_ Town records (1851-1884)
- \_ Hale Cemetery records for Lebanon , Columbia, Hebron
- \_ Old Willimantic cemetery, Windham
- \_ First Congregational Church (1872-1840)

## Census records:

**Federal Census** 1790, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1910

## 1850 Lebanon Agricultural Census

These are just some of the records in our research library.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our very popular “name the ox” contest.**

**The contest has closed and the winning name has been chosen.**

**we introduce to you.....**

*Lebanon Larry.*



**Thank you Bill Kelly for the winning submission!**

**We invite you to stop in to see the exhibit and take a selfie with Lebanon Larry.**

**From Here to There:  
Transportation to, from, within and around Lebanon**

## Built Like An Ox

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exhibits committee has allowed me to express a creative acumen I was only partially aware of, and as a result has given me confidence to parlay experiences at the museum to other aspects of my life.

Building the ox for the current exhibit “From here to there, Transportation to, from, within and around Lebanon,” was a challenge, but a very enjoyable one. Initially, I had no idea how to go about creating a three-dimensional construct of that size and there were several failed initial attempts. Thankfully, last winter, someone along Route 207 set up a free-standing cutout of a reindeer- made from painted plywood. That gave me the idea of how to build a framework for the ox that would be light weight (once I substituted insulation Styrofoam for wood) and supportive. Once the “skeleton” was made, fiberglass insulation was used to pad the framework, over that rolls of thin, flexible plastic- secured with duct tape- were used to create a surface upon which paper mache and spackling compound were utilized to create detail. Bits of old nylon rope were used to simulate hair. Painting the ox was the most fun, from that he acquired a



*Exhibit Chair, Marianne Freschlin and her husband John Rogers and “Lebanon Larry” in the back of the pickup.*

personality-all for the price of a few cans of spray paint.

Transporting the ox to the museum was unforgettable. My husband and I had to scoot him up a ramp into the back of a pickup truck, tie him down, then I sat in the bed with it while my husband taxied us up Route 289 to the museum. Fortunately, the parked policeman we passed along the way could not see me hunkered down in the truck bed-I’m not sure what the fine would have been but I had not made allowances for that in my initial budget.

I encourage anyone who has ever had an interest in exhibit planning and/or design to volunteer to help with the planning and/or construction of the next exhibit. You never know what untapped, creative aptitudes you may discover.

## Barker Road

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land records; but between 1961 and 1975, however, there is no record of it officially being named Barker Road in Town Meeting or Selectman meeting records. As with other roads in Lebanon, it was the defacto name based on who lived there.

Several more residents began to purchase land and build homes and have school age children on Barker Road.

These residents wanted to have the school bus drive down Barker Road and pick up the children. Letters were exchanged between residents, the Board of Education and the Board of Selectman about the condition of the road and safety concerns. This was eventually resolved and today the road is in the town system, paved and continues to be maintained by the Town.



## Rain Garden

At the Lebanon Historical Society, we work to preserve stories, archival materials, objects, buildings, landscapes and the environment. This spring, the Society partnered with the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District (ECCD) and UConn's Community Research & Design Collaborative to design

and install a rain garden. Funded in part through the Long Island Sound Futures Fund and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, this was the kick-off for ECCD's 100 rain garden project.

More than 300 years of human habitation has shaped and reshaped the land in Lebanon. Streams have been dammed, fields plowed, structures built and roads paved. Such activities have interrupted the natural flow of water even in our rural community. ECCD is working to correct situations where rain water and snow melt wash soil away and carry road salt and other pollutants into the watershed and eventually into Long Island Sound. The Historical Society's new rain garden is part of this effort. With the help of ECCD staff, member John Cook,



volunteers from the Mohegan District of the CT Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Pride's Corner Farms, we have installed a new rain garden.

Water running off State Route 87 will be diverted from the Museum driveway through the rain garden and into a swale leading to Susquetonscut Brook. By slowing and cleaning this source water, the Society contributes to improving the health of the Yantic and Thames River watersheds. This project is the first step implementing a land-use plan to assure that the Society is as careful a steward for its land as it is for its collections and local history.

Please stop by and enjoy the flowers and shrubs in the new rain garden and check the near-by milkweed plot to find monarch butterfly caterpillars.



## We're Open for Tours ! The Beaumont House and the Pastor's Library

are open for guided tours through Columbus Day.

**Saturdays only**  
**from 12:30pm - 3:30pm**

*Additional times by appointment only*



## The Lebanon Golf Course

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these guys and free cigars I started the bad habit. I still have the bad habit today. After twenty years of playing golf, I gave it up. The reason - as more players came to the course the wait time at each green became longer than the playing time.

If you drive on Route 2 through the

Lebanon section the pine trees are still there that the lined the Lebanon golf course fairways. The house is still in use today. This house back then always had guests from New York that played on the course.

Good memories and fun times with the guys from Lebanon!!!!

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Question:

Lebanon was well known for supporting independence. What did the town vote to do to oppose British rule more than six months before the Revolution started?  
See page 3 for the answer.

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