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Provisions

Newsletter for the Lebanon Historical Society



Programs & Events

Unless noted are open to the public and are held at the museum.



• Wednesday, March 8 • 7pm

History Book Club

Discussion on "Dead Wake"
by Erik Larson.
Open to the Public

• Sunday, March 19 • 2pm

"Burial Customs in Early New England"

Presenter Bev York
Historian, Teacher, Consultant
Members free, non-members \$2.
Refreshments

• Monday, March 20 • 6:30pm

"Helping Honey Bees in Connecticut"

Speaker Stuart Woronecki
Bee Keeper from Stonewall Apiary
Co-sponsored by the Lebanon
Garden Club. Free to members
of the Historical Society and
Garden Club. All others \$4.
Refreshments

• Sunday, April 2 • 2pm

"Preserving & Documenting Family Photographs"

Speaker: Donna Baron,
Lebanon Historical Society Director,
discusses preservation challenges
and storage recommendations.
Held at
Yeoman's Hall,
Columbia

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100 Year Anniversary of World War One

By Donna Baron

On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson addressed a special joint session of Congress to request a declaration of war against imperial Germany. Almost since war started in Europe (November 1914), the United States had protested Germany's submarine warfare against neutral civilian shipping. When Wilson declared "the world must be made safe for democracy," the American people accepted the necessity of this country entering the war.

Four days later, Congress passed the resolution and Connecticut Governor Marcus Holcomb mobilized the state's National Guard. Connecticut volunteers filled the ranks of the 102nd Infantry Regiment, part of the famous Yankee Division. Trainees, including men from Lebanon, mustered in at Niantic or Camp Yale in New Haven where they sometimes received visits from their families. Later in the war,



James Randall in Navy uniform

volunteers trained at Camp Devens in Massachusetts and were assigned to regiments from around the country.

September 2, 1917 saw the first

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Calling all members to the 51st Annual Meeting of the Lebanon Historical Society on Sunday, May 7, 2017

4:00pm to 6:00pm

Annual business meeting begins at 4:00pm

Agenda to include: President's, Treasurer's & Museum Director's reports,
Election of Board Members



Business meeting followed by a
song and story presentation by Rick Spencer

**"To End All Wars:
Songs of the First World War"**

Join us for refreshments and conversation.

**The mission of the
Lebanon Historical
Society**

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

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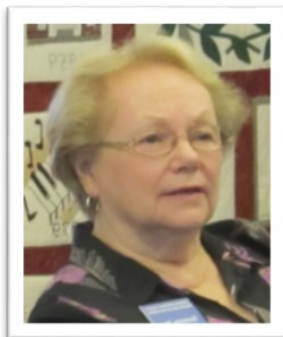
Museum Director

Donna Baron

From the President

Rick Kane

The Lebanon Historical Society Museum open house on the evening of the Christmas Tree lighting was a well-attended event. Hot and cold cider and cookies were offered. Young children enjoyed decorating ornaments and treasure hunting. Museum exhibit rooms were open, as well as the Beaumont House and Pastor's Library. The walkway was well lit by the luminaries deployed by the Boy Scout Troop 58 of Lebanon.

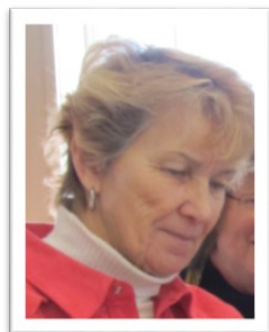


Suzanne Yeo

There will be a lot of activity around the Museum complex this spring. We expect to relocate the Broom Shop building behind the Beaumont House, relocate the Hearse House to the Broom Shop location on the Museum ellipse. We also hope to construct a combination privy-woodshed building behind the Beaumont House to complete the 1800 middle-class farmhouse environment. We will also enlarge and enhance the Museum kitchen to better support our Museum programs and "Evening at the Museum."

The official opening of the Beaumont House will be celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony during our Second Saturday event on June 10th. A new farming exhibit will be opening later this year. In addition, many other programs are scheduled so keep watch on the notices in this newsletter and in "Lebanon Life." We continue to encourage our members to bring a friend to these programs. Should anyone need a ride, let us know. One of our volunteers would be happy to provide transportation to and from our facility. And don't forget our History Book Club – see the notice in this issue for the book and the date for discussion!

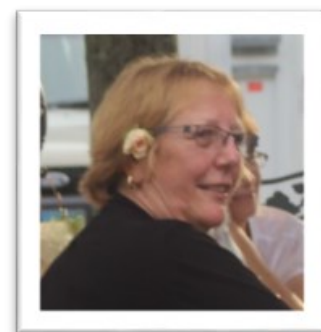
We are coming to a close on our 50th anniversary year and look forward to another 50 years and beyond.



Mary Lou Beckwith

This year we will have Board members leaving us having fulfilled their 6 years terms. Our thanks to Membership & Development Chairperson Mary Lou Beckwith, Personnel Chairperson Linda Heatherly, and our Programs Chairperson Suzanne Yeo. All served the Board willingly and tirelessly for the past six years.

Another milestone was reached this year having exceeded the goal of over 300 members to our Society. Great work by our Membership Chair Mary Lou Beckwith!



Linda Heatherly



Welcome to our newest members

Family

Scot & Heidi Bailey
of Lebanon

William & Julie Bundy
of Lebanon

John & Krys Konow
of Lebanon

The Vigue Family
of Lebanon

Senior

Our
300th
member
Charles S. Beebe
of Mystic



Director's Message

Donna Baron

Have you ever visited the Museum on a day when there are thirty school children filling every available space? School visit days are amazingly busy as staff and volunteers run three of the six programs offered during a Lebanon Green field trip. (The other three are at the Governor Trumbull House, War Office and Trumbull Jr. House.) Our hands-on programs focus on the lives of Lebanon residents during and just after the American Revolution.

"Joining Washington's Army" focuses on the recruitment process. Museum teachers lead students through a series of questions to assess their qualifications to be soldiers. Students then complete replicas of the enlistment forms used in Connecticut between 1775 and 1780. This session ends with each group learning basic marching commands and skills.

In "Soldier's Life," students march to our hands-on-history room where they share ideas about the supplies that enlisted soldiers needed to carry when tramping up to 25 miles a day. As part of a discussion about setting up camp, each group cooperatively assembles a replica Revolutionary War tent. After conversation about rations, camp is struck and readied for the next group.

"Life at the Beaumont House" is our third program where students explore the daily chores of the nine children and two



adults who lived in the house in the 1790s and early 1800s. From hauling water to carding wool and tightening bed ropes, students get a first-hand experience of the hard work and crowded conditions of a typical Lebanon farmer's family.

Does a touch of chaos, the challenge of working with children and being a part of a super team of volunteers sound like fun? Kathy Schultz, Donna Koenig, Connie Tormey, Edna Pelto, Beth Iacampo, Suzanne Yeo and the staff would love to have you join us. Please give the museum a call and let us know of your interest.



Trivia Answer:

The highest point in New London County is Gates Hill in Lebanon at approximately 660 feet (201 m) above sea level.

Would you be willing to sponsor our newsletter?

Every issue of the newsletter costs \$300 to produce and mail.

We are always in need of full or partial sponsorship.

If you are interested please contact us at 860-642-6579.

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Museum Hours:

Wed. thru Sat.
12pm to 4pm

Research Library
by appointment.

Calendar Of Events



- **Sunday, April 23** •
2pm

"Fairyland Tea & Craft"

A tea for young girls and their grown-ups. Tea history, treats and a take home

"fairyland" craft.

\$8 per person.

Limit 24 people.

Must pre-register by April 17th.

FFA Community service program.

- **Sunday, May 7** •
4pm-6pm

51st Annual Meeting of the Lebanon Historical Society

Business meeting at 4pm followed by song and story program presented by Rick Spencer, "To End All

Wars: Songs of the First World War"

Refreshments & conversation

- **Sat. & Sun., June 2 & 3** •
12pm-4pm

"Letterboxing Around the Green"

Follow the letterboxing trail and stop in the Jonathan Trumbull Jr House for refreshments

- **Saturday, June 10** •
10am-3pm

"Second Saturday"

Our free fun-filled family day.

Take a ride in an antique truck or car around the Lebanon Green.

Watch demonstrations by craftsmen of all types.

Lots of hands-on activities too!



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Roads: Card Street & Adams Heights Adam Heights Circle & Hillside Drive

By Rick Kane

Card Street runs from Village Hill Road to Willimantic on the north side of Hosmer Mountain and terminates on Pleasant Street in Willimantic. Adams Heights is a right turn off Card Street heading from Village Hill towards Pleasant Street. Adams Heights Circle and Hillside Drive are right turns off Adams Heights.

All of these names originate from about the same point in time in the early 1800s. Land owned by Joseph Card, Samuel Adams and Stephen Hosmer all interconnected along what today we know as Card Street.

The 1854 Map of Lebanon does not identify Card Street so named, nor does the 1868 F.W. Beers map of Lebanon. Both maps do identify Blake's Mountain which today is known as Hosmer Mountain.

There is a record in the Lebanon land records from 1827 which reads:

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Dated Oct 1, 1827

*Road by Joseph Cards to Windham,
Called the Card Road*

*We the Subscribers,
Select Men, of the
Town of Lebanon,
upon the petition
of Joseph Card &
others; did repair to
the Dwelling house
of sd Card, and
after viewing the
ground, agreeable
to the prayer of sd
petitioners; lay out
a road or highway,
beginning at the
end of sd road by
sd Card's barn; &
running N. 74° E.
22 rods thence N.
52° E. 19 rods & 10*

*links; - thence N. 32° E. 40 rods; -
thence N. 26° E. 22 rods 23 links; on
land of Joseph Card, making in the
whole on sd Cards land 105 rods & 8
links, until it comes to Samuel Adams*

*Land; then N. 26° E 48rods; - thence N
20° E 9 rods & 7 links; making in the
whole on sd Adams 57 rods & 7 links: -
thence on Land of Stephen Hosmer 13
rods to Windham line And assesses
the damages as follows (viz)*

To Joseph Card \$10.00

to Samuel Adams 22.50

& to Stephen Hosmer 5.00

*Making in the whole \$37.50 as was
agreed by the parties all present*

Dated at Lebanon October 1826

Jacob McCall

Abel Goodwin

Oliver Pettis

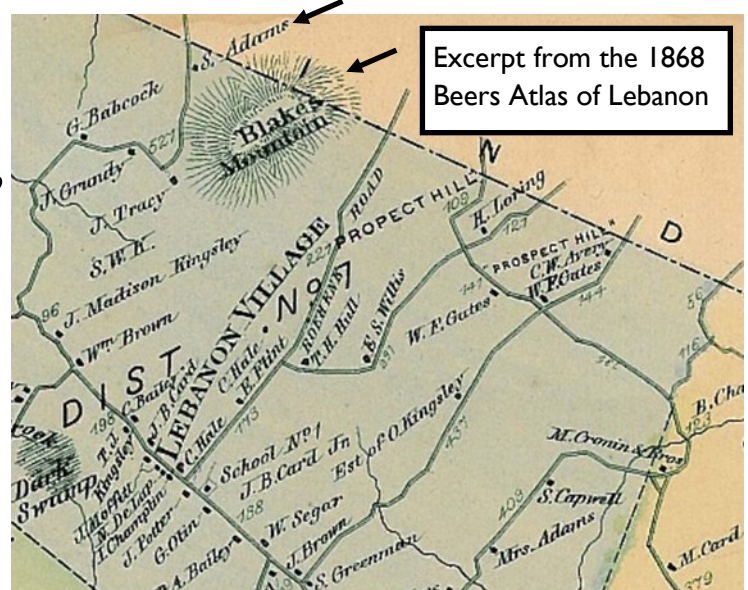
Julius Clark

*Select
Men*

Recorded Oct^r 1st 1827

Joseph Card came to Lebanon from Rhode Island and settled in the area we now know as Card Street. Samuel Adams also originated from Rhode Island and his land abutted the Windham town line on Card Street. It appears he paid the majority of the cost to have the road built in 1826-27.

Stephen Hosmer owned land that abutted land owned by both Joseph Card



and Samuel Adams. In land records from 1809 it specifically refers to the land as being a part of Blake's Mountain, a

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The Town Historians: Connecticut's unsung heroes

By Walt Woodward, CT State Historian

Some of the most important history work being done in Connecticut today is performed by the state's unsung cadre of town historians. Currently – based on the list of town officers posted on Secretary of State Denise Merrill's official website – 92 Connecticut towns have active state historians. Each of them is busily working to preserve, protect, and teach others about their town's past and its importance, often for no – or extremely little- compensation, and through an amazing variety of creative and inspiring ways.

Connecticut law empowers, but does not require, towns to create a post of town or municipal historian, but leaves all other details about that position up to the town. As a result, town historians serve their communities in a wide variety of official capacities, and come to their positions in a variety of ways. Some are appointed by mayors; some are voted on by selectmen; some serve finite terms, and some hold their positions for many, many years. In almost every case, they receive nominal compensation at best – being a town historian is, first and foremost, a labor of love for those who take it on. In a few cases – Hebron, Plainfield, Thompson, and Trumbull, for example – the town historical society has been appointed the town's official historian.

Because most towns create only a generalized description of their town historian's job and its duties, they in many cases create and fill a job description of their own making, shaping it to match a combination of their town's unique needs and their own special abilities. In the hands

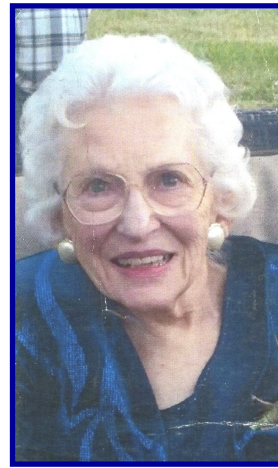
of the right person, this fluid approach to defining the town historian's role can be immensely productive.

No one exemplifies the immensely positive influence a town historian can have on their community better than Lebanon's

own – and recently departed – Alicia Wayland.

According to former First Selectman Joyce Okonuk, Alicia became the town historian almost by accident, but as a result of her superior knowledge of Connecticut and Lebanon's history. Back in the late 1980s, Okonuk reported, a decision was made to make the Lebanon Historical Society the official town historian. This was in the days before the museum was built. At the time, Alicia was in a leadership position at the society, and certainly the person most knowledgeable about Lebanon history, so she assumed the role of answering questions addressed to the town historian. Ten years later, after the museum was built and the Society took on a much expanded role in the community, Alicia continued as town historian, a role at which she excelled, right up to her death, this past December.

In her dual roles as town historian and President of the Lebanon Historical Society from 1989-1993, and later as Treasurer and Secretary of the LHS, as well as a member of the Publications, Exhibits, and Collections committees, Alicia produced a list of accomplishments that was little short



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Calendar Of Events



• Saturday, June 10 •

11am

Ribbon Cutting at the Beaumont House

Celebrating the opening of the Beaumont House for the season with a ribbon cutting and guided tours.

• Saturday, July 15 •

5pm– 8pm

“An Evening at the Museum” gala

Wine & beer tasting, silent auction and dinner all held under the stars. \$50 per person \$80 a couple By invitation only. If you have not received your invitation by June 15th, please let us know by calling 860-642-6579.

• Sat. & Sun., September 9 & 10 •

Lebanon Towne Militia Encampment

Held on the Lebanon Historical Society campus. You are invited to visit the Revolutionary War militia camp and view domestic & military demonstrations, shop at the sutlers' tents.

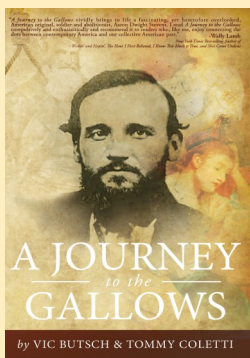
Saturday 9:30am — 4pm
On Saturday night there will be a candlelight tour.

Details to follow



A Good Read

By Betty Forrest



A Journey to the Gallows

By Vic Butsch & Tommy Coletti

It fascinates me when I come across a book that stitches together seemingly random events in my own life. Learning about John Brown in a high school history class; visiting Harpers Ferry; an authors' presentation at a history book club and reading *A Journey to the Gallows* are the events that made an impressionable connection for me.

A Journey to the Gallows, a historical novel written by Vic Butsch and Tommy Coletti, two local writers, tells the story of Aaron Dwight Stevens who was born in Lisbon, Connecticut and raised in Norwich. It is also a tale of how 21 men, most of them under the age of 30, were led by John Brown on a raid on Harpers Ferry, Virginia in 1859. The raid served as a large spark for ending slavery in this country and inciting the American Civil War.

A Journey to the Gallows relays the story of the life of Stevens, Brown's

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Having fun on the Second Saturday in June

By Marianne Freschlin

I always clear my calendar for the second Saturday in June. It is on that day, each year, that the Lebanon Historical Society hosts its Second Saturday Family Fun Day.

For the past few years, I have volunteered to participate in this annual event. I usually help cook hamburgers and hotdogs, which sounds far from glamorous, but there was that year that we were inundated by hungry Hussars who wandered in from a nearby reenactment. That unexpected arrival does go to show that you never know what will happen to make even the most routine task memorable!

This past summer, I was in charge of the corn shelling station. If you have never acquainted yourself with this ingenious mechanism, allow me to elaborate. The device takes a dried cob with kernels and with a few cranks of a handle propels a denuded cob from the machine's base and deposits the separated kernels into a wooden bin. You can see a picture of a sheller in this past winter's edition of the

Provisions newsletter. This station was a kid magnet! The pint sized dynamos quickly exhausted our corn reserves. Corn kernels could than be ground to meal (much to the delight of a group of bantam chickens that were part of the animal population present). Hands-on experiences are not just limited to children. I have made a turned wood ball-point pen and have taken rides in antique cars driven by members of the Model T

Club and those are just a small sampling of some of the activities that one can participate in. In addition to the hands-on



Marianne Freschlin having fun at the corn sheller

activities, artisans demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares. I have purchased pewter from the pewter-smith and exquisite yarn made from alpaca wool from the fiber artist. I have watched

the creation of a free stacked stone sculpture- that experience inspired me to plan and execute the creation of a garden wall that is the envy of my mother-in-law.

Representatives from some of Lebanon's farms are also present and they bring along an interesting mix of sometimes furry, sometimes feathered individuals that event-goers can admire and sometimes pet and feed. Farmers will also answer questions regarding their fields of specialty.

Each year the event has more to offer. I look forward to volunteering for this year's event and wonder what it will

World War One

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Connecticut soldiers going ashore at Le Havre, France. For the next fourteen months, they participated in the trench warfare that gradually forced German troops out of France and then Belgium and carried the war into the German homeland. Families in Lebanon followed every advance and set-back and the lengthy casualty lists in local newspapers like the *Norwich Bulletin*. They also supported the war effort by expanding production on their farms.

The Connecticut General Assembly passed a law in May 1917 allowing high school students over the age of fourteen to be released from school to perform farm work. These students replaced the large number of farm workers who enlisted in the military. Women, who joined the Connecticut Canning Corps, put up 5 million quarts of fruits and vegetable in a single year.

Although in many ways life went on as usual in Lebanon, the impact of the War was felt. Women formed a Red Cross chapter and knitted and sewed for the troops. Reverend John Knott of Liberty Hill preached on food conservation and a group called "Food for France" hosted fund-raisers to support its cause. Lebanon had a quota of \$46,000 in Liberty Bonds to sell to residents.

On December 8, 1917, a stirring rally was held in the Grange Hall. "Don't you worry while we're there, it's for you we're fighting true, so goodbye Broadway, hello France, we've come to pay our debt to you!" was among the

songs performed that evening. Despite the optimism generated by the American "doughboys," the war stretched on until November 11, 1918. The Armistice was quickly followed by an epidemic of virulent influenza that raced through the armed forces and then the civilian population. The 102nd Regiment did not return to Hartford until April 30, 1919 when they paraded proudly through the city.

Lebanon hosted its own "Welcome Home" on the Green October 11, 1919. A tree was planted beside the War Office in honor of Louis Able, the only one of Lebanon's World War I soldiers to die in Europe. Reverend Hollis Campbell read a poem during the ceremony.

*Up where the lonesome pine
its nightly requiem sighs
Up where the unpolluted
waters rise,
Up where the sons of toil
have fought for freedom's sod,
Up where all nature's mood
is a little nearer God,*

That's where Lebanon comes in.

*Up where history
has long been written,
And where men
for the nation have bled,
Up where the stars
and stripes still, hover,
And where patriots
still sleep with the dead,*

That's where Lebanon comes in.



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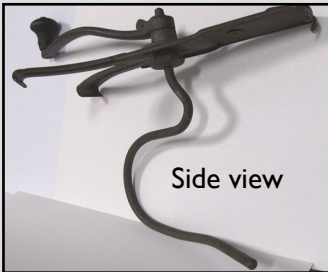
second-in-command of the raid on Harpers Ferry from his early life in Norwich, to soldiering on the frontier, to how he became passionate about his hatred of slavery. The tale develops his character, flaws and all, and makes him someone the reader can relate to and a man that many of us would like to know. Letters, historical papers and articles supplied the facts to support many of the events. The authors filled in the blanks to develop an interesting story which assumes that this was how things might have transpired.

I felt that at times the conversations were contrived, and I found some minor print errors, the tale was most interesting. The story was based on historical events from 1830-1859 when Stevens was hung. The footnotes were great, providing further information and filling in gaps for the reader.

Reading *A Journey to the Gallows* was a most enjoyable use of my time. It not only connected the events that I knew, but expanded on them. I would guess that most of us of a certain age know about John Brown and the raid on Harpers Ferry. Few, if any of us, know about Aaron Dwight Stevens, a former resident of eastern Connecticut, who was a mover and a shaker in history.

What Is It?

Do you know what this alien-looking object is?



Side view

Answer is on page 10.



Side view
angled up



Top view

Annual Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Art Wallace, Chair As always, I'd like to thank all the volunteers and Board members and staff for all the help throughout the year. Without them, the buildings and grounds would not look as good as they do. This year we were able to get 3 major projects accomplished. We replaced the steps between the museum and the white collections storage building with a ramp that helps to move items between the two buildings. We also replaced the cupola on the white collections storage building that was in pretty bad condition. Before the weather changed, we also repaved the upper portion of the driveway to eliminate bumps in the handicap parking area, and also to help with directing the rain water coming down the driveway and causing washout in the lower section. Besides normal upkeep projects, the Board and volunteers got many projects accomplished at the Beaumont House. Many "Thanks" to the volunteers who helped make the "seasonal move" of patio tables and chairs, and erection of the tents, for the "Evening at the Museum" event a possibility. This year, 2017, will be a challenging year as we hope to get the heating and cooling systems upgraded in the museum, relocate the Broom Shop and Hearse House, plus other projects. Last, but not least, a special Thank You to the staff for help in making sure that the building and grounds are maintained and kept in good condition and reporting any problems so that they can be corrected as soon as possible.

Collections Committee: Dan Moore, Chair 2016 saw a continuation of our focus on the Beaumont House to furnish and equip it according to the inventory as opposed to creating period interiors that may or may not have been relevant to the Beaumonts who lived there. Of course, the collecting of artifacts is the fun part, but it must be followed by the careful consideration of what is appropriate to retain for our collection. To that end, the collections committee met to decide what was not appropriate to the house and the collections committee and came up with a list of things we can pass on. We continue to be amazed at the generosity and support of our members and residents, past and present. We have received, a chain trammel for use at the Beaumont House outdoor hearth. This will greatly aid staff or volunteers when they demonstrate making soap, doing laundry or scalding hogs. (LOL) Most recently, the Lataille family donated a pair of early 19th century andirons we will use in the Beaumont House and an umbrella/walking stick stand with 2 walking sticks and a Barstow parlor stove that will be exhibited in the Pastor's Library. Ed Tollmann and I are also working on photographing antique houses in town to document the construction and finishes used by local carpenters as well as the living spaces used by town residents. These images will become part of the Museum's archival collections which are available for future research and, perhaps, publication.

Community Events Committee: Jacy Worth, Chair We celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Lebanon Historical Society all year long! We began with our annual float in the Memorial Day parade, always a crowd pleaser! Our committee and wonderful LHS staff members have a great time planning and constructing the float each year. Our Second Saturday event took place in June. Local artisans gathered on the museum lawn to present their specialties and display their wares, providing hands-on education and activities to the young and not so young. Rides in antique Model Ts delighted many as they were driven around the Lebanon Green that day. Many thanks to Ed Tollmann for annually organizing the enjoyable day. In July, we held our annual 'Evening at the Museum' event which was well attended as always. The day turned out to be just beautiful as we toasted the Society's 50th year with members and friends on the museum lawn. The 50th annual Antique Show was held on a perfect September day on the Green. With the help of an enthusiastic sub-committee of LHS Board members, and many willing and able volunteers, it was a great success and much fun. Christmas Tree Lighting Open House in December was well attended and featured tours of the Pastor's Library and Beaumont House, which were warmed by a roaring fires. Children created special ornaments and guests were offered cookies and

mulled cider, as well as the joy of listening to Christmas Carols played by Lyman Memorial High School students. It is a great pleasure to work with our Board Members, staff and volunteers who all work diligently on various committees with the common goal of, as our Mission states, "encouraging a sense of community by connecting residents and visitors with the people, places, objects and stories of the town of Lebanon's past." Many thanks to all!

Exhibit Committee: Marianne Freschlin, Chair 2016 passed all too quickly. The display, "Lebanon 50 Years Ago", that included a retrospective study of the Historical Society, has been retired and has been replaced with an exhibit that explores Lebanon's Cemeteries. Efforts are currently being made to archive the artistry and inscribed history that are becoming obscured by time and the elements, are highlighted. Additionally, biographical background of various regional carvers, the raw material employed to create many local gravestones and the meaning behind the imagery embellishing various markers are explored. Lebanon's cemeteries are true treasures (sometime hidden) that permit a unique peek into bygone eras. Planning has begun for the next gallery exhibit that is scheduled to open in spring 2018. It will explore means of transportation employed by residents within the community and by those passing through. Research opportunities for anyone interested in partaking in the inception and/or execution of this next undertaking are available. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Museum.

Finance Committee: Al Vertefeulle, Chair While the Finance Committee is responsible for managing all aspects of the Society's finances, the major responsibility rests with Budget and Investments. Budget preparation begins in February with requests from Committee Chairmen and the museum director. The director and museum staff are available to meet with each chairperson to discuss budget requests. The working document is then reviewed by the Finance Committee to compare requests and anticipated revenue, with a final document presented at the full Board in April for their approval. The budget is then presented at the annual meeting in May. The committee reviews actual operating results against the budget and reports regularly to the Board concerning the financial condition of the Society. The committee monitors the Society's major endowment and makes recommendations for other investments. The committee insures that appropriate and adequate property and liability insurance is in place. Finally, the committee must prepare, with staff, long-range, multi-year projection of income plus expenses. Investments are monitored by meetings and phone discussions with investment firms and representatives of the Adams Family Trust.

Historic Buildings Committee: Brian Bartizek, Chair The last year saw continued gains in interpreting the historic buildings for our visitors. The videos of the Pastor's Library and the Beaumont House have been produced. Progress was made furnishing the Beaumont farm house to its 1810 period. A correct drop-leaf table and tall clock, as listed in the probate, were added. Beds were properly outfitted and the pantry stocked with utensils. Outside, a well sweep, laundry line and fire pit were constructed. Planning for a woodshed/privy continues with a frame being made using antique timbers from a Lebanon building, although we still need to find antique siding before raising the frame in the spring. Repairs were made to the Broom Shop in preparation for its move to the Beaumont backyard. The Hearse House will be moved to the rear of the museum. This will provide more security for the hearse when displayed. I wish to thank all the volunteers who put in many hours to keep us moving forward.

Membership & Development Committee: Mary Lou Beckwith, Chair It has been my pleasure during the last 6 years to over-see the Lebanon Historical Society's membership renewals, solicit new members, approve membership solicitation materials, and help coordinate the solicitation of funds for endowment, capital and operating expenses and the annual appeal. I certainly would not have been able to handle the 3000+ mailed materials during my tenure, without the help of Alicia, Grace and Donna, and I thank them for making my job so much easier and enjoyable. I have thoroughly



**Celebrating
a great
achievement.**

**In 2017
the
Lebanon
Historical
Society
reached an
important
goal and we
are now**

**300
Members
Strong!**

**Thank you
for your
continued
support of
our mission ...**

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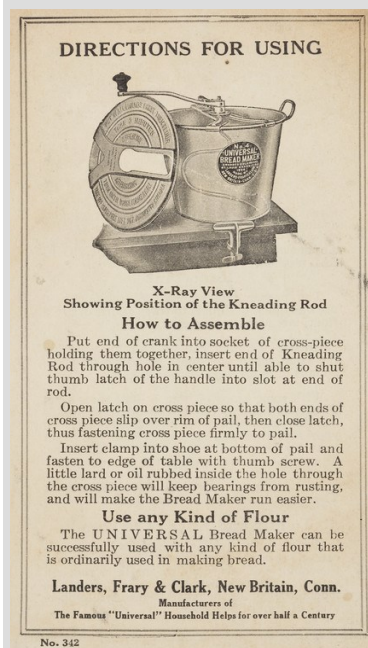
What Is It?

If you guessed it was a bread maker you were right!



This bread maker was loaned to us by Bob Chalifoux as a *What Is It?* challenge.

Inscription reads
"UNIVERSAL
BREAD MAKER
Made by Landers, Frary
and Clark
New Britain Connecticut
1904
USA



enjoyed corresponding with members far and near, loved hearing from Lebanon "old-timers," and have appreciated comments and notes, especially from former Lebanon residents and friends through the years, great memories!

As I complete my term in office, hopefully, during the last 6 years, I have helped to "... encourage a sense of community...and have helped to connect residents and visitors with the people, places, objects and stories of the Town's past." Keeping in mind that "history inspires us to care about the place where we live, helps us to better understand the present, must be preserved for future generations, and must be engaging for people of all ages," I hope I have had a small part in helping to do so and I thank the LHS and the Board of Trustees for giving me the opportunity.

Personnel Committee: Linda Heatherly, Chair Once again this area of the Museum was blessedly uneventful this year. Our staff is very efficient and competent, and we hope to keep them!!

Nominating Committee: Ed Tollmann, Chair The following are the board positions to be filled at the annual meeting in May. All are two year terms 2017-2019.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Community Events.....	Jacy Worth
Finance.....	Al Vertefeuille
Membership & Development	Melissa Hayes
Personnel.....	Betsy Petrie
Programs.....	Genevieve Nowosad
Secretary.....	Matt Flegert

Publications Committee: Sandie Chalifoux, Chair : Another year has come and gone since my last report. The committee that creates "Provisions" is made up of Betty Forest, Donna Baron, myself and Grace Sayles, the woman who deserves so **"MUCH"** of the credit for the success of this newsletter. The passing of Alicia Wayland has created a huge void on the committee. Alicia was an encyclopedia of Lebanon history, never without a topic to tell us about or write about. We will miss her. The Publications Committee is committed to create an interesting, educational and entertaining publication for our readers. Do you have a suggestion for an article for a future edition of "Provisions" or are you interested in being part of our committee? Please let us know. Sponsorships to cover the cost of printing and postage are also available and welcome. The newsletter is also available to members via e-mail. The committee hopes that you look forward to every edition and enjoy the stories and articles and events that are happening at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum and about our wonderful Town of Lebanon.

Programs Committee: Suzanne Yeo, Chair The programs Committee has continued to provide a wide variety of interesting and informative programs for the members of the Historical Society and the community. One highlight was the program at the 50th annual meeting, *"A Look Back at 50 Years of the Lebanon Historical Society."* This nostalgic slide show and colorful commentary were interesting and entertaining. "Soup and Story", a joint program with the Columbia Historical Society was held at the Log Cabin. This sold-out event combined a soup, bread and dessert meal with the opportunity for participants to share stories about the Lebanon and Columbia area.

We all enjoyed the entertaining, humorous and sometimes poignant memories shared by many of the attendees. The delightful MC for the evening was our state historian Walter Woodward. This was a program that will be back by popular demand. On a gorgeous day in September, many people gathered on the lawn of the Beaumont House for an afternoon of fun and fellowship playing croquet. Some brought picnics, and beverages and dessert were provided. Everyone had a good time and the games and visiting went on beyond after the original time frame as everyone was having such a great experience. This program was so much fun that there is a good chance it will be repeated. We do our best to plan to have about a program a month. These were just three of the many programs we offered in the past year. Stay tuned for many exciting presentations scheduled in 2017. Many thanks to my dedicated committee and all they do to help scheduling programs and helping with refreshments.

Town Historians

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of amazing. She authored the publications "Around Lebanon Green," and "Remembering Lebanon 1700-2000," (and was coauthor of) "Images of America: Lebanon" by Arcadia Publishing. She also was instrumental in seeing the works of others published, including John F. Sutherland's "Lebanon Recalled: 20th Century Change in a Connecticut Farming Community" and Robert Selig's "Hussars in Lebanon! A Connecticut Town and Lauzun's Legion during the American Revolution."

For Alicia, books were only one important aspect of the varieties of history she loved and produced. She was a historian's historian, who recognized the importance of history in all its many guises. She helped organize Lebanon Historical Society's exhibition of "Barn Again", the blockbuster presentation about endangered agricultural architecture on loan from the Smithsonian. She presented talks and teacher training sessions about Lebanon's role in the American Revolution, led tours of Lebanon for the Last Green Valley's "Walktober" festival, was an active member of the Lebanon History Consortium, and she organized Revolutionary War encampments on the Green in 2000 for Lebanon's Tercentenary and for the 300th Anniversary of Governor Jonathan Trumbull's birth.

She was the community leader behind the restoration and operation of the Jonathan Trumbull, Jr. House as a town museum, and represented that house on the Lebanon History Consortium. Alicia also chaired Lebanon Green's Historic District application and served as the advisor for three archaeological projects, and the National Register of Historic Places application for the Alden Tavern.

As town historian, Alicia was deeply involved in the effort to create the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, and was the driving force behind the effort to secure funding for the first map brochure of the Connecticut route on the W3R trail.

As state historian, I had many memorable interactions with Alicia, and I personally admired her both as a town historian and a person. One of the best, and most personal of our communications came in the form of a letter she wrote to me, letting me know that archeological research had determined that part of the foundations of the Jonathan Trumbull, Junior home were actually the foundation of the house built by John Woodward, my first ancestor to move to Lebanon in the early 1700s, a piece of information for which I am still deeply grateful. On another occasion, just before a family reunion I held in Lebanon, Alicia's husband Howard not only went out without telling me and reset the gravestone of that same ancestor John Woodward back upright where it had fallen in the old cemetery, but he also marked a number of family stones with red ribbon badges, so my family members could identify them when they visited. How can you ever express another appreciation for that much thoughtfulness?

Connecticut is blessed to have many wonderful town historians, working to communicate to residents and visitors alike the amazing stories of their town's past, and the way that past has shaped its present and will direct its future. Anyone looking for a model of what the perfect town historian ought to be, need look no farther than the one Lebanon was blessed to have serving it for the last quarter century plus, Alicia Wayland.



Roads

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landmark noted on both the Lebanon 1854 and 1868 maps. Blake's Mountain was renamed Hosmer Mountain much later.

On May 29, 1956 Ernest and Maude Adams sold land to Earl and Clarence Russ. The Russ brothers were developers who constructed Adams Heights. In a special town meeting, March 3, 1958 the town voted to accept 700 feet of Adams Heights. An additional 1500 feet was subsequently accepted at a special town meeting on June 12, 1959.

The naming of Adam Heights originates back to the same time as Card Street, in that, Ernest Adams was the Great-grandson of Samuel Adams. Ernest Adams was the son of Albert C. Adams, who was the son of Samuel G. Adams, who was the son of Samuel Adams and Jemima Gardiner. The land had remained in the family since early 1800s.

It was in the late 1980s when J & A developers submitted a plan to the Planning and Zoning Board for approval for Adams Heights Circle and Hillside Drive.

As we continue to identify the source and origin of road names in Lebanon we hope to have more families provide the history of road names associated with their ancestors. Anyone who has such information is welcome to send it along and we will include one per issue or as space allows.

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History
Trivia
Question:

The highest elevation in New London County is in Lebanon.
Where is it?

See page 3 for the answer.

*Mark your calendar to save the date
for these two great summer events!*

Saturday, June 10
10am– 3pm
for “Second Saturday” in June
Free Family Fun Event



*Beaumont House
Open House & Ribbon Cutting*



Saturday, July 15
5pm– 8pm
for
Evening at the Museum
Fundraiser
*Silent Auction, Wine & Beer Tasting,
Appetizers & Dinner*