

Canterbury Town News

January, 2013

Canterbury, Connecticut

SELECTMEN'S CORNER

Thanks to all who helped out during Tropical Storm Sandy, including our Emergency Management and CERT teams, Public Works crew, and C,L&P. The utility's response, while not perfect, was a great improvement over last year's storm in terms of organization, efficiency, communication and effectiveness. We did qualify, and will be compensated by FEMA, for storm-related preparation and clean-up.

We're moving along on both of our STEAP-funded projects: construction of a new Public Works garage, and Town recreational upgrades. Bids are due at the end of the month for site preparation at the Kinne Road garage site, and an engineering firm was just chosen to design and administer the recreational upgrades.

Our Kinne Road transfer station STEAP project is nearly complete. Compactors for Municipal Household Waste (MSW) and Single Stream recycling are in place, and we are fine-tuning their operation and efficiency. Thanks to all for your patience during this transition.

We've just installed an informational kiosk in the Community Center lobby, funded through a Last Green Valley Grant secured by the Finnish American Heritage Society (FAHS). Thanks to Steve Sadlowski for filming video throughout Town and formatting the presentation, and for the various narrators and Town groups who donated their time. Come by and check it out!

Brian Sear

Economic Development Commission

Looking Back and Looking Forward

It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Canterbury Economic Development Commission. The opportunity to serve the community and business growth without political bias is indeed a responsibility that I welcome.

Looking back on 2012, we started what could be memorable traditions given enough support; the River Clean-up and the River Paddle to support our Greenways designation. And we continued what could constitute pretty effective business exposure, again, given enough support; the Annual Fall Business Festival and the Holiday Business Social. In comparative terms, all four events are relatively inexpensive to conduct, and offer huge paybacks for those businesses who choose to be involved. Our website and Facebook page are enjoying a fair amount of traffic, and thanks go to Mark and Alisa of AM Associates and Shane Donahue for their dedication to our on-line success.

Looking forward to 2013, the EDC has several projects underway, including a Welcome package for new homeowners in town, learning workshops in Grantmaking and other business friendly topics, a revised on-line version of the Business Directory in addition to the current one, among others. Our focus is adding value in our service to Canterbury commerce. We welcome participation at our meetings, both in person and via email or written submissions. After all, we can only help those who let us know what they want and need!

The EDC is devoted to supporting and growing businesses in Canterbury. How can we help?

Jet Tucker, Chair

Canterbury Assessor's Office

Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Credit Program

If you turned 65 in 2012, or you are totally disabled, you could be eligible for our Homeowner's tax credit program if your income is within certain guidelines set by the State of Connecticut. The maximum income allowed for a married couple is \$40,900 and for those who are single the maximum income is \$33,500. Proof of income is required. The filing period is from February 1st through May 15th. Please call the Assessor's Office for more information about this program.

Additional Veteran's & Local Option Veterans Exemption

These programs are designed to provide property tax exemptions for veterans whose income falls within certain limits. To receive these exemptions, an application must be filed between February 1st and October 1st for the 2013 Grand List. Proof of income is required. Check with the Assessor's Office for the income limits.

Please note that all of these programs require a biennial filing.

If you last filed in 2011, another application needs to be completed in 2013 in order to continue receiving the benefit.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Information: If you wish to appeal your assessment you must fill out a petition to the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20, 2013. Petitions are available in the Assessor's Office as well as on the Assessor's Office website at <http://www.canterburyct.org>.

Call the Assessor's Office (546-6035) if you have any questions about these exemptions or if you would like to make an appointment to file an application for these programs.

Jennifer Sullivan

AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Happy New Year Everyone,



Winter is here and it is time to make sure you are prepared for the season.

While the danger from winter weather varies across the country, nearly all Americans, regardless of where they live, are likely to face some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives. Winter storms can range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms are accompanied by dangerously low temperatures and sometimes by strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain.

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to knock out heat, power and communications services to your home, sometimes for days at a time.

You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least **72 hours**. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days. Additionally, **basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week**, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages

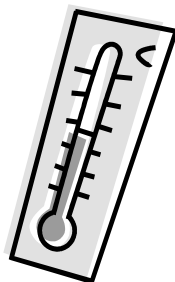
Emergency Supplies List:

- an alternate way to heat your home during a power failure:
- blankets
- matches
- multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher
- first aid kit and instruction manual

- flashlight or battery-powered lantern
- battery-powered radio
- battery-powered clock or watch
- extra batteries
- non-electric can opener
- snow shovel
- rock salt
- **special needs items (hearing aid batteries, medications, etc.)**

Cell Phone (charged- with a car charger for backup)

** To keep track of the temperature **inside** your home place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently, and check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.



Energy Applications-

My office is currently taking Energy Applications for deliverable fuel (oil, propane, coal, wood) until March 15, 2013. Utility-heated households (CL&P and Yankee Gas) are eligible to participate in the matching payment programs and are protected from utility shut-off until April 15, 2013.** If you have exhausted, been denied or are ineligible, for state heating assistance benefits you may be eligible to apply for assistance with **Operation Fuel**. ** Please contact Operation Fuel at (860)-456-7270 ext. 12 they are located at 866 Main Street Willimantic, CT 06226

Social Security Statements Go Online

– Your Social Security information is now available online. The Social Security Administration website has added a new feature. My Social Security, which allows you to set up your personal page and access it at any time. It includes an **online version of the**

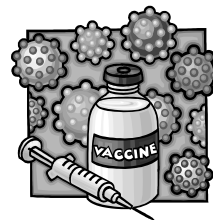


statement that used to be mailed every year, plus estimates of your future retirement benefits, lifetime earnings to date, and the total Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid. To open an account go to www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement and answer a series of questions to verify your identity, then create a user name and password.

Tax Assistance - Yes it's that time of year again. The 2013 tax season is upon us already. The **Killingly Public Library** will be hosting representatives from AARP. Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment visit or call the library at (860)-779-5383. Appointments will be held on Fridays starting in:

February 1, 8, 15, 22 9am-2:15 **March** 1, 8, 15, 22 9am-2:15 **April** 5, 12 9am-2:15

On a final note the **Flu Season** is here in full force. **Seasonal flu activity usually peaks in January or February.** Get the flu vaccine as soon as it is available . Getting the flu vaccine protects you and prevents you from spreading the flu to your spouse, children, or grandchildren.



You have two options for vaccination—the regular dose flu shot and the higher-dose flu shot designed specifically for people 65 and older. Both vaccines protect against the same three flu viruses. The higher-dose vaccine should result in a stronger immune response. Talk to your health care provider about which vaccine is right for you.

I look forward to serving the Canterbury Seniors in any way possible. Please feel free to stop in the office or call (860)-546-9845 with any concerns or issues

*Cherri Richardson
Municipal Agent*

Canterbury Recreation Commission

Did you know that opportunities for recreational activities in Canterbury are growing? Last summer, the Selectman's Office was notified that Canterbury was the recipient of a state STEAP grant totaling \$265,000. The money will be used to fund the Rec. Commission plans outlined in the STEAP grant proposal to improve and expand town recreational facilities at Manship Park and the Campbell Drive field.

Rec. Commission members meet monthly to plan how to use the STEAP grant funds most effectively. We encourage any individuals or groups interested in the overall project or specific aspects of it to attend our meetings and provide input. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Town library conference room. Both the STEAP proposal information and draft Manship Park site plan are available for review on the Rec. Commission page on the Town website.

Bidding for the survey and site design work required for the project closed in early January. As the planning proceeds and the necessary permits and approvals are sought and acquired, a timeline for the renovations and new installations at Manship Park and Campbell Drive field will be publicized. In order to keep costs

down and carry out the necessary work in the most efficient and timely manner possible, there may be a period of time when access to some or all parts of these parks will be unavailable. While we regret that these interruptions may be necessary, any short-term disruptions will make longer-term benefits possible! If temporary closures become necessary, the Rec. Commission will keep all affected parties notified through direct contact and by posting a timeline on the town and CAA websites. This is an exciting opportunity for Canterbury residents, made possible through this state grant, and we hope to see you at our meetings to add your voice to our planning effort. Please contact Jim Glennon (546- 9397) with questions and comments.

The current Rec. program schedule is:

Adult basketball Sun. 9am-12pm

Women's volleyball Mon. 6:30-9:30pm

Adult volleyball Wed. 7:30-9:30pm

Young men's basketball Fri. 7:30-9:30pm

All of these programs take place in the Baldwin Middle School gym.

PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM



The Prudence Crandall Museum will reopen for the 2013 season on Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Regular museum hours will be Wednesday through Sunday, 10am – 4pm. (Last ticket sold at 3:30pm.) The museum is once again planning a variety of programs and events in 2013...please check the Town Newsletter listing for the *Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum* for details on April and May events.

Exhibits on display include: "Friends and Neighbors: Canterbury's 18th and 19th Century African-American Residents," along with "To Get a Little More Learning: Education in 19th Century Connecticut." Museum Docents are always available to provide guided tours, and remember that the gift shop is open during regular museum hours at no admission cost. Please feel free to stop in and browse the wide selection of period children's games, books on local history, and souvenirs of all kinds perfect for gift giving.

We also have free tourist and travel information available – stop in for state maps and vacation guides!

For additional information: 860-546-7800 / Crandall.museum@ct.gov or www.cultureandtourism.org

Canterbury CERT Team

Since the last Newsletter, Superstorm Sandy has reaffirmed the value of emergency preparedness for all of us. The Fall Newsletter had a full page of recommended provision for power outages, and I hope you all posted them on the frig for future reference.

Sandy certainly dealt Canterbury a blow that Monday night, initially leaving 80% of us without power. But by Thursday Morning, we were at 30 % and by the end of Thursday at 8% with just a couple of resistant pockets because of very special problems. Compared to the CT coast, compared to the NY and NJ coasts, compared to our own experience with Irene, our experience with Sandy was well... just not in the same league. Most of us were very lucky. The Town Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was open throughout the storm response. The CERT Team provided staff for the EOC and followed up with those residents with special needs to ensure they were safe.

Going forward for the next 6 to 8 weeks, we still face the possibility of power outages due to snow/ice storms – part of the beauty of our country living. As always be aware of weather forecasts and take necessary precautions.

Grant News: Canterbury CERT Team was recently awarded a \$390.00 grant from the CT Citizen Advisory Council to subsidize the renewal of team members' recertification in First Aid/CPR. The training will be provided by certified trainers of the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Canterbury CERT Team is encouraged to contact:

Carol Kent, CERT Team Leader
860-546-6924; clrk2knt@aol.com

Canterbury Elementary School

Kindergarten Registration is set for March 1st. Parents/guardians can call CES at 546-6744 beginning February 1st to schedule an appointment.

PreK Registration will be held on May 2nd and 3rd. Parents/guardians can call the Pupil Services office at 546-1040 beginning April 1st for an appointment.

Editor's Note

The next issue will be published in May 2013. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen's Office before April 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content. Submissions are welcome from all Canterbury organizations and institutions as well any suggestion to better the publication.

Canterbury Senior Trips

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to a new year of adventure and entertainment! Our last year was great! Many people have asked about who can travel with us and the answer is just about anyone who enjoys traveling. We have plays, musical comedies, explorations! Trips to beautiful places! Find them all at - <http://canterburyseniorsct.wordpress.com/home/>

Flyers can be found on our library bulletin board and for further information you can contact Joanne at (860) 546-9830.

Hope to see you in the coming year!

Finnish American Heritage Society

The Finnish American Heritage Society thanks all of the local businesses that have supported many of our events during the past year including our 25th Anniversary celebration last April. This occasion was the highlight of the year and we appreciate the local community involvement.

The last several months of 2012 at the Finnish Hall were one of the most active in recent years. Our Wine Social was our initial event of the season with a full Hall of members and community guests. In September we also held our Open Market aka Tori with vendors selling a variety of products with the main attraction being the Finnish meatballs and stuffed cabbage dinners prepared in the Hall kitchen lead by Mirja Hanslin.

Later in the month we hosted many members of the Brooklyn Historical Society and the Canterbury Historical Group and presented an overview of the Finnish immigrant story since the early 1900s in the Canterbury area. Anita Smiley, currently President of Finlandia Foundation National of CA provided an interesting personal history of her family. Burton Jernstrom provided historical insights of the early Finnish social groups including some of the socialist activities of both the Canterbury and Brooklyn Finnish Halls. Stan Karro spoke of the early establishment of the current FAHS organization and its activities today.

In October FAHS held its second art show called FACES at FAHS (Fine Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale). The well attended event this year was again in collaboration with the Art Detour in Brooklyn sponsored by the Brooklyn Historical Society. Our Chairperson for this event was Beverly Johnson, a resident of Woodstock and a retired art instructor who also serves as the FAHS Vice President. The event exhibitors presented an excellent and diverse works of art. Canterbury resident Molly Arnio provided graphic designs for our advertisements and signs for both Brooklyn and FAHS events.

The following week we hosted the "Pig Roast" and the Quiet Corner Fiddlers for a second year. The main course featured

the pulled pork from an all day grilling, beans, and coleslaw along with corn bread. We thank the efforts of Rob Miller and Wright's Mill Farm.

In early November, FAHS arranged for the 20th Anniversary of FinnFunn Weekend through the efforts of its Co-Chairpersons Anita and Jack Smiley of Preston. The event was held at the Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills with over 140 attendees from the Northeast Region. Presentations during the weekend included genealogy, education in Finland, how Finns communicate (silence matters), lecture on the composer Sibelius, memories of Finnish Harlem, Finland culture and design, and performances by the Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year Maria Kizirian of California. The event concluded with a presentation of a stone carving by Steve Bousquet of American Landscaping to the Smileys for their efforts over the last 20 year.

In December we celebrated Christmas with a potluck luncheon and children's Christmas party at the Hall along with a Christmas village display arranged by the Galinat Family. A Santa sleigh (Portland Cutter 1900 model) was also on display provided by Bob Robertson. Our raffle which included a tree donated by Allen Hill Farm, resulted in a \$250 donation to the Day Kimball Hospice Group.

Coming events at the Finnish Hall:

Saturday February 16th @ 10:00 AM, Sledding Day/Laskiainen Paiva, Finnish Coffee Bread/Pulla and Pea Soup for sale to warm up the winter days. An antique sled collection will be on display provided by noted collector Bob Robertson of Moosup.

Sunday April 14th from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM, Pancake Breakfast. This has always been a successful community morning featuring Finnish oven pancakes along with many other breakfast items.

Saturday April 27th @ 1:30 PM, Finnish Culinary Delights. Another great food event at the Hall with tasting following the cooking demonstrations.

Please save the dates.

LET YOUR GREEN LIGHT SHINE!

The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV) is asking residents to join their communities and local businesses to show their support of the National Heritage Corridor during the third annual Green Lights. The promotion begins on January 15th and lasts through St. Patrick's Day. "Green Lights is for everyone," said Executive Director Charlene Cutler. "We encourage not just our local businesses and towns, but also all of our residents to show their pride in our National Heritage Corridor by changing at least one light bulb to green." During this traditionally cold and dark time, TLGV hopes the soft, reassuring glow of green will brighten spirits and remind visitors and residents of all the fun and exciting things there are to do in The Last Green Valley.

Participating is simple. Just display a green light. Change a porch light to

green. Hang an LED strand of green lights around the window. Display an electric candle with a green bulb. Imagination is the only limitation! Green bulbs are available for purchase at a variety of local hardware stores or you may purchase 60 – bulb strands of LED lights from the TLGV office for \$12.00. Please call 860-774-3300.

The Last Green Valley's website, www.tlgv.org, will be updated frequently with Green Lights information. The internet resource includes an interactive map showing where the beautiful green lights are displayed so you can get out and enjoy them. There will also be a great variety of activities and events happening during Green Lights, including lodging specials, snowshoe walks, theater performances, bonfires and much more. A complete calendar, as well as

information on how to submit your own event, is available on the website.

Write about your light display or snap a photo and send it to mail@tlgv.org. TLGV will create a photo gallery on its Facebook page and there will be voting for the Best Residential Display, Best Public Display and Most Creative Event during Green Lights. Visit www.tlgv.org to cast a vote.

The Last Green Valley is a National Heritage Corridor – the last stretch of dark night sky in the coastal sprawl between Boston and Washington, D.C. A dynamic nonprofit organization, TLGV is a steward of that special place, working to celebrate our heritage, conserve our natural resources and respect our working lands.

It's Where You Live!

Canterbury Historical Society

In the history of the Canterbury Historical Society, it seems like 2012 was a pretty good year. We presented several interesting programs at our monthly meetings, on topics as varied as the Pilgrims surviving during the winter of 1621; Hartford's G. Fox & Co. and its heyday; American kitchens through the years; and a look back at RMS Titanic. We also hosted a huge indoor tag sale in the spring, and our annual Old Home Day in September. Hope you were able to join us for at least one of our programs in 2012, but if not, make plans to check out one of our events or meetings in 2013, won't you?

At the January CHS meeting, elections were held for 2013 officers. The results: Amy Orloski, President; Bob Noiseux, Vice President; Treasurer, Bill Kivic; Lisa Joseph, Recording Secretary; Ellen Wilson, Corresponding Secretary; Trustees, Marjorie Peckham and Gene Brustolon.

On **Friday, February 8th**, our program presenters will be *CHS members Bob & Sarah Noiseux, and their topic will be "The Golden Age of Radio."* The CHS meets on the second Friday of each month (excepting the months of July and

August). Our meeting location is the Town Hall Community Room – the meeting starts at 7PM, followed by the program around 7:30PM. Other meeting topics for the majority of the year have not yet been set, but do be sure to look for information on them posted throughout town. We also try to make sure information about our events and happenings can be found in the Norwich Bulletin and Reminder newspapers. Another great source of information about our organization and our upcoming meetings is our website. CHS Corresponding Secretary Ellen Wilson does a fantastic job updating the website with pictures and other information, check it out: canterburyhistorical.org. Another source for information about CHS is Facebook – visit us there often: [facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyHistoricalSociety.CT).

On **Saturday, April 13th**, CHS is sponsoring an *Indoor Tag Sale* at the Town Hall Community Room. The event will run from 8:30AM to 2:30PM. If you have items you'd like to sell, consider renting a table or two for \$10 each. If you'd prefer to donate your items to Canterbury Historical Society for us to sell and replenish our coffers,

you're welcome to do that, too. For more information call Eleanor at (860)546-9062.

Plans are still being settled for a couple more events we have planned for 2013. In October, we are planning to host a "Historic Paint Walk" of the Green Area with Sally Zimmerman, Manager of Historic Preservation Services for *Historic New England*. This will be part of the annual *Walktober* events presented by The Last Green Valley. While the date and time of the walk have not yet been determined, we will post more details on our website as soon as they are available.

We will also be presenting a Bluegrass show on **Sunday, November 10th** featuring the return of the fabulous brother duet from Nova Scotia, the **Spinney Brothers**. Since the Spinneys first performed for CHS in 2011, they have been travelling all over the United States, as well as their native Canada.

We look forward to seeing you at a CHS meeting or event in 2013. Our meetings are free and open to the public..

Happy New Year!

CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Dreams really can come true with your support.

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People Rely on the Library: In these difficult economic times, more and more people rely on the library. Unfortunately, our budget constraints make it difficult to keep up with the demand. We need your support. Please browse through our WishList and make a donation.

Sponsored by the FRIENDS of the CPL

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

Nature Programs will continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:30 am-11:30am. For ages 4 and up.

January 19th—Tracking: Who is making tracks? Be a track detective.

February 16th—Owls: Who goes there?

March 16th—Frogs: Sounds of Spring.

April 20th—Water Magic

Each program includes reading from a book, reading a poem, talking about the featured topic and a craft and take home activity.

Early Literacy Program

Bouncing Baby Tales

Children, ages birth to 18 months old.

Wednesdays, 9:00am - 10:00am

Music & Movement

Children, ages 18 months to 3 years old.

**Thursdays, starting September 27th,
two classes:**

9:15am - 10:00am

10:15am - 11:00am

Ladder to Literacy

Children, ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old.

**Wednesdays, starting September 12th:
10:15am - 11:15am**

ADULT AND TEEN PROGRAMS

(Sign-up is required)

Teen Programs

January 28 DIY: Accordion Picture Frame

February 11 Valentine Card/Craft Workshop

March 10-16 Teen Tech Week

April 15 Spring Break Smoothies

Card Stamping with Arlene Sweet

Thursdays 6:00pm-8:00pm

April 4th or 11th

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Fishing Course (Registration required)

April 25th (Thursday) 6:30-8:20 PM

Presented by CT DEEP Inland Fisheries Division.

Learn about methods, gear, safety, sports-manship, rules and regulations, care of the catch, and how and where to catch you own fish. Practice casting and tying knots. You must attend this program to join in on the outdoor Saturday fishing program.

Fishing Trip with DEEP

April 27th (Saturday) Morning (Time TBA)

Spend a relaxing four hours applying skills learned in the *Family Fishing Course*. All equipment and materials are provided. Adults 16 years and older must hold a valid license for 2013.

Money Smart Week April 20-27th

Money Smart Week is a national initiative between the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank to provide financial literacy programming and to help members of our community better manage their personal finances.

Activities will include:

Children's Piggy-Bank Savings Activity.

Coupons for Adults

Community Shredding Day

Check in at the library for dates and times for these upcoming programs:

Gardening sessions on:



Hours: Monday-Wednesday 10am - 7pm;
Thursday 10am - 8pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm

Website: www.canterburylibrary.org

Phone: 860/546-9022 **Fax:** 860-546-1142

Email: canterburypublic@yahoo.com

Flower arranging, including what plants you should have in your garden for the perfect arrangement.

Bulb and plant swap

Everything you wanted to know about growing herbs.

Tea Party—the many different varieties and health benefits of tea.

Jewelry Making—rings, earrings, bracelets, and more!

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

3rd Tuesday of each month 7:05 pm

Call either library to reserve a copy of the book, Scotland P.L. 860-423-1492 or Canterbury P.L. 860-546-9022.

January 15th Scotland Library—*Persuasion* by Jane Austen

February 19th Canterbury Library—*Destiny of the Republic* by Candice Millard

March 19th Scotland Library—*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

April 16th Canterbury—*The Paris Wife* by Paula McClain

Learn Something New

Take a FREE online class from home. Live instructors moderate each course, grade assignments and interact with students. Earn Continuing Education Units (CEU's) that meet an international standard (IACET Standard).

Getaways @ Your Library

Watch our website for Family movie nights and Kid movie afternoons.

LIBRARY *continued*

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Four sections provide important details for each nation:

Political and Economic Issues
Country Profile
Business Information
Key Facts

Five Regional Chapters (Americans, Africa, Asia & Pacific, Middle East, Europe) follow the main text.

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Friends of the Canterbury Library

The Friends of the Canterbury Public Library will be trying something a bit different for our next Book Sale. This time, our sale will take place in the Library itself, and will run over a period of two days (Friday, February 8th from 5pm to 8pm and Saturday, February 9th from 9am to 2pm). On that Friday night, the Friends will also be sponsoring the Library's Family Movie Night program. As always, we are in need of help at our fundraisers, and we've gone 'high tech' on the volunteer front. If you can help out at any point on either day, kindly log onto <http://bit.ly/TWCgus> and 'sign up to volunteer' or, you can volunteer by calling Steve at 860-546-6669.

Since the last town newsletter appeared, the Friends participated in Canterbury Old Home Day. Speaking of the Historical Society, they will be holding their Annual Indoor Tag Sale on Saturday, April 13th and the Friends of the Canterbury Public Library will again have a table there. We hope to see you come by and get a great deal on some quality books.

Something new to the Library over the past few months is the establishment of an online Wish List. You can access it

by going to www.canterburylibrary.org and clicking on the Library Wish List icon. This website, funded by the Friends, allows you to easily donate your time to the library through volunteer opportunities or your dollars by purchasing books, DVDs, and other items for the library's collections. We hope you will check it out.

This year's Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15th, beginning at 7:00 in the Library. We are really interested in bringing more people on board, particularly as board members. New people with new ideas is exactly what we'd like. The purpose of our organization is to support our Library with our talents and fundraisers and, as stated, we can always use help from anyone who thinks our Library is a real asset to Canterbury. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

In closing, we want to thank the many in town who help support us through their participation in our fundraisers. Finally, applications to join the Friends are always available at the Library circulation desk, or you can always call our president Steve Orloski, 860-546-6669, with any comments or questions.

Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum

Thanks to all for your support of activities at the museum last season. We were **busy**, but with the Friends 2013 season beginning with a concert in April, we are going to **fly**!

If you didn't attend the a capella concert by **Take Note!** in 2011, you won't want to miss this one. On Sunday, April 28th in the Town Hall Community Room at 3 PM, this fantastic musical group will once again present us with a variety of songs. Their unaccompanied voices blend beautifully and provide us with an uplifting musical afternoon, followed by a reception and an opportunity to speak with the singers. This concert is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum and donations are received at the door. Your generous donations enable us to purchase acid-free materials to conserve and protect collections at the Museum.

Plan to attend our Annual Meeting at the Museum on Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM. It is an opportunity to hear an overview of our progress as an organization and to elect the 2013-2014 Board of Directors.

Also on May 4, at 1:30 PM, we will begin the **Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum Lecture Series**. In the first of these three lectures, Jefferson Morley, author of *Snow-Storm in August: Washington City, Francis Scott Key and the Forgotten Race Riot of 1835*, will speak. The second lecture in the series on Saturday, May 18, will be by Peter P. Hinks, Lecturer in American History at Yale and author of *To Awaken My Afflicted Brethren: David Walker and the Problem of Antebellum Slave Resistance*. Attorney Wesley P. Horton, CT appellate lawyer, will deliver the third and final lecture and discuss his win in *Sheff v. O'Neill* (1996) that

established education as a fundamental right in CT on June 8th. Each lecture will take place at the First Congregational Church across from the Museum and will begin at 1:30 PM. The lectures will be followed by refreshments and conversation at Carter House, next to the Museum, and end at 3 PM. The fee for each lecture is \$ 6 and includes admission to the Museum.

Watch the newspapers, our website www.friendsofprudencelandmuseum.org, listen to the radio and TV, email us with questions at friends@friends-ofprudencelandmuseum.org and join us for these exciting new opportunities to expand your knowledge and support your local Prudence Crandall Museum!

Lynne Pitman,
Publicity Chair

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A CANTERBURY STORY *by Sheila Mason Gale*

Former Canterbury resident, Tony Marquis, told me that what we know as Goodwin Road today was originally Old Windham Lane on the Canterbury side of Little River. In 1944, Arthur and Irene Marquis and their eleven children (Robert, Arthur, Jr., Tony, Lawrence, Henry, Ellen, May, Ruth, Julia, Ada and Dora) moved into a home that was built in the late 1700's. Although the barn is gone, the house is still standing today.

Irene's mother found the big house for the family, but it had no heat, no water, no phone and no electricity. Electricity was available, but residents had to pay for a pole to be put on the road, and the Marquis could not afford it until after World War II. As for water, it was the biggest child's job to bring the water up the hill from the spring to the house. Arthur was a good mason and built all of the stonewalls on the property. Their only neighbor was the Miller family.

The children loved to swim and fish in the river. They would catch bullheads and trout 10-12 inches long from Little River, bring them home and release them in their spring fed pond and re-catch them as needed to eat. There were apple trees in the lower lot and the apples were picked and put in barrels in the cellar for eating all winter. Irene made jelly and jams and canned the vegetables from their garden. In the winter they would ice skate along the frozen edge of Little River and make toboggans using big sheets of tin Arthur brought home from Brand-Rex that were thrown away.

The children went to the Westminster one-room school house and Tony remembers Mrs. Triplehorn, Mrs. Colburn and Mrs. Bingham as his teachers. A few of his school mates were Russell Fault, Ali Galasyn, Joyce Eastlund and the Romanoff children. He remembers Halloween parties at the old Meeting Hall that used to be next to Calvary Chapel where they played Halloween games and had peanut hunts.

Below the Marquis property was a log chute. The children would gather along the river's edge in the spring to watch the logs slide down the chute, splash into the river and then float down stream to be used by a saw mill to make wooden coffins.

As you can imagine, the children had to sleep with their siblings, but Tony wanted his own bed. Grandma Bennett gave

the Marquis family a feather mattress when Tony was four or five. It was set up on the floor in the upstairs hallway and he slept facing the two bedrooms at the end of the hall. One night he woke up and saw three American Indian women dressed in long white dresses walking toward him down the hallway. They stopped and stood all in a row by the foot of his bed. He was scared and hid his head under the covers, but eventually he peeked out and they disappeared into the air. His mother thought he was seeing things. Throughout his childhood he would often see them in the hall at night, but after he came home from the Army, they never returned again. When Tony was a teenager, he and his brothers and his father were asked to clean out the Westminster church because the members were going to paint. They came across old books, papers and an old family bible (which he returned to the family). He was looking through the bible and an old postcard fell out and he was shocked to discover the photo was of the three American Indian ladies on the front steps of his house. He later learned the three ladies lived in his house and had a very good life. They would make and sell baskets for a living.

In the Army he started at Fort Dix assembling missiles and later was a squad leader in Hawaii after the Korean War. He was an eager learner so he could be in charge. In the Army "Being the boss is the only place to be".

After the Army, he worked at Federal Paper Board, but one day he was driving by Martin's Garage in Willimantic. It was closed, but the owners were looking for someone to re-open it. He was hired and ran the garage for ten years until the gas crisis when the garage was closed down. He then worked at Brand-Rex. He learned how to operate all the machines on the floor which made him the "go-to" man.

His pursuit of excellence extended to his present home. He bought one of the old mill houses in Willimantic and completely renovated it from top to bottom to suit his needs.

He loved growing up in Canterbury along the river. Although it was a difficult for the family to manage with eleven children and Tony had lots of chores, he also had fun, enjoyed nature and growing up in the country.