

# Canterbury Town News

April 2009

## SELECTMAN'S CORNER



We coped very well dealing with a sometimes nasty Mother Nature this winter... many thanks go out to the efforts of our Public Works crew for a super job. We all can truly say we've earned enjoying the spring and summer to come after this winter.

April began with a Town-wide roadside clean-up effort, yielding an oddball host of tires, metal drums, a toilet, a furnace blower, fire extinguisher and several propane tanks, as well as the usual collection of beer cans, liquor bottles, etc. Given the increased turnout of volunteers, almost all of the Town's roads were covered, just prior to the Town coming into bloom.

Budget-wise, everyone is pulling together to maintain our Town's personnel and services without increasing costs to the Town. Outside of some uncontrollable health-care related charges, we're at a zero increase for most line items. Obviously, no one has a crystal ball of what the future will bring... the best we can do right now is hunker down and try to maintain.

The State has its own financial issues, but Towns, especially small ones like ours, are doing everything they can to minimize cuts in State aid, while trying to attract funds meant to re-energize the economy.

We'll keep you posted through the website and at Town Hall on the many community and educational events planned in our area for the next few months.

We might be in uncertain financial times, but we still have the opportunity day after day to enjoy each other and our beautiful Town. Thank you for your ongoing interest and involvement.

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE



The State of Connecticut DEP has developed a new system for issuing Hunting and Fishing licenses. You may continue to purchase licenses (and now hunting permits) in the Town Clerk's office, or you may go on-line and purchase them from the DEP at [www.dep.state.ct.us](http://www.dep.state.ct.us). If you purchase permits from our office, the transaction is sent directly to the DEP and they will mail the tags to you. Opening day for fishing is April 18.

For the past several years, we have noticed there is some confusion regarding the budget process and its connection to your tax bills. The Town has already started working on the 2009-2010 budget. The General Government, CIP (Capital Improve-

ment Plan), and Education budgets have been presented to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will hold a public hearing on the budgets on April 3. They will then meet to decide if the presented budgets are ready to be voted on by the citizens of Canterbury. The Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held on May 15. Typically, all budgets are adjourned to referendum. If the budgets do not pass, then revisions will have to be made, another Budget Meeting will take place, and then another referendum. If the budget fails again, then the process is repeated. If the budgets pass at referendum, then the Board of Finance sets a mil rate, and bills can be processed. It usually takes about three weeks after the budget is passed for us to get the bills printed, envelopes filled, and then mailed out to you.

If you will be out of town during the referendum, you may come to our office and apply for an absentee ballot. We cannot mail applications for referendum absentee ballots.

Reminder notices for dog licenses will be sent in mid-May and after that point we will be able to issue licenses.

Natalie Cordes Town Clerk/Tax Collector

## LAND USE DEPARTMENT



The Land Use Department has been busy working with the Planning and Zoning Commission on updating our Plan of Conservation and Development. This document is very important to the Town as it defines our priorities over the next ten years in the area of conservation and development. Several meetings have been held already covering topics such as conservation, farming, and subdivisions and more are listed below. If you love your Town please come to these meetings and express your opinions – the Commission needs YOUR input!

On April 15, a meeting will be held to focus on development issues and infrastructure. Where should we focus our commercial and residential development? What should this development look like? Do we need any more soccer fields, parks or playgrounds? Are the schools and library adequate? How are the roads? These and many more important questions will be covered at this meeting – come and be a part!

Another meeting has been scheduled on May 20 to look at the various strategies available to the Commission to enact the recommendations received by the public at our past meetings. Both of these will be in the Community Room and public input is strongly encouraged.

The second meeting of our Co-Occurring Resource Inventory will be held on April 23 at 7:00 PM. This activity is sponsored

by the Green Valley Institute and will ultimately create a map of our Town that has areas indicated on it that we feel are important from a conservation standpoint. These meetings are in a workshop format where we discuss which items are most important and try to wrestle with assigning weights to these items to create a map that is useful to the Town. We would love to have you come and help in this process – no experience is necessary. Just bring your love for the Town!

Some changes have been made to our Zoning Regulations that may be of interest to our residents and businesses. Setback requirements have been reduced for most small outbuildings, front porches, steps and handicapped ramps. Home occupations can now be approved by the Zoning Enforcement Official. Residents can now build a guest house on their property (need 3 acres) and businesses can have temporary signs for special events and grand openings (permit required). For more information or to obtain permits for these items, please contact the land use office at 546-6857.

The Commission also adopted a comprehensive set of excavation and filling regulations. People involved in these activities must be approved under these new regulations – please contact our office for details.

As a reminder, our regulations, meeting minutes, meeting audio (including POCD meetings), and many useful links are on our website under either the Land Use, Planning and Zoning or Inland Wetlands pages.

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**



Happy Spring! Flowers are sprouting, leaves are budding on trees, the grass is turning green, flies, bees, and ladybugs are flying around outdoors and into our homes. Daylight savings time is a welcome change keeping the daylight into the early evening and the weather is finally getting warmer.

It's been a long, snowy winter.

Also with the start of spring, comes the adoption of town and school budgets and ours is no exception. The 2009-2010 Board of Education budget was famed beginning with a 0-based budget. It began with input from faculty to administrators, to the Superintendent and, finally to the BOE. There were numerous cuts along the three month process which resulted in a 1.2% increase over the current school budget. In the near future, the budget will be reviewed at a Town Hearing and again scrutinized by the Board of Finance for final approval. I encourage you to review the BOE budget. The format is different than in past years. It includes spending by building, estimated and actual, increases or decreases by dollar amount and percent. Also, goals, program descriptions, and object code explanations are included. The appendix at the end of the book includes worksheets requested by the Board of Education, which offered additional information to make informed decisions.

I invite you to review the BOE adopted 2009-2010 budget and I encourage you to contact me with your questions and/or comments. Please feel free to visit my office at any time. If you would prefer to make an appointment, please contact my secretary at 546-6950. I look forward to working with you to make the budget process informational and successful, keeping the needs of children always uppermost in our decision-making while being conscious of the community in these poor economic times.

Janet M. Tyler, Superintendent of Schools

**CANTERBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Kindergarten registration and classroom visits will be held on March 27. Parents should call the school at 546-6744 for an appointment. Students who will be 5 years old by December 31, 2004 are eligible. Pre-schoolers who are presently enrolled at Canterbury Elementary School will automatically be enrolled and do not need to register. A classroom visit will be held for them later in the school year.

Registration for pre-school will be held on May 7 and 8. Information on this will be posted throughout the town. Selection is made through the lottery process and made possible through a School Readiness Grant from the CT State Department of Education. We will be applying for this grant again this year and asking that it be provided at no cost to our Canterbury parents.

We have begun serving our students, K through Grade 3, through a Primary Mental Health Grant (HUGS), another opportunity through the CT State Department of Education. This grant is aimed at providing services in a stress free zone for students who are at risk. Students participate once a week for a half hour and are involved in a situation where they are directing their own play and empowering themselves through their selections under the supervision of our new counselor assistant. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Amy Marsalisi, counselor assistant, as a member of our HUGS team.

Second conferences of the year were held on March 19 and 20. Teachers and staff communicated with parents as to the importance of supporting the education of their children which is critical for their success. Conferences were held both at night and during the day to accommodate as many parents as possible.

Students in grades 3 and 4 at CES have been participating in a pilot for the CT State Department of Education with regard to Benchmark Assessments with regard to what students need to know and be able to demonstrate. The purpose of the pilot is to provide a resource to aid in increasing student achievement in Math and Reading Comprehension by providing assessments based on the state's model curricula and comprehension pacing guides using items that are keyed into the CT standards by state department curriculum consultants. These assessments differ from the CMTs as they are administered on-line in our Tech-

nology Lab. These assessments are given 3 times throughout the year. The winter assessments consisted of one 60 minute Math and one 60 minute Reading assessment.

Continued thanks to our PTO, a group of extremely dedicated parents, for all they do to add to the experiences of our CES students. On March 7, they hosted a very successful fundraiser, the Basket Bash. Without their efforts, we would not have an enhanced playground, student opportunities to attend field trips and fine arts presentations, as well as, participate in fun social events such as family nights.

Our staff continues to work on their SMART Goals for the present school year. Teachers continue working within their professional learning communities analyzing data in reading, writing and/or math. Strategies put into place are evaluated as to their effectiveness based on assessment data. New strategies are developed as needed based on this data, as well as through, collegial dialogue. We continue to focus on enhancing teaching and learning related to primary areas of need with regard to Reading (making reader/text connections and examining context and structure), Writing (composing and revising), and Math (estimating solutions). Analysis of the fall assessments were helpful in identifying needed areas of instruction, as well as, provide feedback related to achievement in the targeting those skills and incorporated into achievement of our SMART Goals.

We delight in every opportunity to showcase the talent we have here at CES. Our Grade 3 students will be performing at CES at the Spring Concert scheduled for Thursday, May 14 at 6:30. The concert will be held in the CES cafeteria and under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. May. Other important dates include Special Friends Day which will be Friday, May 15; and our Grade 4 Awards Ceremony which will be the evening of Thursday, June 11. The Pre-School End of the Year Show will be on June 16 and Kindergarten Celebration on June 3. The Grade 4 Send-Off will be held on the last day of school which is, as of now, June 19.

As always, our assemblies provide us a great opportunity to come together as a school, have the public in and celebrate the talent we have here. Our assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. The dates for the rest of the year are April 29 and June 10. We hope you can attend.

A. Catherine Ferguson, Principal

**DR. HELEN BALDWIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School boys' basketball team made it to the semi-finals this year in our region. The girls' basketball team won first place in our division this year. They all worked so hard all season during practices and all the games. We want to con-

gratulate the teams and their coaches, Mr. Molkenhuth and Mr. Williams. We also appreciate the support of additional parents who help coach and faithfully attend the games.

Our cheerleaders participated in the Miss Cherry Pie Tournament and placed this year. Again congratulations are due to all the cheerleaders and their coach, Mrs. Rodrigues. Parents were an integral part in participating and supporting our team. The Defenders have invited our cheerleaders to cheer for them, and sell a block of tickets to help defray the cost of summer cheerleading camp at Southern Connecticut State University. On June 5, 2009, the cheerleaders are hosting a spaghetti dinner at Wright's Mill and holding a silent auction as well. The prizes range from Walt Disney World tickets to limo rides, and casino surprises. Help support our students and have a wonderful family night out.

The students are being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society with a formal program on Wednesday evening, May 20 at 6:30. The community is always welcome to our endeavors. The students in the Honor Society are participating in a two-day and one overnight "Relay for Life" Cancer program on Woodstock Fairgrounds in May. Parents will also be walking as well as teachers.

Our Special Friends' Day will be during our lunch times on May 1, 2009. Grandparents, parents, siblings, and additional family members are always welcome. The entertainment this year will be excerpts from the Broadway show Honk performed by our students in grades 5-8, and directed by Mrs. Grochowski. The actual production of Honk will be on May 8. Again the community is invited and encouraged to attend; curtain call is precisely at 7:00 p.m. Our spring concert this year is at 6:30 on May 13.

Our PTO has worked hard this year. I want everyone in our middle school family to know that the parents are so appreciated. The funds have been distributed so that all of our students in the entire school receive the benefits. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Our big transition meetings for grade 4 students will begin on May 15. The students will visit the middle school, meet all the teachers, have a tour, and view the fifth grade Science Fair. The follow-up visit will be made by the middle school principal to CES to respond to the many questions our grade 4 students may have. The transition includes many developmental changes in addition to scheduling and instruction. Comments made by our current grade 5 students may be summarized and help eliminate some anxiety: "We love this school and are very happy here." "We love changing classes all day long; the day goes by so quickly." Parents are welcome to visit the Science Fair and speak with the fifth grade teachers after school on May 15 until 4:30-5:00. We will try to allay any fears and apprehension students and parents may have.

Kathleen Boyhan-Maus, Principal

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Spring is here! I would like to thank all of the parents and guardians for being involved in your children's education this school year. This is a critical time in the year, as the weather gets warmer and the sun shines longer into the early evening, please encourage your children to remain focused on their goals, work hard, and continue to learn through the final months of the school year. We have seen tremendous progress in our students throughout the course of the year. The academic and social gains our students have made since September is truly remarkable. These results can only be achieved through the collaboration of administrators, teachers, related service providers, parents and guardians.

Canterbury S.T.E.P. (Support and Training for Educators and Parents). The STEP group's vision remains to create and foster a collaborative relationship between parents and educators for the success of our children. The STEP group meets on a regular basis to plan activities and coordinate resources to provide valuable experiences for parents, educators, and community members. The next event will take place on Thursday, April 2 in the Canterbury Elementary School Cafeteria. Our presenter, John Reardon has been a teacher and school administrator for 36 years. He has also written two parenting books, *All Star Dads* and *Diamonds Will Sparkle* with interviews from major league baseball players. His presentation will focus on "Raising Children and Having Fun!" The STEP group would also greatly appreciate your input and suggestions. Please take the time to fill out the on line survey. For additional information visit our district website ([www.canterburypublicschools.org](http://www.canterburypublicschools.org)) click on the special education link and the STEP logo for an updated meeting schedule, parent lending library, and the STEP brochure.

IEP Forms: The state has finalized changes to the current Individual Education Plan document. Pupil Services Directors have received the new pages as well as the updates to the IEP manual. Four pages have been modified, including transition planning, state and district testing/accommodations, the goal page, and required data collection. All of the information that is required on these new IEP pages must be reported in the October 1, 2009 SEDAC data collection. If an annual review PPT meeting has already been convened for a student, either another PPT meeting may be held, or, with the agreement of the parent, guardian or the student (if the student is over 18 years of age) the IEP may be amended as needed through use of form ED 634 (*Agreement to Change an Individualized Education Program Without Convening a Planning and Placement Team Meeting*). Our current web-based IEP program is working closely with the state to update their program to reflect these changes.

LD Guidelines: With the Reauthorization of IDEA 2004 states were charged with developing the criteria to meet the new requirements for identification procedures for students with learning disabilities. The use of discrepancy formulas to identify students in the past may not be permitted after July 2009.

The discrepancy formula involved the use of standardized testing to determine if there was a significant difference between a student's ability and achievement level. The current guidelines for identifying children with Learning Disabilities will focus on appropriate instruction, interventions, and monitoring of student progress. In preparation for this monumental change we have emphasized Scientific Research-Based Interventions and Pyramids of intervention as a foundation for service delivery and identification process. At this point the final guidelines have not been published by the state; however a team of special education teachers and related service personnel have recently attended a training regarding the provisions of these proposed changes. These changes will require increased collaboration of general education and special education teachers. We have already begun to address this requirement with the implementation of our Professional Learning Communities.

Extended School Year Services/Summer Services: Our special education teachers are working hard to collect data on student eligibility for Extended School Year Services. A school district is required to provide ESY services to a child when the child requires such services to receive a free appropriate public education. Students are determined eligible on an annual basis using two global criteria:

- 1) Regression/Recoupment: The student is likely to lose critical skills or fail to recover these skills within a reasonable time as compared to typical students.
- 2) Non Regression: Other special circumstances identified by the IEP team such as: the ability of the student to interact with other non-disabled students; the areas of the student's curriculum that need continuous attention; the student's vocational needs; and /or the availability of alternative resources.

Data is collected before and after extended holiday breaks and or vacations to assist PPT teams in determining regression/recoupment need. I would like to thank our teacher and related services personnel for diligently working toward accurate identification of need within our district.

April is Autism Awareness Month! Please visit the ASCONN (Autism Society of Connecticut) web-site at [www.asconn.org](http://www.asconn.org) for a calendar of exciting events and activities planned throughout the state.

The Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress: People First of Connecticut will be hosting a Self Advocacy Conference on Saturday May 30 at the Bristol Clarion Hotel from 8:30-4:00. Please visit [www.ctdownsyndrome.org](http://www.ctdownsyndrome.org) for further information.

Bryan Klimkiewicz, Director of Pupil Services

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Your Economic Development Commission has spent the first three months of 2009 attending meetings of regional organizations whose activities can enhance the work of our local EDC.

This report will review the benefits of these liaisons as well as any dates and activities that may interest Canterbury citizens. We also had our three monthly meetings where much progress was made on several fronts.

1-The entire EDC attended a January meeting at Quinebaug Valley Community College sponsored by the Northeast Economic Alliance and featured a presentation about marketing to the private business sector. The morning/luncheon session allowed the Commission and Brian Sear, our First Selectman, to gain an overview of a more urban-based plan of action parts of which could be utilized here in Canterbury.

2- Two members attended various meetings of The Last Green Valley and discussed how additional seasonal promotions could benefit businesses in the region that are tourism oriented. Winter Wanderings was the first of these new events and offered businesses and non-profits alike the opportunity to publicize activities such as suppers and winter events on the LGV website which is constantly viewed by tourists who want to know everything that takes place here in The Quiet Corner. A similar event called "Summer Sensations" is getting underway shortly and will again allow information about such summer activities as parades, river fires, festivals, fairs, farmer's markets, museum events, concerts, etc. You can download the application by contacting the LGV website at [www.thelastgreenvalley.org](http://www.thelastgreenvalley.org) and emailing your information. Their phone numbers is 774-3300 and ask for Michelle Bourgeois. Please send in your information very soon. A rack card with the website will be published and placed in the more than 100 racks available to tourists and visitors.

2a-The deadline for LGV's "Walktober Celebration" is May 9. This is a continuation of the very successful series of walks throughout the Quinebaug-Shetucket Corridor region which now last through most of October. The early deadline is necessary in order to coordinate the numerous activities into an understandable calendar that will be published and passed out in September. Each walk has a description. The website and phone number listed in # 2 will put you in touch with the Last Green Valley for this project.

2b-"Source to the Sea" is a spring activity coordinated by The Last Green Valley where paddlers will traverse the many streams and tributaries of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers. Your EDC will be coordinating an event that will feature watercraft rowing down the Quinebaug on Sunday, May 17. Local organizations are encouraged to greet the river travelers at a site yet to be determined as of this writing. This could be quite a "day" for Canterbury. LGV will be erecting a kiosk with river information on the shore of the landing area. More information will be coming soon.

3-Ribbons Cuttings will be continued this spring and will be announced in the Turnpike Buyer several weeks in advance. A joint celebration will take place on North Society Road as well as a welcome for two new businesses on Knollwood Lane.

4-Soon we will be erecting signs directing customers to businesses off our state routes. Our Planning & Zoning Commission has been most cooperative and will allow a sign that is consistent in size which will name the business and the direction to that business. Businesses will pay for the signs and the town will erect them. Businesses interested in participating can call the Planning Office for further information...546-6857.

5-A new printing of the Canterbury Business Directory will be out by mid-May. Businesses who did not appear in the first issue or who want their information changed can call EDC chairman, Avery Tillinghast, at 546-9199. There is no charge for this service. Deadline for the new Directory insertion is April 15.

6-An EDC website link is being created and should be in service by early May. It will be part of town's website and will include business listings and space that may be available for lease or purchase. There is a business looking for climate controlled space as of this writing.

7-EDC members have attended the Plan of Conservation & Development meetings and enjoyed the workshops. We encourage all town citizens to participate in these planning discussions.

Avery Tillinghast, Chairman

**FRIENDS OF THE PRUDENCE  
CRANDALL MUSEUM, INC.**



Another season is ahead of us! We look forward to the opening of the Prudence Crandall Museum in May and our first event will be the Annual Meeting of the Friends on Saturday, May 16 at 10 AM. This meeting is open to everyone, member or not, and provides a very brief review of our achievements of the past season and a look forward to this season. We also elect officers of the Board, have a brief presentation and much socializing with informal information about the goals of the Friends group.

The season ahead will be a challenge due to budget cuts to the Museum itself, but the Friends will be sponsoring events as we have in the past.

Our Spring Tea will be held on Sunday, May 17 from 1-3 PM and will afford a look at the Museum as well as Carter House. This tea is an opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy our tea, sandwiches and famous scones and cookies. Please read the Museum information in this newsletter for further details.

Our Video Premier will take place Saturday, May 30 at the Community Room in Town Hall. A video was professionally produced last year to be used as an introduction to the Museum and for a PBS program. Donna DuFresne once again portrays Prudence Crandall and several gifted young women portray her

students. There are also some local residents in several scenes so, come, and discover your neighbors' talents!

On June 20 at 1:30PM, we will host a talk and book signing by Chandler Saint, author of *Making Freedom: The Extraordinary life of Venture Smith*. Come and hear the author and visit the Museum and the Carter House barn!

Watch for more information about Music at Twilight in the summer edition of this newsletter. Reserve the date of Friday, July 31 for that event!

In the current economy, these are wonderful opportunities for inexpensive 'staycation' entertainment and enjoyment.

Our annual membership drive is under way and we need financial as well as physical support. Please consider how you may help our Friends organization as we work to keep Prudence Crandall's accomplishments alive.

### CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canterbury Historical Society cordially invites you to join us at an upcoming meeting. On Friday, April 10 our regular business meeting will be followed by a presentation by historian, composer, and musician, Rick Spencer. His presentation will be a look in story and song at the hotly-contested 1856 presidential campaign, in which the question of slavery was a major issue. Our business meeting starts at 7PM, followed by the presentation about 7:30PM. Refreshments will follow Mr. Spencer's presentation. Meetings are held in the Community Room in Town Hall, and are free and open to the public.

Our May 8 meeting will cover the topic of baseball. Look for more information posted on flyers in the library, town hall, and other town locations.

Elections were held in January for the 2009 CHS Board of Trustees. The following Historical Society members were elected: Carolyn Noiseux, President; Amy Orlomoski, Vice-President; Judy Moffitt, Recording Secretary & Curator; Bill Kivic, Treasurer; Ellen Wilson, Recording Secretary; Jackie Desrochers, Program Chair; and Arline Maynard, Ray Moffitt, Eleanor Orlomoski, Members At-Large.

Planning for our annual Old Home Day – tentatively set for Saturday, September 19 – has begun. The next Old Home Day planning committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 7PM at the Green District Schoolhouse. Come bring your ideas as we work to make this free annual town event a success. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. If you have questions or ideas you'd like to share, call Amy at 546-9062 or send email to [canterburyhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:canterburyhistorical@gmail.com).

More information on our meetings and events can be found on our website. Check it out, if you can: [www.canterburyhistorical.org](http://www.canterburyhistorical.org).

### BOY SCOUTS



Congratulations to John and Chris Courey who have earned the rank of Scout. Congratulations also to Carlos Colon who has earned the rank of Tenderfoot.

Troop 86's spring activities include several canoeing trips, rock climbing, hiking, and cycling. They will also be attending the Millstone Merit Badge-O-Ree where they will be working on Nuclear Science and Aviation merit badges.

If your son is interested in joining the Boy Scouts, please call Cindy Phillips at 546-9208 for more information.

Huge Boy Scout Yard Sale May 22 - 24 at 290 Brooklyn Road, Canterbury. Donations are being accepted now. Call Cindy at 546-9208 if you would like to donate.

### SENIOR TRIPS



We have just returned from Copper Canyon in Mexico during which we experienced dramatic changes in scenery and life styles. Then we enjoyed a day trip to the Yakov show. His theory that laughter is the best medicine is certainly displayed in his very humorous and patriotic comedy.

We are offering a variety of multiday and day trips which you can find on the bulletin board in the Town Library. Looking far forward to January 2010, there is an eleven day Caribbean cruise – the warmth and the sun will be very welcomed at that time of year! This year we have Niagara Falls, the Smoky Mountains, and Maine for overnights.

Our day trips feature three plays – “Say Good-Night Gracie”, “Beehive”, and “Sorry, Wrong Chimney”; three shows – The Platters, Ballroom Dancing, and The Riverboat Ramblers” (with lobster) and of course the All-You-Can-Eat lobster with comedy. In the fall is a foliage trip to Chatham, New York.

All are invited to enjoy our trips. For more information you may call Joanne Sheridan at 860-546-9830. Relax, sit back and enjoy the trips!

### THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM

Due to the state budget situation, the Prudence Crandall Museum will be open with limited hours beginning on Thursday, May 7. Beginning May 7 the Museum will be open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, from 10am to 4pm. However, the museum has a slate of public programs scheduled during the summer and fall months, which will allow folks to visit the museum on certain weekend days as well.

Museum programs for the Summer/Fall 2009 Season:

Sunday, May 17: Annual Spring Tea organized in conjunction with the Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum. The program will be from 1 to 3 pm, \$12 per person and registration is required as seating is limited. The John Carter House will be used for seating in addition to the Museum's front parlor. Tea, tea sandwiches and wonderful homemade sweets will be served. Call for tickets.

Saturday, May 30 the museum invites everyone to attend the Movie Premiere of "To All On Equal Terms: the Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall" the movie at 3pm, Canterbury Community Center, Route 14, Canterbury. All are welcome, but please RSVP to 546-7800. The Friends of the Museum will provide refreshments.

Saturday, June 20, 1:30 pm. The museum will host a talk and book signing with Chandler B. Saint, author of "Making Freedom: the Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith." The program is included in the museum's regular admission. Refreshments will be served following the talk, and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Saturday, Sept. 5: Annual Prudence Crandall Day, 10 am to 4 pm. Free Admission! Crafts, music, food, children's games.

Sunday, Nov. 8: Tea with Prudence and Sarah. Two seatings, 12:30 and 3:30 pm, with a 2 pm performance. Cost is \$20 per person, and pre registration is required. For tickets, 546-7800.

Kazimiera Kozlowski, Museum Curator

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**Clubs and Ongoing Programs**

**Book Discussion:** Our next book is *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver at the Canterbury Library on Monday, May 11. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every other month at the Canterbury Library from 7:00-8:30 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the alternating months at the Scotland Library from 6:30-8:00. Stop in at either library to pick up a copy of the next book.

**Card Stamping** with Arlene Sweet. New sessions begin in the fall. Please call the library for dates.

**Craft /Activity Week:** Vis it the library the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month for a self-guided craft or activity anytime during library hours.

**The Green Group:** meets the first Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm. The group is concerned about the impact of environmental issues on our local community and worldwide. Another focus is to inform the public of ways to reduce your carbon footprint, recycling venues, and other current environmental concerns. Check out the environmental section of the bulletin board and the recycling area at the Library. Please share your ideas in person, via e-mail, by phone (ask for Teale) or come to the meetings.

**Canterbury Stitchers**-bring your knitting/crocheting/other project to the library each Monday from 1-3 p.m. and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Meet other stitchers, share ideas and patterns, learn from each other.

**Order of the Phoenix-Harry Potter Guild:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month from 4-6 p.m. in the Community Room. For ages 12-18 who have read all seven Harry Potter books. Call Guild Headquarters at 860-916-9867 or the library for more information.

**Tweens!** If you are between the ages of 11-14 join us at the library for special projects, programs and activities that are just for you. Call the library or stop in to sign up.

Are you between the ages of 14-19? Join our **Young Adult Advisory Council** and help the librarians create programs for teens. Activities include crafts, gaming, book discussions, writing club, etc. Watch for Friday gaming nights. Questions or comments visit the YA blog: <http://canterburypublic.wordpress.com/>.

**Music and Movement** for ages 18mos. – 3 on Thursdays at 9:15 and 10:15.

**Ladder to Literacy** for ages 3 ½-5 on Wednesdays at 10 am.

**Story time** for ages 3-4 on Tuesdays at 9:30 am.

**New Programs**

**Senior Wii Bowling** @the library on Wednesdays, from 1-3 pm

**Backyard Water Wise Workshop:** What things can homeowners do to make sure there is enough water for people and nature. Jean Pillo, coordinator for the Thames River Basin Partnership will present a special workshop that will entertain, educate and inspire new ways to view your backyard. Learn to save money and time by adapting sustainable, ecologically

friendly landscaping concepts. Join us on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Under Our Skin The Untold Story of Lyme Disease:** is a powerful and often terrifying look not only at the science and politics of the disease, but also the personal stories of those whose lives have been affected and nearly destroyed. From a few brave doctors who risk their medical licenses, to patients who once led active lives but now can barely walk, the film uncovers a hidden world that will astound viewers. As suspenseful and hair-raising as any Hollywood thriller, UNDER OUR SKIN, is sure to get under yours. Tuesday, May 12, 2009 6:30 p.m. Canterbury Community Room.

**Grassland Habitats:** A training session to learn to identify and assist in the sustained effort to conserve grassland habitats which maintain a variety of bird species in our state. The training session includes identification of grasslands and bird species. Join us on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**DEP's The Great Park Pursuit.** For On-line registration to this FREE game, go to [www.NoChildLeftInside.org](http://www.NoChildLeftInside.org) from March 30 to Saturday, April 25. Enjoy one of Connecticut's 139 state parks or forests. Enjoy fishing, swimming, hiking and picnicking at no cost or at a very low cost. Get a free pass at your local library and enjoy the parks this year!

**Be Creative @ your Library** this summer. The summer fun starts on Monday, June 22. Pick up your packet at any time during the summer. Creative activities include a story hour, a stamping class, an Audubon program, sculpture clay craft, and much more. Watch our website or subscribe to our online newsletter for more information.

The Connecticut Guild of Puppetry Presents: A Day of Puppetry  
**With a performance of *Rapunzel* by Purple Rock Productions on Saturday, May 16, 2009.**

In her one-woman performance, Rolande Duprey, an MFA graduate of The UCONN Puppetry Arts Program, assumes the character of a kindly washerwoman to tell the classic Grimms tale of *Rapunzel*. Rolande deftly weaves the arts of drama, music, storytelling, dance and, of course, puppetry together to show us how keeping a promise can change one's life forever. Before our eyes, a witch transforms herself three times, everyday objects come to life, and we, the young and the old, participate to become a part of the overall magic. Both the performance and workshop are suitable for school age children and their families. Both Programs are free and open to the public. Sign-up is required for the workshop due to limited space.

**Performance at 11:00AM and a hand puppet Workshop at 1:30PM**

Sign-up is required or recommended for all programs.