

PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

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Next year we will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary of the Portland Historical Society. Let us recap what we have done in the past.

Our biggest project has been and still is our Historic Sites group who have researched the old homes and historic sites in Portland.

This project was partly funded by Community Development Funds.

To date we have put five bronze markers in various sites in Portland and have approximately 56 house signs, some of which have already been installed.

Our bake sale on Easter weekend was a great success.

Dues are now payable at \$3.00 per person and can be mailed to P.O. Box 98 in Portland or at our meetings.

Future projects will be a 1983 calendar for which we need 13 old pictures.

The officers for 1981-1982 are:

President - Ray Robinson

Vice-President - Harold Krieger

Secretary - Lucille Cramer

Treasurer - Martha Johnson

Board of Directors

Bill McBrien - One Year
Bill King - Two Years
Harold Ferguson- Three Years
Lucille Cramer will remain as
Chairperson.

Our next meeting of the Portland
Historical Society will be on
Wednesday, May 19 at the Methodist
Church. The speaker will be
Professor LeRoy Barnes, Associate
Professor of Social Science at
Middlesex Community College on
"Saving the Sweet Sounds of the Past"
and Restoration of the church's
1863 Johnson pipe organ. Be
sure and wear old clothes so you can

get inside the organ to see its workings. All of the townspeople and especially the Portland Historical Society should get on board with this important project.

The Methodist Church is also having a musical and educational organ concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16.

Some of the past programs the Society has enjoyed were:

Mr. Arthur Robinson, collector of Political Memorabilia.

Mr. Frank Kravic of Glastonbury who talked on Revolutionary War soldiers and explained his uniform, etc.

Herb Ellsworth, ex-President of our Society gave a history of our Town Hall. Auctioneer, Roger Hinze did a fine job of selling articles the members brought to the meeting and we realized a nice profit.

Mrs. Chary Nash of Killingworth who is President of the Connecticut Button Society talked and demonstrated some of her button collection.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on MAY 19th.