

PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

Our summer is fast slipping by and we are approaching Labor Day and the start of a new season with the Historical Society.

It was voted and approved to have meetings ten months a year with vacation months of July and August. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month September through June at the Portland Library at 7:30 P.M. Our dues are \$3.00 a year. Just a reminder - if your dues are still owing, please send us a check or pay at our meetings to keep your membership in tact. We are always glad to get new members - friends, relatives, bring them along and have them sign up. This past year, we have had some interesting programs and there are more planned for the new season.

The calendar committee is hard at work selecting subjects for next year's calendar which will be dedicated to the Portland Firemen in honor of their 100th anniversary.

Things to keep in mind - election of officers is coming up this fall. Also, the year 1991 will be the town's 150th anniversary. It may seem a ways away but we should anticipate starting something in its honor.

We are still hoping to get a place of our own to assemble the many treasures that we already possess. At present, these are scattered around town. Al LaShane has graciously offered to computerize all for us so that we may have a running inventory on hand. Art Warmsley will video tape places and objects for us also. We may be lacking a place of our own but we should take advantage of the wealth of opportunities present in our own society.

Bill and Pat Csere hope to acquire a room at the library through Mrs. Flood for our society. A few members have been approached by Ronald Roth of New York who is very interested in the Portland Brownstone Quarries and through possible government grants, general interest from local groups and towns people, hopes to establish a museum on this subject. For this reason, a group met at the President's home on July 28th to hear his presentation. Doris Sherrow was good enough to take notes and present the enclosed paper on the subject. It has been suggested that we use the next meeting on September 14th to discuss this subject adequately to evaluate and try to determine if we can get enough support to make it a reality.

Until September 14th, have a pleasant summer. See you all then.