



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

NEWS & NOTES

The Portland Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July and August, at the Portland Library.

Meetings have been well attended this past year. Rick and Lynn Gildersleeve have done an outstanding job as Program Chairpersons and have agreed to continue planning our programs next year. Please share with us your ideas on future programs.

The Portland Historical Room in the Library will be open on Tuesday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We have to open the Museum Room one day a week for viewing. During the past year, we have been given another display cabinet and many pieces of Portland memorabilia. We are interested in collecting political items (pertaining to Portland), post cards, school pictures, Gypsy year-books, photographs, stones, and other artifacts. Pat and Bill Csere co-chair the Museum Room Committee. We can all help them by volunteering to monitor the room.

Our calendar for 1986 is being well received. They are available for purchase at the Portland Library. Herb Ellsworth, our first president, is chairman of the Calendar Committee.

We are still waiting for the delivery of the map of Middle-

sex County from the Northeast Document Center. Contributions can still be made toward this project. The names of those who contribute towards the restoration of the map will be inscribed on the back.

Another committee will be restored this year - The Historic Sites Committee with Bill Sanborn as chairman. He will care for the Historic Sites already installed; we are hoping to add two more monuments - one at the location of the First Episcopal Church, the other to replace the one at Cox Mill. Money will be needed for this project.

We will need a Ways and Means Committee. Please volunteer your time and/or your suggestions for fund-raising.

The following officers were re-elected: Dorothy Robinson, President; Francis Sullivan, Vice-President; Martha Johnson, Treasurer; and Regina Woltmann, Secretary. Raymond Robinson and William King will continue on the Board of Directors. They will be joined by William Csere who is replacing Clifford Kelsey.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I want to thank everyone who helped this year - the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen, and so many more! It has made my job so very, very easy.

In the spring a bus load of interested members toured Portland's historic sites. I am still getting requests for another Bus Tour.

The Society had a float in the 350th Anniversary of Connecticut Parade which was held in August. Society members contributed sandwiches to the marchers. Thank you all.

In October we enjoyed a potluck supper at Zion Lutheran Church. Four of our past presidents attended - Herb Ellsworth, Pat Aresco, Harold Krieger and Ray Robinson.

Enclosed is an application for membership in our Society. We are having a membership drive and are hoping that each member will recruit a new member. Please pass on this application to a friend.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 11, 1985. We are presenting a program on Sweden. We hope to see many of you there!

Our January 8th meeting will be a talk and demonstration by Brian McCray on woodcarving. Mr. McCray has won international competitions for his carvings.

On February 12, 1986, we will have a talk and movie on the "Old Saybrook Colony."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Dorothy Robinson,
President