



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

NEWS & NOTES

April 1986

We are sending out this letter to keep you up-to-date on what is happening in our Society.

MUSEUM NEWS

Our exhibit this month will feature the Brownstone Quarries. Our latest acquisitions have been many quarry tools. We have numerous pictures and artifacts. The Society would appreciate any gift of Brownstone memorabilia.

Due to our limited space, we will be unable to display larger objects, such as a brownstone sink, etc.

This room is open Tuesday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m., and other times by appointment. We are also open one-half hour before our meetings.

SIGHT-SEEING ABOUT TOWN

We have had requests for another historical trip around town. Let us know if you would be interested in such a tour this spring. This trip will be longer and show us more of the town.

COOKBOOKS AND CALENDARS

We are looking for a chairman

for the cookbook project. Bill Csere has accepted the chairmanship of the calendar for another year.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAP

The map is hanging in the museum room and we are still accepting donations toward its restoration.

VCR DONATED

We recently donated a VCR to the Library in appreciation for all they are doing for us.

GENEALOGY PROJECT

This is a new area. Anyone who is interested would trace their ancestry back to the first ancestor who lived in Portland. They would fill out family charts and furnish information about this ancestor - place of origin, occupation, etc. These would be kept on file with the Society and prove valuable to genealogists and historians.

SOCIAL TIME

We all enjoy the social time after the meeting. Our refreshment chairperson is Lucy Bartolotta. It would make her job easier if two or three members would volunteer each meeting to bring in something. It need not be homebaked.

PROGRAMS COMING UP

On Wednesday, April 9 -
Edward Walden will speak on
"Rocks of Portland."

On May 14, John Sullivan,
President of the Bee-keeper
Association of Connecticut,
will discuss bee-keeping.

Our June 11th meeting will
feature "If This Old House
Could Speak," presented by
Society member, Martha
Johnson.

Our meetings continue to be
well attended. Again we ask
for suggestions from our
membership on future programs
or projects.

Enclosed is a Membership
Application. Please pass it
on to a friend. These
applications may be mailed
to Hazel Robinson, Membership
Chairperson, P.O. Box 98,
Portland, CT 06480 or dropped
off at one of our meetings.

We hope to see you at our
next meeting.

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