



# PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

## NEWS & NOTES

### COMING EVENTS

An Exchange Pot Luck Supper with the Chatham Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 1988 (rain or shine), at 6:00 p.m. at the Fireman's Picnic Grounds, Indian Hill Avenue, Portland, CT.

Bring: a salad, casserole OR dessert  
your own eating utensils

Provided: coffee, iced tea, plates, napkins, etc.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our members there!

Bill and Pat Csere are serving as Chairmen. They will be assisted by the following listed volunteers: John & Yvonne Cozzi, Elsie Hale, Edith Hyjek, Barbara Ives, Virginia McKeen, Don & Jean Kelsey, Hazel Robinson, Dorothy Robinson, Cliff Kelsey and Regina Woltmann.

Our June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28th. The program will be a talk and demonstration of lighting fixtures from colonial times. Come join us as we learn how our ancestors lit their houses before electricity.

### GIFT TO LIBRARY

We presented the Portland Library with a Microwave Oven as a token of our appreciation for the continued use of the Library Museum Room.

### GOOD-BYE

Bill King, a former Director of the Society and a very supportive monitor in the Museum Room is moving to Meriden, CT. We will miss him. Good Luck to Bill and his wife, Mary.

### THANK YOU

Our thanks to Vivian Dower for the time she has spent arranging special displays in the Museum Room and to her husband, Walt, who recently installed castors on the cabinets.

### NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

May 8 - 14, 1988, was proclaimed National Historic Preservation Week by President Ronald Reagan. Our society is helping to preserve the history of Portland by collecting memorabilia donated by residents and friends and displaying them in the Society Museum located in the Portland Public Library. In 1987, Governor William J. O'Neill signed a law that was passed by the Connecticut State Legislature that mandated each town in the state to appoint a Municipal Historian; that position in Portland is filled by the President of the Portland Historical Society.

#### DUES

At the April 26, 1988, meeting of the society, it was voted to increase the membership dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per calendar year. Those members who have not paid their 1988 dues are reminded that the by-laws state that they will be dropped from the membership if not paid by June 30, 1988. Life time memberships are now available for \$100 and special gold cards are issued to those who sign up as life members.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

We also voted at our April meeting to establish a scholarship for a deserving Portland High School student. The Principal, Donald Gates, recommended a \$100.00 savings bond (which would cost us \$50.00) be given to a deserving underclassman who excels in History.

#### CALENDARS

There are still a few 1988 Portland Historical Society Calendars available. Contact Herb Ellsworth if interested in purchasing one.

#### HISTORIC PLACEMATS/NOTE PADS

We also have a few placemats and note pads available - contact Dorothy Robinson before they are all gone.

#### TAG SALE

Our thanks to Hal and Mandy Krieger and their committee for conducting the tag sale at the American Legion Hall on May 7, 1988. We added a few dollars to our treasury. Hopefully, this will become an annual event!

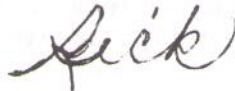
#### MUSEUM ROOM

Lynn Gildersleeve brought her Brownie Troop to visit the Museum Room in April as they were doing badge work on the history of Portland and she felt the girls should know that there was a Museum available to view the historic memorabilia of Portland. The Museum has had an increase in its use this year due to the students and researchers using our facilities as a source of information.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership now stands at 306. If you know of someone that should belong to our society, please have them sign up. Membership applications are available at every meeting.

We are hoping to see you at our June meeting or at the picnic in July; if not, have a nice summer!



Richard Gildersleeve  
President, Portland Historical Society