



# PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PORTLAND, CONNECTICUT

## NEWS & NOTES

December 1988

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At our November Pot-Luck Dinner, the following officers were installed: Rick Gildersleeve, President; Martha Johnson, Vice-President; Regina Woltmann, Secretary; and Charles Woltmann, Treasurer. Hazel Robinson, who has served as Treasurer for several years, is to be commended for her hard work during the past few years. She has been named to the Board of Directors; she joins Anita Carlson and Dorothy Robinson on this Board. Bill Csere has stepped down as Membership Chairman and is being replaced by Chris Sullivan. Bill has done an outstanding job in this capacity for the past several years.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 27 - One of our members, Vivian Dower, will give a talk and demonstration on her doll collection. Please bring a non-perishable item for the Community Food Bank.
- January 11 - Not a regularly scheduled meeting but a special meeting to discuss the Society's long range planning goals, future fund raising projects, etc. Meeting will be held in the William Van Bynum Room at the Portland Library.
- January 24 - A speaker from International Silver will speak on the silver industry.

### CALENDARS

Our 1989 calendars are for sale at \$3.50 each and make very nice Christmas gifts as do our notepads for \$2.00 and placemats of historic sites which sell for \$3.00 (for 12 mats). These items are for sale on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Society Museum Room at the Portland Library. The calendars are also for sale at the Library, Town Hall or by calling Society President, Rick Gildersleeve at 342-0985. The Society still has some 1985 calendars available.

### MEMBERSHIP

As of this date, we have 304 members including 6 lifetime members.

GIFT

Connie Berggren presented the Society with an old shoe buttonhook with the name "John Curran, Shoes and Clothes." If anyone has any information about this store, please let us know. The buttonhook will be added to our Museum Room at the library.

MUSEUM ROOM

Stop in and visit the Museum Room which Vivian Dower has festively decorated for the holiday season. The theme "Toys of Yesteryear" includes dolls from Vivian's collection, toys, books, etc. The Christmas Tree has also been decorated with dolls. Our thanks to Vivian for her efforts in setting up this lovely display.

MOVIE

We would also like to express our gratitude to Art Warmsley who is editing and consolidating the movies on the construction of the Arrigoni Bridge. The movie will be shown at a later meeting.

MEMORIAL FUND

A nice way to remember a loved one is to make a donation to the Portland Historical Society's Memorial Fund.

Happy Holidays!

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