



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 98, Portland, CT 06480

SPRING 2003 NEWSLETTER

ALERT!

SEVENTH ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE DAY SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003

Here's how you can help:

- *Donate discarded treasures for the Society's sale.*
- *Encourage family and friends to have a sale at home or at the Grange parking lot.*
- *Tell your out-of-town friends about it.*
- *Ask a local business to take a business card ad on our Official Tag-Sale Map.*
- *Contribute to the May 10th bake sale at the Grange.*
- *Join the Committee and share in the fun!*

Ruth Freeburg, 342-3636, Eleanor Crowther, 342-2907

The Town-Wide Tag Sale Day application is inside this Newsletter. We hope you will use it or pass it on to a neighbor. Tag Sale Day profits support the Society's museum expenses. The more tag-salers who sign up, and businesses/professionals who donate ads for the site map, the more things the Society can accomplish.

For those who prefer to donate their treasures to the Society's Garage Sale, we will be receiving at the Callander House garage, 492 Main Street, on Saturday mornings, April 19, 26 and May 3 between 9 and 11 AM. Pick-up is also available. Call Ruth at 342-3636.



The Tag Sale applications barrel at Callander House, 492 Main Street on April 1st.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- *Regina Woltmann*

This is a very busy time for the Portland Historical Society. Although we continue with our various projects – working on the Callander House and cataloging our museum collection, sponsoring our monthly programs, organizing our Seventh Annual Town-Wide Tag (and Bake) Sale – our main focus is preparing for the Grand Opening of the Museum of Portland History (the Callander House), which is scheduled for the weekend of June 6th, 7th and 8th. A committee has been established to plan various events for the three-day celebration. A meeting was held recently with many excellent ideas submitted by our members. Other Society members are busy working on preparing the exhibits for the Open House and putting the final touches on the Callander House. Help is always needed and appreciated and we welcome your participation. Please do not hesitate to call me at 860-342-3092 or e-mail me at rtwoltmann@yahoo.com with your suggestions or questions. We know that we have many talented and knowledgeable members – almost 250

at this time – and your efforts are needed to make our Grand Opening a success.

Thanks to . . .

Don Goodrich who has given many hours this winter to clearing snow from the Ruth Callander House driveway.

Bud Harmon who not only keeps the sidewalks and entry-walk clear, but also clears away broken trees on the Museum property.

Bob McDougall who has been tirelessly organizing the interior of the house wrestling large files and boxes into spaces we weren't aware we had.

The many thoughtful people who have sent memorial donations to the Society honoring their friends and relatives.

David Garneau who shared with us at our "Gildersleeve" program the relevant artifacts that he came upon while remodeling his antique house on Indian Hill Avenue.

Wish list – Bob McDougall, 342-3062 or PortlandHistSoc@Yahoo.Com

With the decreasing cost of computer and office equipment we suspect many members have updated their personal or business equipment. If your old equipment is still in working order we may be able to make use of it at the Museum. Items on our wish list include:

- *Plain paper copy machine with a sheet feeder*
- *Personal computer (Pentium III or better with Windows and USB interface connectors)*
- *USB connectible inkjet printer*
- *USB connectible image scanner*

Any computer/office equipment you consider donating please contact Bob McDougall.

7th Annual Town-wide Tag Sale
 Sponsored by *The Portland Historical Society, Inc.*
 benefiting the Callander House Museum of Portland History

PLAN A TAG SALE

Saturday, May 10th
8:30am to 2:30pm

RAIN OR SHINE!

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

- The Historical Society will help to promote your Tag Sale.
- Your contributions will help fund Historical Society Projects.

The Portland Historical Society will provide:

- Tag sale hints
- Advertising
- House banner
- Location Map w/sale types

Option	How it works:	Sign up by April 15 th	Sign up April 16 - 30
1.	Have a sale at your own home or neighborhood	\$15.00	\$20.00
2.	Tailgate at Hemlock Grange parking area, jct. Rte. 17 & Sage Hollow Rd.	\$15.00	\$20.00
3.	Donate Treasures to the Historical Society to sell at Hemlock Grange and Callander House. (No clothing, text books or unwieldy items please)	Items may be donated to Society now through May 4 th . Saturdays, April 19, 26, & May 3, items may be dropped at Callander garage, 492 Main St. from 9-11 AM. Pick-up also available. Info. call 342-3636.	

BAKE SALE with coffee & hot dogs at Society Tag Sale, Hemlock Grange, 17 Sage Hollow Road on Tag Sale Day.

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 clip and send to: Portland Hist. Soc. Tag Sale, P.O. Box 98, Portland, CT 06480
 Make checks payable to Portland Historical Society

Contact Information:		Options (Please Check all that apply)	before Apr. 16	Apr. 16 - Apr. 30
Name:		<input type="checkbox"/> Home sale <input type="checkbox"/> Rain or Shine?	\$15.00	\$20.00
Sale Address:		<input type="checkbox"/> Tailgate at Grange	\$15.00	\$20.00
Phone:	Show home sale type: toys/tools/misc/etc. _____			

PROGRAMS

- April 22** - A representative from *PRIDE* will present a slide show and talk on their latest endeavors in Portland.
- May 27** - A slide show and talk on Middletown's Heritage Trail.
- May** - We have been invited to a gathering of all county historical societies at the General Mansfield House on Main Street, Middletown, to view the current exhibit featuring the various ethnic groups who settled in Middletown. More information forthcoming.

We also plan a year-long "Celebration of Portland's History". During this time frame, we will be featuring programs on Portland only. Although we have a number of programs already scheduled, we welcome your ideas. What type of program would you be interested in? Are any of our members willing to present a program? Someone has suggested a program on "Growing up in Portland." Do we have members who would be willing to serve on a panel for such a program? I would love to hear from you.

As always, your support of our Society is very much appreciated. We hope to see many of you at our upcoming events! Regina Woltmann: 342-3092.

Meetings are held in the Mary Flood Room of the Library at 7:30 P.M., unless otherwise specified. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER - Phyllis & Bill Frisbie, 4/1/03

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