



# PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P. O. Box 98, Portland, CT 06480

## MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER

Ruth Callander House Museum, 492 Main St., Portland, CT., 06480, Tel: 860-342-5455  
www.PortlandHistSoc.Org

### 14th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale

Sponsored by The Portland Historical Society, Inc to benefit the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History

## PLAN A TAG SALE

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM, RAIN OR SHINE

The Tag Sale Committee invites you to attend a planning meeting: **March 18** at 3 pm, **April 19** at 7:30 pm

For information call: Ruth Freeburg 342-3636

Chris Sullivan 342-4105

Eleanor Crowther 342-2907

How can YOU help? - here are some of the things we do to make Tag Sale Day a success for everyone.

1. Solicit Sponsor Ads for Map
2. Publicity - sign-ups, donations of goods, etc.
3. Supply sign-up sheets to several locations
4. Print and send Tag Sale Hints to participants
5. Construct/repair Signs and Sign poles



6. Organize and print map
7. Call members for donations to Bake Sale (about 15 people)
8. Obtain hot dogs, beverages, etc. for food sale
9. Receive donated items at Callander House, Saturday April 17, 24, and May 1, 9-11 AM.
10. Deliver and pick up Tag Sale sign poles (about 20 people)
11. Set up Society Tag Sale at Callander House garage and Grange
12. On the big day - 15 to 20 tag sale workers for the Callander House garage and Hemlock Grange; cooks, helpers and bake sale workers (10) for the Grange; Traffic directors at both sales
13. Transfer leftover treasures to garage from Grange at 2:30 pm (3 or 4 people)



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 \* Last year, this annual fundraiser made \$5,600 \*  
 \* for the Society's museum and programs. \*  
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See page 3 for  
 Town-Wide  
 Tag Sale Day  
 Application

## NOTES . . .

### Spring 2010 Programs - Regina Woltmann

#### Secret Garden Tour of Portland - Susanne Anderson

Tickets for the Historical Society's garden tour fundraiser will be available beginning April 1. The self-guided tour, **Portland's Secret Gardens**, will be held on June 12, 2010. The tour will showcase at least eight private gardens in Portland including the Betty Keser Scott Garden at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History. Also included will be light refreshments, a sale of houseplants, birdfeeders, birdhouses, and a boutique of other garden gift items. Tickets for Historical Society members will be \$15, non-members \$20; all tickets on the day of the tour will be \$25. More information will be available in the April newsletter, or by calling Sue at 860-342-0433. Funds raised from the garden tour will benefit the programs and the operation of the Society's Museum.



*The Betty Keser Scott Garden at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History will be included in the Secret Gardens Tour of Portland on June 12.*

The Garden Tour Committee is looking for donations of teacups and houseplants, crafters to decorate birdhouses, as well as volunteers to help on the day of the tour. Anyone interested in helping in any of these ways, please call Sue at 860-342-0433.



March 23- Senior Center - "Stories in Stone" - Jelle Zeilinga deBoer, Professor Emeritus at Wesleyan University. Dr. DeBoer will discuss his book about Connecticut's geologic diversity and recount the impact of past climates, earthquakes, and meteorites on the lives of the people who made Connecticut their home.

April 27 - Portland Library - "The Flower Lady" - Learn about the restoration of an early American house and development of beautiful gardens in a presentation by Chrissie D'Esopo who is known throughout the Farmington Valley as "The Flower Lady" for the lavish, color-drenched displays that surround her home. She will present a slide show detailing the restoration of her Greek Revival home and the development of her well-known gardens.

May 25 - Portland Library - "Connecticut's Civil War" - Sharon Smith will present a program about Connecticut's contributions to the Civil War effort including museums, monuments, and forgotten locations where necessity and heroism came together, including Portland's Gildersleeve Ship Yards.

June 22 - Portland Senior Center - Join us at 6 pm for an indoor pot-luck picnic followed by musical entertainment provided by Rick Spencer, Museum Director, historian and researcher. He will present a program on "A Songwriter from Connecticut: The Civil War Era Music of Henry Clay Work." Work, who grew up in Middletown, was one of the most popular songwriters of the Civil War era.

#### Historic Happenings - Regina Woltmann

Bill Willinsky of Portland's Veterans Affairs has been collaborating with the Historical Society on a new project to identify and honor Civil War veterans with a plaque to be located in the Town Hall. Bill plans to obtain a disc with names of all the veterans from the Civil War, World War I and II, Vietnam and the Gulf Wars so that the Portland Historical Society will have this information available in our archives for reference purposes and for future exhibits. We very much appreciate the efforts of Bill and his committee for their endeavor to acknowledge Portland's veterans, past and present, and for sharing these valuable resources with us.



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**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:**

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

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL PROVIDE:**

- ☛ Location Maps with sale item types
- ☛ Advertising      ☛ Tag Sale Hints
- ☛ House Marker Sign

Option	How it works:	Rec'd by Society by April 10th	Rec'd by Society Apr. 11 - 24 <u>deadline</u>
1.	Have a sale at your own home or neighborhood for your benefit.	\$20.	\$25.
or 2.	Tailgate your tag sale at Hemlock Grange parking area, jct. Rte. 17 & Sage Hollow Rd	\$20.	\$25.
or 3.	Donate items to benefit the Historical Society tag sales at Hemlock Grange and Callander House. (No clothing, textbooks, TV's or unwieldy items, please.)	Items may be delivered to the Society Saturdays, April 17, 24, & May 1 at Callander House garage, 492 Main St. from 9-11 AM. Pickup also available. Call 342-3636.	

**ALSO BAKE & TAG SALES with coffee, soda & hot dogs at Hemlock Grange, 17 Sage Hollow Road on Tag Sale Day.**



*Clip and mail to Portland Historical Society Tag Sale, P. O. Box 98, Portland, CT, 06480*  
*Make checks payable to: Portland Historical Society*

Contact Information: Name: _____ Sale Address: _____ Phone: _____ Will you have Tag Sale if it rains? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Options (Please check all that apply)	BY April 10	April 11 - 24
	<input type="checkbox"/> Home sale	\$20.	\$25.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tailgate at Grange	\$20.	\$25.
Items (circle, list): toys/tools/misc./ _____ Must be received by April 24 for listing on Map			

# CALENDAR . . . .

All programs are held at the Portland Library,  
Mary Flood Room, at 7:30 pm., unless otherwise indicated.

**March 18 - Tag Sale Meeting -** Museum at 3 pm

**March 23 - "Stories in Stone" program**

by Jelle Zeilinga deBoer  
*at Portland Senior Center*

**April 11 - Portland & Oscar Hedstrom Exhibits -**

Museum open 2-4 pm

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**April 27 - "The Flower Lady" program**

by Chrissie D'Esopo

**May 2 - Portland Exhibit -** Museum open 2-4 pm

**May 8 - TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE -** 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**May 25 - "Connecticut's Civil War"**

by Sharon Smith

**June 7 - Portland Exhibit -** Museum open 2-4 pm

**June 22 - Pot-luck Supper & Musical Entertainment -**

**"A Songwriter from Connecticut: The Civil War Era  
Music of Henry Clay Work"** by Rick Spencer  
*at Portland Senior Center*

**July 5 - Portland Exhibit -** Museum open 2-4 pm

## CALLANDER HOUSE CUPBOARD

2010 Calendar - *Farming Scenes of Portland*...\$8  
 Portland Scenes -- Tile \$12 -- Mug \$9.50  
 Mahogany Penholder with Pen.....\$12  
 Portland Recipes and Reflections.....\$8  
 Letters to Harry by Pru Taylor and TJ Palmer.....\$25  
 Coloring & Activity Book of Portland History.\$3.50  
 Images of Portland by Bob McDougall.....\$20  
 St. Clements by Pru Taylor and TJ Palmer.....\$15  
 Previous Year Calendars.....\$5  
 Antique Photo Postcards .....\$.75 each or 3/ \$1  
 Antique Pictures Magnets .. \$2 ea, 3/\$5, set 20/\$30  
 Portland Scenes Notepad (50 pgs., 5 scenes) 2/\$3  
 Portland Historical Society Pen .....\$2  
 Portland Scenes Tea Towel .....\$5  
 Portland Scenes/Floral Notecards ..\$3, 2/\$5, 5/\$10

Please include \$2 shipping per \$10 of order  
 Purchases help toward Society projects  
 Call 860-342-0433 to order or mail to: Portland Historical  
 Society, PO Box 98, Portland, CT 06480

NEWSLETTER - *Phyllis and Claire Frisbie, 3-16-10*

## Newsletter!

Ruth Freeburg  
 George Gilbert  
 Eugene Sullivan

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### SOCIETY OFFICERS

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 APPLICATION ENCLOSED!

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