



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

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16th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale

It's that time again! The Society's 16th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale is coming this May 12th. Now is the time to start looking at your collected items and consider a tag sale to create space, make money, or just pass things on to another. This town-wide event, publicized widely, is the Society's largest fund-raiser of the year, and can be a fund-raiser for you, your family or your organization. Many organizations have invented creative methods of raising money while the town is busy with so many visiting shoppers. So support the Portland Historical Society with a small \$20 or \$25 donation and we will create a large map with all the sale locations and types of items to be found at each location. Non-profit organizations raising money get special highlights on the map. If you need a location, consider a sale at the Hemlock Grange parking lot. If you just want to donate items, the Society and many other organizations will be collecting for their tag sales. See page 2 for the Tag Sale sign-up form with all the details.

Volunteers are happily welcomed for any part of this event. Please contact Ruth at 860-342-3636 or attend the Tag Sale planning meeting on March 14, 7:30 pm at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History.



Tag Sale shoppers swarmed the Society's sale at the Ruth Callander House garage in 2011.

Planning for the Future...

Bob McDougall - Chair, Board of Trustees

The Portland Historical Society was organized in 1973, by a group of individuals who shared an interest in the history of the town. Next year the Society will celebrate 40 years since its incorporation. During our first four decades our organization has evolved from a social group offering monthly program meetings, to a local institution which is actively working to collect, preserve and share information and material about Portland.

With the help of many dedicated volunteers and generous supporters, we have an impressive list of achievements that include: placing bronze markers at Historic Sites around town; a program to place date plaques on historic homes; monthly program meetings; the Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale since 1997; a Museum Room at the Portland Library until 2003; the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History since 2003, where our monthly openings have featured several exhibit changes a year; Precious Pieces of Portland, an annual art contest for local third graders studying Portland History; House Tours; the Year round 10km Volksmarch; Secret Garden Tour; Historic Fashion Show and Teas; the Callander Cupboard, offering books and gift items related to the town's history; and a regular newsletter.

As the Society has grown, our organization has adjusted to face the challenges of our expanded scope.

In 2008, we adopted bylaw revisions intended to prepare the Society for continued growth.

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16th Annual Town-Wide Tag Sale
Sponsored by The Portland Historical Society
Benefiting the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History

PLAN A TAG SALE

Saturday, May 12th
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

RAIN
OR SHINE

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

- ⇒ You profit from your sale.
- ⇒ The Historical Society will help to promote your Tag Sale.
- ⇒ Your contributions will help fund the Museum of Portland History.

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 14th	Rec'd by Society Apr. 15 - 28 <u>deadline</u>
1.	Have a sale at your own home or neighborhood <i>for your benefit</i> .	\$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 sale at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History. (No clothing, textbooks, TV's or unwieldy items, please.)	Items may be delivered to the Society Saturdays, April 21, 28, & May 5 at the Callander House garage, 492 Main St. from 9-11 AM. Pickup also available. Call 860-342-3636.	

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: _____	Options (Please check all that apply)	BY April 14	April 15 - 28
Sale Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Home sale	\$20.
Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tailgate at Grange	\$20.	\$25.
Email: _____	Item types (for map listing): _____		
Will you have Tag Sale if it rains? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> _____			
Must be received by April 28 for listing on Map			

Planning for the Future... (continued from page one)

A Collections Board was established to help define policies and procedures for managing our growing collection of artifacts and information; and a Board of Trustees was established to provide long term strategic planning for the Society. At the recommendation of the Trustees, the leadership of the Society has recently participated in two planning workshops with the guidance of John Monroe, an organizational consultant well known in town for his work with the Brownstone Quorum. These workshops resulted in a set of goals and stimulating ideas that the Trustees will be shaping into a five-year plan. This will be presented to the Executive Board and Membership this spring, as we prepare for the Society's 40th Anniversary in 2013 and the town's 175th Anniversary in 2016. *We are eager to get started and look forward to sharing our plans with you. Stay tuned... much more to come.* □

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**Membership questions,
Claire Frisbie 860-335-8581**

CALENDAR

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

Mar 27 - "Scouting in Portland" - Scout leaders from past & present share memories and stories with audience participation, come and share! - Portland Senior Center at 7:30 pm

Apr 8, May 6, Jun 3 and groups by appointment - Scouting in Portland - Museum open 2-4 pm, or call Claire 860-335-8581 for appt.

Apr 24 - "Norman Rockwell's America" - Gordon Williams presents examples of Rockwell's sense of humor as well as glimpses of darker issues and social problems addressed by Rockwell in his illustrations.

May 22 - "Aerial Photography of the Connecticut River Valley" by Tom Walsh from Shoreline Aerial Photography, LLC shows many views of the valley towns during different seasons.

Jun 9 - Connecticut Open House Day at Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History



Ruth Freeburg and Ethel Peltz were two of the many visitors who viewed the Society's "Scouting In Portland" exhibit on March 4. The exhibit continues through June 2012.

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