

## The Newsletter of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Connecticut

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### A Message from the President

*Charbra Adams Jestin*

You may remember from the October and May general membership meetings that I have been reading from the Society minutes of 90 years ago. This intriguing activity tempted me to read ahead to find out more about our operations and the activities the Dames were engaged in 90 years ago.

One is struck by the similarity between our work those many years ago and our endeavors today. Having been purchased 1919, the Webb House was, in 1925, already open to the public as a historic-house museum for eight months of the year. There were 600 paying guests to the museum that year and Wethersfield High School was holding classes in the house. Fiscal constraint as ever was a priority and every penny seems to have been accounted for assiduously. Already in place were the means for making bequests to the society. Differences are also of note. There were more committees dedicated to more varied work—collaborating with other historic preservation groups, placing of plaques at noteworthy historic locations, working to support veterans after WWI, and an extensive survey of historic houses. Houghton Mifflin, it seems, published for the society a work entitled “Once Upon a Time in Connecticut”, but in 1925 the company decided it was too expensive to continue.

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### A Message from the Director

*Charles T. Lyle*

We started off the fall season on October 1<sup>st</sup> with an informative lecture in the Webb Barn by historian Thomas J. Schaeper, Ph.D. of St. Bonaventure University and author of the recent biography of master spy Edward Bancroft. Bancroft worked closely with Silas Deane when he served as America's first diplomat in France during the Revolutionary War, and the author convincingly showed that much of the information that has been written about them is wrong. The talk was attended by 130 people, and it was a pleasure to see how interested the audience was in the topic and how enthusiastic they are about history.



*Historian Thomas J. Schaeper's lecture in the Webb Barn on October 1, 2015*

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The most striking change, however, is the significance of our museum houses in the work of the society. The women of 1925 could never imagine the scope and success of the three museum houses now under our care. In 1925 the house was shown to the public by Mrs. Sparhawk who offered tours to anyone who knocked on the front door. She served tea to the visitors. She was paid \$100.00 per month for the eight months that the museum was open to the public and \$50.00 per month during the four winter months when it was closed. The concept of a professional historic house museum director was an unknown entity and the Dames themselves were the experts on buildings, furnishings, and collections of the 18th century.

Today we attract nearly 20,000 visitors to the museum property annually, employ one full-time Executive Director, five part-time employees to oversee our education program, our guides, our barn rentals, our development, and our administrative work; and offer numerous programs to the public. In short, we Dames are no longer the hands-on experts on historic-house museum management that our forebears were. The world has changed since 1925 as has the world of historic-house museums. We should be proud of our growth and the stature of our museum properties. We look to the future with hope and with great admiration and gratitude for the work those women accomplished. Our proposed Education and Exhibition Center is building on strong foundations and will garner for us ever more recognition in the realm of historic-house museums.

Please read with care Ann Burton's article on the work over the summer of the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee. They have been examining whether the 1925 structure that currently governs

us is the most efficient for our future work. While our mission has not changed one jot, there may be tweaks to our governance that will allow us to give the museum the attention that it deserves.

We now turn our attention to the activities of the fall and spring. We shall be sending five delegates to Cincinnati, Ohio, for our first "super" regional conference, joining Dames from our eastern region as well as from the mid west. Watch for reports in the Spring newsletter!

We are also gearing up for our April 1-3, 2016 Tags and Treasures sale. Albeit hard work, Tags and Treasures, for any who have been involved in the past, is tremendous fun. We meet Dames we would otherwise never meet and we laugh at donations both amusing and strange. Please come out to support his fundraiser either by working or buying. Something that is pure, unadulterated fun is the two-night trip to Boston so skillfully planned by Tita Hyland. Look for the official announcement; do not hesitate to send in your money to secure your place on the trip. It is sure to be a sell-out. I will be at Dumbarton House for a National Finance Committee meeting September 29-30. This is my second year in attendance and I expect to be as impressed with the level of engagement by the members of this committee as I was last year. It is a privilege to serve on it, and I absorb as much information as I can, always with our own Society finances in mind. And finally I hope to see many of you at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15. Charles Lyle has made many changes to the program and it promises to be the best ever.

*Yours respectfully,  
Charbra Adams Jestin*



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## Our Founder Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt 1826-1905

*by Gail Porteus*

As a minister's daughter in 19th century Connecticut, Elizabeth Jarvis was no stranger to "good works". She learned from her mother's well to do family, the Harts, as well as her father's pastoral work at Trinity Church (Portland) about the importance of community service and philanthropy. In 1856, Elizabeth married the successful inventor and manufacturer Samuel Colt, and her resources and her missions increased manifold. The Hartford Art School, the Art Society that transformed the Wadsworth Atheneum into an art museum, the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford, and our own Connecticut Society of the Colonial Dames are products of her vision and passion. Her legacy lives on today because she understood the need for endowments to sustain these things into the future.

For information about the NSCDA-CT's *Elizabeth Colt Society*, please see page 7

## Semi-Annual Meeting October 21

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the National Society of The Colonial Dames in the State of Connecticut will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 21. We are fortunate to be able to welcome Susan Ballek, Executive Director and CEO of Hill-Stead Museum who will give a talk on **Theodate Pope Riddle**, Pioneer Architect and Colonial Dame. The invitations have gone out and we hope to have a good turnout. We are especially excited about meeting our new Dames and we hope that many of you will be able to attend. You will be greeted at the door by our Membership Committee chair, Nancy MacColl and by our Social Committee chair, Mary Russell. We will introduce you to other Dames, make sure you have a table at which to sit, and we will explain the basics of the meeting procedures. Thank you for joining us!



### TABLE SEATING AT ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

Our experiment with drawing table numbers for seating met with approval at the Annual meeting in May. Since many members arrive at our general membership meetings not knowing anyone, their finding a place to sit can be awkward. Choosing a table number relieves uncertainty for them and it gives those of us who know other members a chance to meet and to welcome new members. We also recognize, however, that many of us look forward to seeing old friends at these meetings. Rest assured that we do NOT want to interfere with your sitting next to a friend. Please pull the table number you'd like from the basket. This will ensure that every seat at a table be filled without confusion. Fish around in the basket to find the desired number: it's OK!

At last we have larger tables. The new 48 inch round tables will give us a bit more space for our purses, papers, and elbows. They may even encourage us to linger longer and to chat!

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Also participating in the series is popular Connecticut historian Bill Hosley on October 8, speaking about "The Great River" exhibition he curated at the Wadsworth Atheneum in 1985, and art historian Rena Toby on October 15 examining several colonial period portraits and showing how paintings reflect the way the sitters viewed themselves as Americans.

Also on the Fall schedule is our popular "Stories of Witches & Tombstones" on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday October 25. The tour features the Buttolph-Williams House, the setting for the popular novel *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare, The Ancient Burying Ground behind the First Congregational Church, and a wake at the Isaac Stevens House, complete with a coffin and draped pictures and mirrors. One of the most powerful things I have witnessed while at the Museum is the transformation of one of our talented guides at the house from period dress to full mourning, covered in black from head to toe. The program has its spooky moments, in keeping with Halloween, but it is also educational and informs visitors about the Wethersfield witchcraft accusations, the dramatic stories behind some of the grave stones at the Ancient Burying Ground, and the particulars of 19<sup>th</sup> century mourning practices.

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***Staff Member Linda Pagliuco  
in 19<sup>th</sup> century mourning dress***

## **DATE OF DUES NOTICE CHANGES**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGE IN MAILING DATE OF DUES NOTICE**

Our dues notices, per precedent, are sent out the third week of June. Our fiscal year begins May 1. Our Bylaws state that in order to resign in good standing a member's dues must be paid in full at the time of the notice of resignation. This means that once the dues notices arrive, there is no opportunity to resign in good standing without first paying in full for the current fiscal year. The Board of Managers has approved changing the date for mailing the dues notices from the third week of June to the 1st of April. This allows a window of opportunity for resignations in good standing that currently does not exist. After April 30 members cannot resign without paying their dues - instead they are dropped on December 31 for failure to pay. By resigning in good standing, members reserve the right to reinstate their membership at will; otherwise reinstatements can happen only with the approval of the Board of Managers. This change does not alter when you choose to pay your dues or the amount you pay. It simply changes the date when you receive the notice. So look for your dues notice in April 2016 instead of late June as traditionally done.

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For Thanksgiving this year, scheduled on November 15 in the Webb Barn, we have invited Kathy Rudder of Plimoth Plantation as our special guest. Kathy is knowledgeable about historical foodways and has provided accurate period recipes for the menu this year. She will come in character as Priscilla Alden, who participated in the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth in 1624. She will discuss the various dishes being served during dinner and talk about the first Thanksgiving and other celebrations at Plimoth during dessert. We also plan to bring back our popular Christmas party on the evening of Friday, December 11 and Candlelight Tours on Friday and Saturday nights, December 18-19.



*Kathy Rudder as Priscilla Alden*



*Gove Restoration Inc. Painting Stevens House*

After completing the replacement of the roof of the Deane House and restoration of the three historic privies on the property in April of this year, on October 4 we finished the exterior painting of the Isaac Stevens House. The house was looking very bad with peeling and blistering paint and was in need of attention.

The completion of the Stevens House project is an important milestone. It is the last major deferred maintenance project to be completed that is listed

in our ten-year Preservation Plan, 2005-2015. Over the past ten years, we have invested over \$650,000 in major restoration and maintenance projects and all of the structures on the property have received needed attention and are now in excellent shape.

*Charles Lyle, Executive Director*



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## **NSCDA-CT Trip to Historic Houses and Museum in Boston, MA and Environs -- Make your plans now.**

Join us Tuesday September 20-Thursday September 22, 2016 for this three day, two night trip traveling by chartered coach from Wethersfield departing at 8:30 am. We will stay at the Fairmont Copley Plaza, one of Boston's luxury landmark hotels. We will begin and end with the two properties owned by the Massachusetts Dames: Quincy Homestead and Prescott House.

Our first day will be in Quincy, just south of Boston. We will visit Quincy Homestead, 1686, the Josiah Quincy House, 1770 and Old House, 1788, home of Presidents John and John Quincy Adams. We will enjoy a picnic box lunch at Quincy Homestead. We hope to arrange cocktails at a private home on Beacon Hill, dinner will be at the Chilton Club, within walking distance of our hotel.

Our second day will be on the North Shore. We will begin in Marblehead with a tour of the Jeremiah Lee Mansion, 1768. From there we go to Salem to the Peabody Essex Museum for lunch in a private room followed by a tour of their magnificent colonial paintings and furniture. After exploring their gift shop, we will visit one of their historic properties, Ropes Mansion, 1727, which has recently been restored and re-opened. Dinner will be at The Country Club in Brookline.



Jeremiah Lee Mansion, Marblehead, Massachusetts

Our third and final day begins at the Otis House Museum built in 1796 by real estate entrepreneur Harrison Gray Otis and designed by Charles Bulfinch. Then we tour the headquarters of the Massachusetts Dames, Prescott House, 1808, on Beacon Hill. We depart for Gore Place in Waltham where we will have lunch in their newly refurbished Carriage House followed by a tour of the mansion built in 1806 by prominent lawyer and Massachusetts Governor Christopher Gore. Afterwards our coach will return us to Wethersfield around 5:30 pm.

### **Price per person**

\$150 Non-refundable, tax deductible contribution to NSCDA-CT to secure your spot on the trip.  
\$1,200 Estimated cost of trip—all inclusive: bus, room & tax (based on double occupancy, single supplement: \$410), meals (except breakfast) and admission fees.

Husbands and guests are welcome!

*Tita Hyland*

## Minutes for the Annual Meeting of the NSCDA-CT

The minutes for the May 2015 Annual Meeting of the NSCDA-CT are posted on website. The web-site is [www.nscda-ct.org](http://www.nscda-ct.org) There you will find a tab marked Society Documents. After clicking on that a list will appear with Board Minutes 2015. When you are asked for a password please enter *ct1893*.

## The Elizabeth Colt Society

*Judy Rowley*

The Elizabeth Colt Society honors those who have made charitable bequests or planned gifts to the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Connecticut. To let us know that you have made a bequest or planned gift or for more information, please contact: Judith Rowley at 203-263-0028; or by email: [row-row@att.net](mailto:row-row@att.net)

## Patriotic Service Committee

*Martha Fransson, Chair*

The Patriotic Service Committee has met, and they have decided to discontinue the scholarship essay which was formerly held in Connecticut High Schools in the spring. They would like to institute new programs focusing on veterans and would welcome ideas for projects that might combine service to veterans with the historic site of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum.

## Wethersfield in Twickenham

*by Charbra Adams Jestin*

We learned this spring that the wall paper in the Washington Bedchamber in Webb House has been hung in a bedroom at Strawberry Hill in Twickenham outside of London. Strawberry Hill is the country house villa considered to be the first example of Neo-gothic Architecture in England. It was created by Horace Walpole, the youngest son of Sir Robert Walpole, England's first Prime Minister under George II. The room that "our" paper hangs in is called the Chute bedroom; John Chute was a friend and collaborator with Horace Walpole in the design for Strawberry Hill. The best part of this discovery is that the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum received \$666 as a royalty payment for the use of this paper!



View through to the Chute Bedroom at Strawberry Hill



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## Report of the Governance Review Committee (*Ad Hoc*)

*Ann M. Burton, Chair*

Two years ago, the NSCDA-CT began to plan the expansion of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum and revived the Capital Campaign, i.e. Building Fund Campaign to cover the cost of the expansion. We commissioned a feasibility study which laid out the issues facing our Society: the aging membership, the waning interest in patriotic-heritage-lineage societies and the competition for volunteers from other non-profit organizations.

Since 1919 we have been fulfilling our mission to promote an understanding of colonial life by the creation of the Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum. Its expansion now is a continuation of that mission. The question before us is how best to accomplish that. It seems clear from the results of the Capital /Building Fund Campaign to date that the Dames cannot accomplish this alone, and we need to find a way to enhance the working relationship of the Dames to the operation and governance of the Museum and to bring outside strength to the Museum. In order to examine methodically the future possibilities for the Dames, the Executive Committee establish an *ad hoc* Governance Review Committee charged to examine the governance of the NSCDA-CT with a view to:

- Increasing the participation of members in the Society;
- Enhancing the working relationship of the Dames with the operation and governance of the Museum;
- Facilitation our fundraising.

In the course of our review the Committee examined the governance of NSCDA-CT as well as that of New Hampshire and Virginia.

## Update on Capital Campaign Progress

*Judy Rowley, Capital Campaign Committee Chair*

As we end the summer and move into the fall, I want to present an update to the Dames membership concerning our progress on the Capital Campaign for the Education Center.

To date we have raised \$440,000 in pledges and gifts from 145 Dames, including Courtesy and Associate States Dames. We have also received gifts from 10 non-Dames bringing our total to 155 donations. The first batch of our brochures sent to Associate State members (over 400) brought in \$6,300. This paid for the brochures and the postage. We received responses from 12 states including Alabama, Kansas, Oregon, Washington and Louisiana. We will continue to send the brochures out to the 600 or so remaining Associate States Dames through December. We have yet to hear anything definitive from the State concerning our grant application to the Bonding Commission. Meetings have been scheduled then cancelled throughout the summer. Our efforts to obtain information from our representative or members of the Bonding Commission have yielded little to no information. This is not unusual but is a bit frustrating. This is how the process works, and we will continue to persevere.

The Capital Campaign Committee will meet Oct. 13 to review the work. Anne Guernsey, Development Director, diligently developed over the summer a comprehensive study of potential corporations and foundations flagged as interested in supporting museums in the area of history and preservation. We have laid a firm foundation as we move forward on the new Education Center. As ever, I am optimistic that soon there will be positive news to report.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

On September 22, 45 CT Dames and their guests reveled in a spectacular presentation of floral grandeur in the Webb Barn. Ruth Loiseau worked magic with thousands of flowers and entertained us with stories revealing the inner workings of the White House. She impressed on us that the White House is both a family residence and at the same time a national museum to be treated with reverence and care.

We watched as she, seemingly without thought, created magnificent arrangements, all with White House rooms in mind, and we marveled at her stories of first families and their idiosyncrasies.



Preparation in the Webb Barn for Ruth Loiseau's talk.



Ruth Loiseau with one of her floral arrangements

We learned the secrets to reviving flopping hydrangeas and how to make arrangements in shallow vessels without any supporting structures. A bonus was a gorgeous oriental carpet laid on the barn floor adding warmth and elegance to the occasion, lent by Ruth's helper, Marianne Donohue of the J. Namnoun Oriental Rug Gallery.

Ruth's two-hour energetic presentation was followed by rosé wine, a buffet lunch, and a raffle of the arrangements. Seven winners left the barn very happy women on September 22!

*Charbra Adams Jestin*

## Historic Activities Committee

*Mary Virginia Treadway, Chair Historic Activities*

### John Demos Lecture

On May 17, the NSCDA-CT and The Society of Colonial Wars in CT, co-sponsored Yale Historian/Author John Demos at the New Canaan Library. The topic was his book, "The Unredeemed Captive." The author, through years of research, told of the 1740 French and Indian attack on the Puritan settlement in Deerfield, MA. The story is an interesting read, as is his current book, "The Heathen School".



### Visiting L'Hermione

On July 8, L'Hermione, the replica tall ship which carried the Marquis de Lafayette to America, arrived in Newport, Rhode Island as part of its voyage from France. Twenty years in the making, with impeccable detail toward authenticity, it was a thrill to witness its arrival. After much fanfare and bagpipes, I returned the following day to go aboard. It was quite moving to imagine Lafayette arriving to assist George Washington and the battered Continental army in their struggle to gain independence from Great Britain. From that moment on, the Franco-American friendship was bonded together in their quest for freedom and democracy.



## Ogden House Herb and Bee Tea

On Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members of the NSCDA-CT were offered lunch at the Country Club of Fairfield. A visit to Ogden House followed with a talk from members of the Fairfield Garden Club on colonial herbs and why the honey bees were brought to the new world by our English colonists. Ogden House is a colonial 1750 “salt box” owned and operated by the Fairfield Museum and History Center.



Whitney Vose, Fairfield Garden Club member, Chairman of Ogden House Colonial Garden and Beekeeping Project. Explained some of the nuances of the honey bees



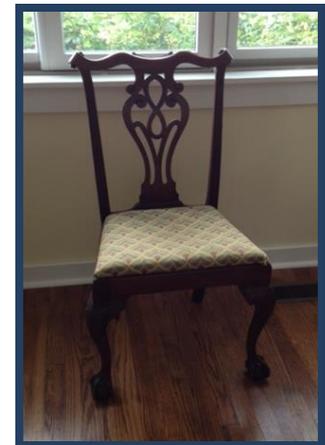
Walter Matis, Director of Education FMHC, talked about the burning of Fairfield in 1778 by the red coats.



Butzi Moffit, Fairfield Garden Club member and herbarian shows a few Dames how to make an herb wreath.

## Tags and Treasures 2016

**Tags and Treasures may seem far away but it will be here before you know it**



In August Dame Gail Porteus came to Weekapaug, Rhode Island to collect acquisitions from my friends who were downsizing. We, and they, were extremely grateful for Gail, her truck, and neighboring volunteers who expertly loaded in and secured items to be delivered to storage at the Museum. A special thank you to Gail! Keep in mind: friends in transition may have items for the sale! Stay tuned as I expect there to be more coming.

*Mary Virginia Treadway*

In the words of our past co-chairs, “Tags & Treasures is a well-loved Dames tradition.” From the earliest days of our Society, the Dames drove around the country-side rescuing antique furniture and documenting architecture no longer valued by many modern owners. The beauty and character of those “rescues” can be enjoyed by all who visit our museum today. In that spirit, we will be hunting and gathering treasures to fill the barn for this coming spring sale. Please don’t miss this opportunity to clean out your attic and your closets (see our wish list), and join your fellow Dames to make our biggest fundraiser a success. It really is one big treasure hunt with something for everyone.

Some dates to Remember: Set up week: March 28-April 1<sup>st</sup> Preview Party on Friday night, April 1<sup>st</sup> Sale Days: Saturday & Sunday, April 2-3.

*Gail Porteus, Co Chair, Tags & Treasures 2016*



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## ITEMS TO DONATE TO TAGS AND TREASURES 2016

- **Jewelry** – all kinds including costume (especially older costume jewelry)
- **Silver & silver plate**- flatware, serving pieces, trays, candlesticks, dresser items,
- **Scarves**, stoles & Pashminas, belts, cute hats, interesting accessories
- **Handbags**, tote bags, wallets, travel accessories
- **Electrical items** ONLY IF USEFUL OR WORKING
- **Sports equipment** in good condition
- **Barware**, decanters, especially vintage 50's & 60's, glassware
- **Kitchen items** like cooking & serving pieces, trays
- **CLEAN aprons**, placemats, tea towels, tablecloths, (measure size), vintage linens
- **Vintage toys** and games, puzzles (complete please)
- **Pictures, paintings**, art posters, prints
- **Fine china**, crystal and decorative objects, casseroles, platters, pitchers
- **Furniture** especially small accent pieces like magazine rack, display cases, mirrors, Lamps (in working condition)
- Vintage **garden items**, garden tools, garden statues and pots, birdhouses
- **Vases**, especially vintage ceramics
- **Potted plants** like orchids, etc.
- **Decorative pieces** like picture frames, cache pots, accent rugs, ornamental boxes, figurines, dishes, candlesticks, copper & brassware
- **Books** of all kinds, especially cookbooks (no old text books or encyclopedias)
- Anything **hand-made**, KNITTED, QUILTS, NEEDLEPOINT, DECOUPAGE
- **Vintage clothing** (in good condition) bags, beaded purses, evening jackets
- **Furs** (only in good condition)
- **Wrought iron-furniture**, planters, **wicker** chairs and tables in GOOD condition
- Antique and vintage **Christmas items**
- NO beds unless antique

**WE ARE IN NEED OF STORAGE & LUNCHEON HOSTESSES especially in AREAS 3 & 4**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR STAGING ITEMS, CLOTHING RACKS, DISPLAYS FOR JEWELRY, DISPLAY FOR LINENS, TALL BOOK CASES, RACKS FOR PICTURES

### **DROP-OFF SCHEDULE FOR TAGS AND TREASURES – 2016**

Drop offs may begin after the last event in the Barn in December (12/15&16). When you would like to bring items to Wethersfield, please call Dick Agne at 860-402-9830 to be sure that someone will be here to help with the unloading and placing the items in the Barn. **For a list of items we are looking for, please see above**

For more information about drop off or pick up please contact Nancy MacColl or Gail Porteus



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## Registrars Report

*Katherine Prescott Holden, Registrar*

### New Members since April newsletter:

Vitton, Elizabeth (Betsy) Buswell CT-2020  
(Mrs. Michael)  
16 Otter Rock Drive  
Greenwich, CT 06830-7029  
[ebvitton@gmail.com](mailto:ebvitton@gmail.com); 203-861-1701  
Ancestor: Dr. Richard Palgrave (c.1585 -1651), MA  
Proposer: Mimi Dickerson  
Seconder: Emily Puskar

Meyers, Kathleen Ogden CT-2021  
PO Box 1135, On The Green  
Redding Center, CT 06875-1135  
203-938-8092; [ogden1@mac.com](mailto:ogden1@mac.com)  
Ancestor: Francis Bell (1615-1690), CT  
Proposer: Mary Treadway  
Seconder: Torrey Cooke

Lane, Lillias Thomson (Lil) CT-2022  
25 Newbury Drive, Westerly, RI 02891-3692  
401-322-1747;  
[ltbl01@aol.com](mailto:ltbl01@aol.com)  
Ancestor: Thomas Dudley (1576-1653), MA  
Proposer: Mary Treadway  
Seconder: Mary Russell

Legacy: Berner, Heather Roper CT-2023  
(Mrs. Gregory Berner)  
93 Clearview Dr.  
Brookfield, CT 06804-1449  
203-775-3390; [bernerheather@hotmail.com](mailto:bernerheather@hotmail.com)  
Ancestor: William Teller (c.1619/20-1701), NY  
Proposer: Jean B. Roper (mother) VT-266,  
NY-A03941

Barada, Sandra Davies CT-2024  
(Mrs. John)  
87 Juniper Rd  
New Canaan, CT 06840  
[sandrabarada@gmail.com](mailto:sandrabarada@gmail.com); 203-253-2807  
Ancestor: Major John Teakle (1678-1721) VA  
Proposer: Mary Catherine Barada Pond, TX

### Reinstatement:

Hutton, Caroline Dubois CT-1567  
140D Heritage Village  
Southbury, CT 06488-6634  
203-405-6227  
Ancestor: William Bradford (1590-1657), MA

### New Courtesy Member:

Critelli, Joyce McNagny NY-03370  
(Mrs. Michael J. Critelli)  
39 Shields Rd.  
Darien, CT 06820-2531  
203-655-6676; [joycecritelli@gmail.com](mailto:joycecritelli@gmail.com)  
Member in NY

### Deaths:

Waterman, Mary Granberry CT-0992  
Loch Lane  
Greenwich, CT 06830-3024  
Ancestor: Robert Waterman, MA  
Member since 1951

Day, Clara Lyman CT-1011  
19 Gloucester Lane  
West Hartford, CT 06107-1615  
Ancestor: Richard Cooke, VA  
Member since 1952

Lane, Lillias Thomson (Lil) CT-2022  
25 Newbury Drive, Westerly, RI 02891-3692  
Ancestor: Thomas Dudley (1576-1653)  
Member since 2015



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| OCTOBER 2015      |             |                     |   |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|---|
| Thurs. Oct. 8     | 6:00 p.m.   | Webb Barn           | Wine Reception & Lecture: by historian Bill Hosley      |
| Tues., Oct. 13    | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb Library        | Executive Committee Meeting                             |
| Tues., Oct. 13    | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb Barn           | Board of Managers Meeting                               |
| Thurs., Oct. 15   | 6:00 p.m.   | Webb Barn           | Wine Reception & Lecture: by art historian Rena Tobey   |
| Wed., Oct 21      | 11:00 a.m.  | Webb Barn           | <b>SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING</b>                              |
| Sat-Sun Oct 24-25 | 10-4 pm     | WDS Museum          | Witches & Tombstones Tours                              |
| NOVEMBER 2015     |             |                     |   |
| Mon., Nov. 2      | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Meeting                                |
| Mon., Nov. 9      | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Meeting                             |
| Mon., Nov. 9      | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Managers Meeting                               |
| Sun., Nov. 15     | 12 noon     | Webb Barn           | <b>Late 18<sup>th</sup> Century Thanksgiving Dinner</b> |
| DECEMBER, 2015    |             |                     |   |
| Thurs. Dec. 3     | 5-9 p.m.    | Webb House          | Holiday's on Main (Shop open)                           |
| Mon., Dec. 7      | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Meeting                                |
| Fri., Dec. 11     | 5-8:00 p.m. | WDS Museum          | Holiday preview party                                   |
| Mon., Dec. 14     | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb Library        | Exec Committee Meeting                                  |
| Mon., Dec. 14     | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Mgrs Mtg & Staff Board Christmas Lunch         |
| Mon., Dec. 14     | 1:30 p.m.   | Webb Library        | Nominating Comm. Mtg                                    |
| Dec. 18 & 19      | 5-8         | WDS Museum          | Candlelight Tours                                       |
| JANUARY 2016      |             |                     |   |
| Mon. Jan 4        | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Mtg                                    |
| Mon. Jan 11       | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Mtg                                 |
| Mon. Jan 11       | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Managers Mtg                                   |
| FEBRUARY 2016     |             |                     |   |
| Mon. Feb.1        | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Mtg                                    |
| Mon. Feb. 8       | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Mtg                                 |
| Mon. Feb. 8       | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Managers Mtg                                   |
| MARCH 2016        |             |                     |   |
| Mon. Mar. 7       | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Mtg                                    |
| Mon. Mar. 14      | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Mtg                                 |
| Mon. Mar.14       | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Managers Mtg                                   |
| Mar 28-Apr. 1     |             | Webb Barn           | Tags & Treasures Set up                                 |
| APRIL 2016        |             |                     |   |
| Fri. April 1      | 5:30 p.m.   | Webb Barn           | Tags & Treasures Preview Party                          |
| Sat. April 2      | 9-4         | Webb Barn           | Tags & Treasures Sale Day                               |
| Sun. April 3      | 9-4         | Webb Barn           | Tags & Treasures Sale Day                               |
| Mon. April 4      | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Mtg                                    |
| Mon. April 11     | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Mtg                                 |
| Mon. April 11     | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb Barn           | Board of Managers Mtg                                   |
| MAY 2016          |             |                     |   |
| Mon. May 2        | 9:30 a.m.   | Webb House Ed. Room | Museum Committee Mtg                                    |
| Mon. May 9        | 9:15 a.m.   | Webb House Library  | Executive Committee Mtg                                 |
| Mon. May 9        | 10:30 a.m.  | Webb House Ed. Room | Board of Managers Mtg                                   |