

Barkhamsted Historical Society Newsletter - January 2000

Historical Program Series - First Friday of the Month

We are sending you this special Newsletter to let you know our new Historical Program Series lineup for 2000. This is the third year we have presented a series of four history programs for your enjoyment and education. Each program is free, and refreshments are provided at the conclusion of each talk.

The programs are on the first Friday of the month, starting in February and ending in May. All programs are presented at the Barkhamsted Senior Center located on West River Road in Pleasant Valley. Each program starts at 7:00 p.m. We understand that the new hall at the Senior Center should be ready for use, so we will have plenty of room!

The Program Series this year will include the following:

February 4, 2000

Natural Resource Management on the MDC Watershed

Bud Sanders presents the wildlife programs and other projects on the Metropolitan District Commission watershed land, including how forest management programs complement the wildlife opportunity in our woodlands.

March 3, 2000

75 Years at Peoples Forest

Walt Landgraf provides a tour of Peoples Forest, covering not only the vistas and other attractions, but also the history of the forest, how it was established and how it evolved over the years into the priceless resource that we now enjoy.

April 7, 2000

The Fall of Chengdu

In 1949 the communist Chinese under Mao Zedong were rolling across China taking city after city from the Nationalist forces of Chiang Kai-shek. David Gidman, a Fulbright scholar studying in Chengdu, was in the city when it fell in December of 1949, and relates some of the events as the communist moved into the city during this pivotal time in history.

May 5, 2000

The Beckley Iron Furnace

A slide show presented by industrial archeologist Fred Warner on the Beckley Iron Furnace in East Canaan, covering the long history of the furnace which was built in 1847 and operated up until 1918. The Beckley Furnace is an important site in what was a thriving iron industry in northwestern Connecticut during this time.

Historical Society on the Internet

For those who are perusing the Internet, take a look at our pages at:

barkhamstedhistory.org

We are gradually adding more content to this site, and month by month will be adding new sections and features.

Pay us a visit and keep checking back to see what's new. To contact us by e-mail, our address is:
bhs@barkhamstedhistory.org

Can You Help Us?

Each year in September the Historical Society starts its annual membership campaign. To date, we are very fortunate to have signed up 86 members for the current year. This isn't TOO bad compared to recent years (these numbers may differ from previously published totals because we now count "family" membership as 1 instead of 2.5 or 3 members):

2000 - 86 members

1999 - 88

1998 - 100

1997 - 82

Our problem is that we may not be reaching new residents and others who are just not aware of the opportunity to support the Historical Society. That's where you can help us. Attached to this newsletter is a Historical Society membership envelope. We are asking that you think of a neighbor, friend or relative that might possibly join our organization and give them a few words of encouragement and hand them our convenient membership envelope. We would really like to get total members well over the 100 mark, and with your help we can accomplish this.

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