



BRICK NOTES

Letter from the President

Dear CHS Members,

This is a busy time of year at CHS. Christmas in Clinton as well as our Holiday Luncheons and Dinners are upon us. Included in these pages is our calendar covering upcoming events. We just wrapped up our annual Ghost Walks, which were as successful as usual. We have added many docents to our group thanks to Laraine Scherban. And with our new Museum Room Coordinator Anne Baker, we believe we will be able to open the Museum Room in the Town Hall virtually year round. Volunteers are always welcome and Docent training can be set up with Laraine. April Godwin Shuman has graciously taken on our Newsletter "Brick Notes". Please read on to learn of the volunteers who refurbished and updated our Diorama in the George Flynn Library. This display covers the center of Clinton circa 1915. Our library staff is always turning up interesting facts about Clinton. Eleanor Roosevelt was indeed here. I am pleased to be your President again and believe we have so many dedicated folks with a dedication to Clinton's history.

Have a warm and wonderful Holiday Season.

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There's Always a Need:

CHS is always looking for volunteers, even for just an hour or two. There is a need for those willing to bake for our annual bake sale on Memorial Day and for a variety of other functions. You might also consider becoming a docent at the Old Brick. Laraine Scherban does a fabulous job training folks in a way that easily gets you excited about being

able to show visitors our lovely Old Brick and sharing just a sampling of Clinton's wonderful history. The Garden Committee and Grounds crew can always use a few extra hands throughout the year. Volunteers are always welcome for events like the Ghost Walk, Memorial Day, Pierson Days and more. For further information please email us at:

CHSOldBrick@gmail.com



Did You Know that in August of 1949 Eleanor Roosevelt came to town to speak at an open meeting of the League of Women Voters of Clinton. The Clinton Grammar School auditorium was filled to capacity as folks awaited the arrival of Mrs. Roosevelt, who apologized profusely for her late arrival. She had to return to NYC to retrieve the reading glasses she had left behind. As the U.S. Representative to the United Nations General Assembly, she spoke of the value of bringing together the people from 59 nations saying that the U.N. was not organized to make peace, but to keep peace. "Peace is not going to fall on us like manna from heaven. We must work for it." The articles from the New Haven Register were recently discovered within the pages of a recently donated scrap book made by George Gorecki's mother, Hester.



This year's **Ghost Walks** were a huge success. Mother Nature added her own way of frightening one tour with the sudden onset of a thunderstorm! Thank you to Rich Manley for organizing the event, Laraine Scherban and Diane Gustafson, who led a great group of volunteers with decorating, providing refreshments and more. The evenings are always enhanced by the performances of the young actors from the Kidz Konnection. Thank you, one and all. *(Photo of Eric Ambler and Faith Mangler)*

What's Happening at the George Flynn Library and the Old Brick

There's dedicated group of 10 volunteers who work tirelessly at the George Flynn Library, located at the end of the Old Brick's driveway. With few exceptions, they are there every Wednesday from 9 AM - noon. The archival library holds 10s of thousands of documents, diaries, maps, yearbooks and such, all pertaining to the history of Clinton. CHS is always looking for additions to the archives. It doesn't have to be ancient - it could even be a program from yesterday's concert - today is tomorrow's history. If you have anything at all that you think we can add to our collections and are willing to part with, please contact us at CHSOldBrick@gmail.com or stop by on any Wednesday morning.

In addition to cataloguing and filing everything, the library "gang" is often asked to do research for a variety of topics. Recently the library was used to help with the research of the Buell, Griswold, and Hilliard families; looking for photos and any historical information about the Pratt Mansion, and a request from DeNovellis Restaurant for any photos of a few of the former

establishments at the corner of Route One and Beach Park Road. Some of you might remember the Hungry Lion or The Wagon Wheel.

Tours of the Old Brick, the Tool Shed and the George Flynn Library were recently given to a group of Guilford Seniors and to a local Girl Scout troop. If you have not done so recently, do yourself a favor and schedule a tour for a group of your friends or organization. There's a lot to see. This includes the Smoke House and the model of the center of Clinton circa 1915 when there was a trolley line running through town. The model was designed and built by Bert Godwin and has recently been restored by a great group of model railroad enthusiasts who answered the call for help. They had been attending E.C. Schroeder's talk at the Henry Carter Hull Library on Clinton's railroad stations and rail lines along the shoreline and very willingly said "Yes". Many, many thanks go to Greg Lane of Madison, Armando Donofrio of Westbrook, and Richard Otto of Killingworth for all of their time and energy poured into this renovation.



Holiday Luncheons and Dinners at Old Brick

Looking for a lovely way to begin your holiday season? Make your reservations early for the Clinton Historical Society's annual Holiday Luncheon and Dinner. Set in the beautifully decorated historic 1750 Old Brick at 103 East Main Street in Clinton, you will be transported to another era as you enjoy a sumptuous meal and great comraderie.

The luncheon, prepared by Mary Bovich and Faith Mangler, will feature carrot ginger soup and tarragon chicken salad. Chef Eric Ambler returns to create a specially prepared dinner meal highlighted by his own Sous Vide petite filets of beef. Pastry Chef Jackie Blomberg is creating Moulton Lava Cakes for a divine way to top off a magnificent meal.

Thank you to all who so willingly volunteer countless hours to make this such a popular event. Advance reservations are a must. The price for the luncheon is \$20 per person; the dinner is \$32 per person, paid in advance. Dress is festive, and the event is open to the public.

For reservations and further information, call Mary Bovich at 860-669-5318. Please specify which day you would like to attend, and send your check, payable to *the Clinton Historical Society* to:

Mary Bovich
87 Waterside Lane
Clinton, CT 06413



2018
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MENU
December 5th and 6th at noon

- Carrot Ginger Soup with Crostini
- Tarragon Chicken Salad on Greens
- Potato Salad
- Tomato Pesto Bites
- Punch or Wine
- Double Chocolate Mousse Cake
- Coffee and Tea

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CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU
December 7th and 8th at 6:00
p.m.

- Tossed Mixed Green Salad with
Tangy Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Sous Vide Petite Filets of Beef
with a Porcini Mushroom Red Wine
Reduction Gravy
- Roasted Root Vegetable Medley
- Wild Mushroom Risotto
- Dinner Rolls
- Punch or Wine
- Moulton Lava Cakes
- Coffee and Tea

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Christmas in Clinton Open House at the Old Brick and Stanton House

The whole town of Clinton will be decking the halls and celebrating the season on Sunday, December 2nd.

Old Brick will be open to the public for tours and holiday cheer from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come warm yourself by our blazing fire, sip a cup of hot mulled cider, and enjoy the live music that fills our beautifully decorated house each holiday season.



The Museum Room in the Andrews Memorial Town Hall will be open and, if you haven't yet visited the Stanton House, you won't want to miss this extraordinary historic home and general store. Step inside and you'll feel as if you've stepped directly into the past. All will be open to the public free of charge.

CHS Calendar

**Sunday, December 2nd
1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.**

Christmas in Clinton Open House at Old Brick and the Museum Room

Wednesday & Thursday December 5 & 6 at noon

Holiday Luncheons in Old Brick

**Friday & Saturday
December 7th and 8th at 6:00 p.m.**

Holiday Dinners in Old Brick

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