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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A quarterly update and review from our President

The end of summer is close at hand. The hot, lazy days will quickly turn to Fall, with its changing leaves, crisp, breezy nights, the harvest of the crops and many Fall festivals to celebrate! And like the memories of the past that the change of seasons leaves us with, the old Train Station holds many a memory.

Each day as I drive by, I think about my thoughts from the year that has already past. What I hoped for, to see this wonderful building returned to its original glory, is something I can now see in the not too distant future. And the town will be a better place, for it.

Over the past year, we have met so many of you, who have the same hopes and dreams. Not only for the Station, but for the town. Many of you have shared your precious memories of the Station and what it has meant to your past and what it still represents today. You hope that somehow, that past will be left for the future of the town.

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Windsor Locks Train Station Magnets are now available!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Annual Craft Fair In November

Cookbook Release Approaching

Prints & Magnets Now Available!

The Fund Raising Committee has been hard at work planning upcoming events. They are currently finishing work on the cookbook, which should be available for the upcoming Craft Fair.

The Fund Raisers are hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on November 20, 2005, 10 am – 3 pm, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Windsor Locks. Spaces for the Fair are still available for \$15.00. We have already begun advertising for the Fair and expect to have a great turnout! We encourage everyone to attend. Come out and support your local crafters! For more information or to rent a space, contact Barbara @ (860) 654-1955.

AnnMarie Claffey and Barbara Tarbell have prints of the pen and ink sketch of the Station. The prints are \$25.00 for matted and \$20.00 for un-matted. In addition to prints, we have packages of 5 note cards with envelopes for \$5.00. All proceeds benefit our efforts to Save the Windsor Locks Train Station.

Barbara Tarbell now has magnets available of the Train Station. The magnets, which are business card-size (image on the front cover of this newsletter), are available for a donation of \$1.50.

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If we all continue to work together to spread the word, to let everyone know how important this structure is to all of us, I think the dream will become a reality. The spirit of the Station is alive and well!

The spirit of the Station is alive and well! So please, join with us and "Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!"

Barbara Schley, President
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"We're on the Right Track!"

IN THE NEWS & ON THE AIR

LAST MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

Barbara Schley, the group's President has recently been appointed by Governor Rell to serve on the Connecticut Historic Preservation Council. The Council has numerous Preservation duties including review of nominations for properties to the National Register of Historic Places and making recommendations for grant allocations.

Barbara has stressed that while this is an exciting opportunity for her, as well as the group, her main priority is the Preservation Association. For questions about the group or for membership information, please contact Barbara @ 798-5376, Mickey @ 623-4143 or Barbara Carlson @ 654-1955. ❖

TRAIN STATION AND ASSOCIATION PROGRESS

The Train Station Committee received its third grant in July 2005. The grant of \$750.00 was given to us by Amherst Railroad Society. The grant use was not specified.

The Train Station Committee is scheduled to meet on September 28 to discuss preliminary discussions with Amtrak. Updates from this meeting will be emailed and also presented at the Annual Meeting on October 3.

Hartford Magazine has a feature story on the Train Station running in its current September issue. Look for it at your local news stand!

Local Attorney Scott Storms, has agreed to prepare a Title Search for the group. The Title Search will need to be completed for a Phase 1 environmental study. Dave Fuerst, our environmental specialist, will be in charge of the other research necessary to complete the Phase 1 study. Attorney Storms is donating the Title Search and we expect its completion by the end of December.

Wayne Gannaway and Barbara Schley have been interviewing attorneys to represent the group in the upcoming negotiations with Amtrak. The group has decided to contract with Attorney Mary Jo Andrews in Hartford. Ms. Andrews has had past experience with the railroad and other real estate matters. ❖

GENERAL NEWS & UPDATES

In the past few months, Mickey Danyluk has been researching the history of some of the homes of our members only to discover that many of the dates on the Windsor Locks tax records apparently are incorrect. Several homes he studied turned out to be at least 20+ years older than previously recorded. If you have an older home and would like to know the history or think it may be of interest to the group, please contact Barbara @ 798-5376 or Mickey @ 623-4143. ❖



YOU CAN HELP! Attend our public meetings, join our membership and attend fund raising events! Membership is only \$10.00 yearly. We have many items available for your generous donation! Notecards \$5.00, Cookbooks \$10.00, Magnets \$1.50, Prints \$ 20.00 (unmatted) and Prints \$25.00 (matted).

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS!

We always take time to THANK our GENEROUS DONORS! Without them, the Holiday Party and our efforts would not be possible. Please patronize the businesses listed below. These are the people who help make **YOUR** community a **BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!!**

East Windsor Cracker Barrel	Ahlstrom
Stop & Shop – Windsor	Colonial Printers
Geissler's – East Windsor	Red Robin – Enfield
Shaw's – Enfield	Alaimo & Barile
Big Y – East Windsor	Basketball Hall of Fame
WalMart – East Windsor	Napa
Creative Clips Pet Salon – Suffield	Daley's Florist
Hands On Therapeutic Massage	Donut Kettle
Dari Delite- East Windsor	Pickleworks
Hair Styles Unlimited	Dairy Cream at Bradley
Swede's Jewelers	T G I Fridays
Quizno's Subs	Robin's Nest Crafts
Barbara Carlson	Jenn DiPoppo
Barbara Tarbell	Skooters
Revay's	Starbucks

And as always a SPECIAL THANK YOU to BOB ZDUN at YANKEE SIGNS for all our beautiful signs!

For questions about the group or for membership information, please contact Barbara Schley @ 860-798-5376, Mickey Danyluk @ 860-623-4143 or Barbara Carlson @ 860-654-1955.

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PRESERVATION NEWSLETTER

Effective June 1, the Preservation Association's newsletter is available quarterly. The newsletter, as with everything, had grown and due to the expense of producing and mailing it, we felt that for now, the quarterly letter should be sufficient to keep all informed. For those with email, your email updates are still sent as news and updates are available. ❖

HOLIDAY PARTY SCHEDULED!

The 2nd Annual Holiday Party has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 6pm at the Windsor Locks Knights of Columbus Hall on Elm Street. We hope this year's celebration will be bigger and better than last years! There will be a lots of food, music, fun, and a very special guest. There will also be a Silent Auction for some great gifts and items!

This year, our corporate sponsor, East Windsor Cracker Barrel & Country Store, is giving each child a FREE MEAL CARD to Cracker Barrel for attending the party!

The committee working on the party is Wayne Gannaway, Jenn DiPoppo, Barbara Tarbell and Barbara Schley.

The price for the donation is \$6.00 per person. Everyone is encouraged to attend so bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker or your family! It is not necessary to RSVP but please try to let us know if you're attending and how many children are coming (and their ages) so we can plan appropriately.

To volunteer or to RSVP, please call Barbara @ 860-798-5376. ❖

ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING

Officers for the Preservation Association will be elected this October. Anyone interested in nominating someone to run or interested in running for any positions should submit their name and information. In order to run for a position, your dues should be up to date and you should be a member, in good standing. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting, to be held October 3 at 6PM at the Windsor Locks Senior Center. For questions or copies of the bylaws, please contact Barbara @ 798-5376 or Mickey @ 623-4143.

The current officers have announced their intention to run again for their held positions. They are as follows: Barbara Schley – President, Mickey Danyluk – Vice President and Barbara Carlson – Secretary/Treasurer. ❖

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The Historic Windsor Locks Passenger Train Station was built in 1875. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 for its 100th anniversary. Ella Grasso, the first woman Governor in US History, boarded the train at this very station to attend her inauguration in Hartford. The station was an important part of the town not only as a means of transportation but for economic growth. The building, located on Route 159, is in danger of being lost to vandalism and neglect.

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EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Mickey Danyluk, chairman of the Educational Committee, recently produced a documentary film entitled "Windsor Locks Celebrates 150th Years". This delightful film shows many interesting facts regarding our town and its amazing past! It is abundant with many unknown historical facts.

The film is currently being shown on Channel 15 - Cox Public Access. The next preview dates are September 24, and October 1 at 6pm. The DVD is now available for a donation of \$15.00. To obtain a copy, please contact Mickey @ 623-4143.

If you have photos and / or old movies you might be willing to share with us, please contact Barbara Schley @ 860-798-5376 or Mickey Danyluk @ 860-623-4143. ❖

Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!

The Windsor Locks Preservation Association was formed on October 25, 2004. We received non-profit status in December 2004. Our goals are to encourage and educate the public and town government on the importance of preservation. Our main focus is to obtain and preserve the Historic Windsor Locks Passenger Train Station. Additionally, we are introducing an educational program into the school system and have encouraged students to become involved in our efforts.

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