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State Of The Station

Train Station Committee News

The members of the Train Station Committee have been hard at work. In November 2005, we contracted with Dean Amadon of Amadon & Associates, to complete an appraisal of the Train Station and surrounding property. The appraisal is required by Amtrak for us to proceed with negotiations to try to obtain the Train Station.

On January 16, 2006, Mike Barile, Wayne Gannaway and Barbara Schley made a trip to Guilford to visit another Preservation group. Barbara had been contacted by one of the members of the Guilford Preservation Alliance in December and after speaking with their president, the two decided to meet to discuss their

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Time Table

Upcoming Events Schedule

March 4, 2006 - Magic Show

by up and coming magician and sleight of hand artist Michael Paul! A benefit to Save the Train Station! Show to be held at the Windsor Locks Knights of Columbus Hall on Elm Street in Windsor Locks. Show starts at 7:00 pm. Adults-\$10.00, Children under 12-\$5.00. Come join the FUN! Cash bar. For Tickets & Information call 860-798-5376.

April 15, 2006 - Easter Craft Fair!

Windsor Locks Knights of Columbus Hall, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Over 30 crafters with a variety of great items! Help make this show a success, come out and support our local crafters. Proceeds of the vendor space rentals benefit the Save The Train Station Project! To rent a vendor space, or for more information contact Barbara at 860-654-1955.

May 6, 2006 - 2nd Annual Preservation Flea Market!

Join us in celebration in conjunction with RESTORE AMERICA! We are looking for donated items to benefit our efforts to Save the Train Station! Please, no glass/clothes. Only clean, useable items will be accepted. Space rentals are \$15.00 per space. Last year's Flea Market was a HUGE SUCCESS! Let's do it again this year, at the Windsor Locks High School parking lot! Come out and join the fun! For information, to rent space, or make a much-needed donation, call Martha at 860-623-4143.

All proceeds from all of our fund raising efforts go directly to the Save The Train Station Project and educational programs. To make a donation, join our membership, volunteer, or view items we have for sale, call 860-798-5376. 🏠

Up Front

In The News & On The Air

WTIC 96.5 FM AIRS INTERVIEW

On Sunday, February 19th WTIC FM aired a previously recorded interview about the Train Station and the group. Barbara Schley & Wayne Gannaway were interviewed by WTIC's Gina J. for the station's Sunday Morning public affairs program. The interview also featured Michael Paul, the magician who will be performing at our benefit on Sat, March 4th. We had an amazing time as Michael Paul "blew us away" with several of his amazing tricks, including metal bending of some forks we brought along and hypnotizing Wayne! Absolutely Amazing! 🏠

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Letter From The President

New Look for Newsletter and New Website Revealed

The Preservation Association is happy to announce it finally is receiving a new updated look to its quarterly newsletter. The group issues a newsletter every 3 months to keep everyone up to date on the progress with the Train Station, fund raising events and other group news.

After attending the Big 2006 Railroad Show in January, we were contacted by Gary Turner, a graphics & web designer at Bearly Visible Design. He offered to redesign our newsletter, giving it a fresh new look. Gary has had over 25 years of computer/technical experience and will be a wonderful asset for us. Please look for our newsletter at 1st National Bank of Suffield and other locations.

Gary has also taken on designing a new web site for us! Our new web site will feature the most up-to-date information about upcoming fundraising events and meetings, group activities, a station history, photos, news updates, our "gift shop" listing of items we have for sale, and much more!

Please visit our brand new website at:
www.WindsorLocksPreservation.com

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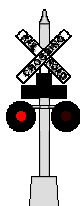
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preservation projects.

The Guilford Preservation Alliance has been an active part of their community for over 25 years. Currently, there are (2) rare train buildings they are working to save. What remains of the original train area is a 19th century engineering building and a very rare brick water tower. Amtrak destroyed the train station several years ago. The remaining structures are in much worse condition than the Windsor Locks Train Station so we have a lot to be thankful for. The Guilford Alliance is also attempting to negotiate an agreement with Amtrak for the buildings. We'll keep everyone updated on the progress in the upcoming months.

In February, we received a title search that was generously donated by local Attorney Scott Storms of Storms & Storms. The title search is needed for completion of the appraisal. Dave Fuerst has completed the Phase I environmental report. The report did not produce any additional areas of concern and only showed that the area was always used as a Train Station.

On February 22, the Train committee members met with State Senator Kissel and 1st Selectman Steve Wawruck. As many of you know, the town applied for STEAP funding to assist getting the Train Station project off the ground. We were hopeful that the funding would be granted but after holding this meeting, we were informed that with many more grant applications than originally expected, the Train Station project may not receive funding after all. If you want to help, PLEASE contact our selectman at 627-1444 and Senator Kissel's office at 240-0531 and voice your opinion. Let them know how important the Train Station project is to you!

Wayne Gannaway has recently forwarded a letter to UConn Law School to ask for legal assistance. With the group about to begin negotiations with Amtrak in the next few weeks, we are unable to complete any agreement without necessary legal representation. 🏠



YOU CAN HELP! VOLUNTEER!

If you have an hour or two monthly to spare, we are seeking volunteers to help with different activities and with our fund raising committee. Please contact Barbara at 860-654-1955 for more information. 🏠

Cash Box

Fundraising Committee News

Barbara Carlson and members of the fund raising committee have been working diligently to raise funds through a series of family-oriented events.

On December 6, 2005 we hosted the 2nd Annual Holiday Party. Over 220 people attended, and the group raised over \$2,000. Michael Paul, magician and sleight-of-hand artist performed a roaming magic show, and there was a special visit from Santa! Each child received a gift from Santa as well as a gift card from our generous sponsor Cracker Barrel & the Country Lady!

Thanks to Jen DiPoppo, Barbara Tarbell, Wayne & Rebecca Gannaway, Barbara Carlson and local Boy Scout Troop 261 for all your help in making the party a success!

On January 28 + 29 members of our group attended the Big 2006 Railroad Hobbyists show at the Big E. We met lots of new and interesting railroad buffs and we sold cookbooks, magnets, T-shirts and sweatshirts which help raise almost \$400.00 at the show! Thanks to Barbara Carlson, Cathy Bloom, Howard Beal, Neal Cunningham, Rosemary Hogan, Norm & Myrna Oney, Mickey Danyluk and John & Ryan Piquette for your help staffing the booth!

April will bring an Easter Craft Fair to be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Elm Street. The fair will be held on April 15 from 10am – 3pm. Space rentals for the Fair are \$15.00 and each and a crafter must donate one item to be used at a later date in our fund raising efforts. There will be food and other events planned for that day. Come out and support our local crafters and as always

Help Us Save the Windsor Locks Train Station. For info or to rent a space, call Barbara 860-654-1955.

Our 2nd Annual Preservation Flea Market will be held Saturday, May 6 from 8am – 2pm at the W.L.H.S. parking lot. We are looking for clean, used or new items to help raise more funding. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy the day with us! Space rentals for the Market are \$15.00. To donate items or rent a space, please call Martha 860-623-4234. 🏠

Ticket Office

Our "Gift Shop" is Open for your donations!

Train Station **Cookbooks** include a special compilation of recipes that were supplied by members of the Association. The cookbook is available from Barbara Carlson at 860-654-1955 for a \$10.00 donation.

T-Shirts and **Sweatshirts** are gray and feature Alice Williams' Train Station in black (on the back). T-Shirts are \$13.99 and Sweatshirts are \$19.99. To order a shirt, call Barbara Schley at 860-798-5376.

Prints of Alice Williams' pen & ink sketch of the Station: **Matted Prints** are \$25.00, **Unmatted Prints** are \$20.00. **Note Cards** with envelopes in packs of 5 are \$5.00. Call Barbara Tarbell at 860-623-0317 to order.

Train Station **Magnets** are business card-size and are available from Barbara Tarbell at 860-623-0317 for \$1.50 each. 🏠

Special Thanks To Our Sponsors!

We always take time to THANK our GENEROUS DONORS! Without them, our efforts would not be possible. Please patronize the businesses listed below. These are the people and businesses that help make YOUR community a BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!! A complete list of all our sponsors is available online at www.WindsorLocksPreservation.com.

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

From The Observation Car

Historical Facts & Perspectives



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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Watch Tower

Educational Committee News

We are seeking any photographs of Windsor Locks and/or the Train Station. We are looking to borrow photos and they will be copied and returned. If anyone has photos but is not willing to loan them to us, we can come out to your home to copy them. If you have photos and/or old movies you might be willing to share, please contact Barbara Schley @ 860-798-5376 or Mickey Danyluk @ 860-623-4143. 🏠

Need another copy of our newsletter? Want to share a copy with a friend? Want to see the color version with color photographs? Looking for past issues? Visit our new web site at www.WindsorLocksPreservation.com

The Windsor Locks Preservation Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 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 have compiled and introduced educational programs into the school system and have encouraged students to become involved in our efforts.

Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!

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