

# Our Town

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## West Woodstock Library Receives Two Grants!

The West Woodstock Library was recently awarded two grants from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor (QSHC), Inc. Combined, the two grants will bring over \$15,000.00 of needed funds to the library to cover the restoration and building project.

Specifically, The Historic Preservation Grant Program 2004 will supply funds to assist with the John F. Williams Law Office restoration to preserve and restore our important historic architectural landmark. The Partnership Program 2004 Grant Program will supply funds to assist with the connection of the current West Woodstock Library with the John F. Williams Law Office.

We are proud of the recognition by the QSHC organization and equally proud of the Board of Trustees and all association members' efforts to put together two spectacular grant applications! Special thanks goes to Gail White, Susan Conover, Doug Hurley and the entire building committee for their efforts coordinating the grant process!

The West Woodstock Library also sponsored it's first "The Last Green Valley - The Walk" in conjunction with the QSHC on Sunday, June 6th on the Woodstock Hill Town Green. The WWL successfully raised \$450.00 from contributors toward the walk from which 50% will be directed back to the library.

*see photo page 3*



## Woodstock Historical Society Receives QSHC Grant for Preservation Assessment

The Woodstock Historical Society has been awarded a \$3,775 grant from the Quinebaug Shetucket Heritage Corridor (QSHC) to conduct a general preservation assessment and work on inventorying their collection. Society President Marilyn Pomeroy said, "This project is critical to ensuring that our collection is accessible to the public, and preserved for posterity."

The Society's vaults contain many rare, unique, and irreplaceable items, such as handwritten letters from Henry Bowen, a prosperous politician and active abolitionist; pre-colonial maps; a letter signed by George Washington and Israel Putnam; photographs from the late 19th and early 20th centuries; artifacts such as spit-rooms and butter molds, and a number of diaries.

improvements to protect

The Society also received a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Culture and Tourism, which provided a partial match for the QSHC project. The Society still needs \$3,000 to complete the project.

If you would like more information, please contact Margaret Anderson, Society Secretary, at (860) 928-7226, or visit [www.woodstockhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.woodstockhistoricalsociety.org). The Society is a non-profit organization located on Route 169 on the hill in Woodstock, CT. Open to the public Sundays 10-2 PM, and by appointment.

Submitted by Doug Hurley

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Once you've eaten and shopped, relax around the bandstand for live entertainment. We always host local talent, including the East woodstock Cornet Band, now in their second century. Or sit in the Church's sanctuary for the Pipe Organ Pops concert on the 75 year old Frazee organ.

There are games for kids, hay rides, a parade featuring antique vehicles, apparatus from local fire companies, floats, and always the popular decorated bicycle procession (not just for kids!)

**Roger Solomon**, 2004 Jamboree Committee



Catharine Botting photo

### West Woodstock Library Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking for the addition of the historic John F. Williams Law Office and a connector to the West Woodstock Library took place on Saturday, June 19, 2004. Pictured from left to right are Marjorie Ellsworth, Craig Tyler, Doug Hurley, Paul Lynn (holding shovel), Susan Conover, Gail White and Roger Gale.

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h Artists in the Country juried Art Show and Sale to be held in West

are being sought for this years show. Proceeds from the Show go to ng them to attend a summer camp, the Eden Institute Camp for n, CT.

cluded children's art work from 13 local schools in the area, including, stock, North Windham School, Windham Preschool, Natchaug Killingly Elementary, Thompson Middle School, Mary Fischer Eastford Elementary, Parish Hill High School, The Learning Clinic, nion Elementary School, , Scotland, Hampton and Chaplin 00 pieces of student art work displayed indoors.

s exhibiting their work in an outdoor venue. These artists have been R.I., and MA. The artists exhibit and sell their original artwork. woodblock printing, Chinese brush painting, watercolor and musical ntinue throughout the weekend.

ndors interested in finding out more about the show, contact Ann rtistsinthecountry.org

## Rennaisance Faire

The 6th Annual Connecticut Renaissance Faire will again be at the Woodstock Fairgrounds September 25 - October 17, from 10:00am - 5:00pm (week-ends only).



### The Rectory School

*is proud to announce  
a new program for our community  
in northeast Connecticut*



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lector's Notice

## Third Annual Yale-Myers Forest Research Seminar

## Notice

Town of Woodstock, CT

Dog Licenses expire June 30th  
**Renewal licenses must be purchased  
on or before June 30th**

If you have a new dog, it must be licensed  
at 6 months of age.

Please present your veterinarian's rabies  
certificate and if the dog is fixed,  
the spay or neuter certificate.

### Fee Schedule:

Neutered or spayed: \$8.00

Male or Female: \$19.00

**[Late Penalty Fee beginning  
July 1st: \$1.00 per month]**

**A rabies vaccination certificate must  
be submitted to the Town Clerk**

You may mail in the check along with the appropriate paperwork to license your dog and we will mail your dog tag to you.

Town Clerk  
415 Route 169  
Woodstock CT 06281

**Judy W. Alberts, Town Clerk @ 928-6595**  
Questions? [townclerk@townofwoodstock.com](mailto:townclerk@townofwoodstock.com)

## Woodstock Area Garden Club Awards Scholarship

The Woodstock Area Garden Club awarded a \$1000 scholarship to **Jennifer Selig** of Putnam at the club's annual dinner on June 7, 2004. Ms. Selig is graduating this June from Killingly High School's Vocational-Agriculture Program and plans to study Horticulture and Agricultural Business and Education at SUNY Cobleskill.

The Woodstock Area Garden Club is open to all area residents and serves to promote horticultural education and community gardening projects. Proceeds from the club's annual plant sale fund the yearly scholarship.

Submitted by **Leslie Winter**, President,  
Woodstock Area Garden Club

about participating in Celebrating Agriculture Day, organizing a fund-raising booth at the Woodstock Fair and determining a speaker or demonstration for the August meeting. Call 974-3265 for details.

Congratulations to our 'big brother organization' The Connecticut Horse Council for receiving a 2004 "Greenways Award"

For many years, the Connecticut Horse Council has represented the interests of the equine industry in Connecticut, an industry worth tens of millions of dollars a year to the state. Strong advocates of multiple-use, horse-accessible trails, the Council has worked tirelessly to educate all users on proper trail etiquette and the need to preserve, enhance, and expand trail systems. Most recently, Council members created Volunteer Horse Patrols in several State Forests including Natchaug State Forest. The Patrols serve as extra eyes and ears on the trail, assisting other trail users and alerting DEP personnel to potential problems.

Submitted by **Joan Muller**

## Summer Library Hours

### Bracken Library

Bracken Library summer hours will include: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A tentative pre-school storytime offered by Patricia Jensen will be held on the following Wednesday mornings at 10:00. June 23, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 4, August 11, and August 25. Please call the library at 928-0046 or Ms. Jensen at 963-6826 for further information.

**West Woodstock Library:** The Library will change the hours of operation slightly starting June 2nd. The new hours will be: Monday - 2:30PM to 6:30PM Wednesday - 4PM to 7PM and Saturday - 10AM to 1PM

Monday, June 28th is the start of WWL's Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is North American Wildlife.

### May Memorial Library: (928-0284)

Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00pm-5:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-12noon.

### North Woodstock Library: (928-2629)

Mondays from 1:00pm - 5:00pm,  
Thursdays from 2:00pm - 5:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am - 12 noon