**SELECTMEN’S CORNER**

**Hurricane Irene Update**

With the disruptions caused by Hurricane Irene almost completely restored, I’d like to offer a brief perspective. Thankfully, there was no serious permanent large-scale damage to our Town, human or otherwise. Canterbury dealt with the situation in a heroic fashion. Our practicality, self-reliance and sense of neighbor kicked in, and it was a joy to work with all of you… those who contributed simply through their patience, as well as those who took a more active role.

We were ready for the storm. Almost immediately after the storm ended at 2 pm on Sunday we had our map of affected areas, and restoration priorities, ready and communicated to CL&P. We had no response on Sunday, but were thrilled on Monday when we met with the first of many utility crews to help begin work. That excitement was short-lived, as the crew left after 2 hours. We received no further response until we were notified on Wednesday afternoon to have our Public Works staff ready to greet an out of state convoy that was headed to Town Hall. The air was charged with excitement and expectation and the ground shook when the “calvary” in the form of 20 enormous trucks rolled in. The air went out of our balloon as we waited throughout Wednesday night and Thursday morning for CL&P to allow the truck crews to begin work. Throughout this timeframe, my dialing finger got shorter punching CL&P’s number to report the inaction. Our frustration was complete when CL&P ordered all those trucks to leave for Eastford late Thursday morning.

Thursday afternoon the system finally started kicking in when some great crews from New Hampshire arrived and began working hand in hand with our Public Works crew to efficiently and effectively put the Town back to rights. I believe this type of local management and direction is key in these situations.

Rest assured I will be in the forefront during upcoming debriefings, making sure all outside parties identify and remove any and all obstacles to effective disaster relief prior to the next event. Thanks to Luther Thurlow, our emergency Management Director, Carol Kent and the CERT team, the Constables, our great Public works crew, Bob Veach and his “MRE food crew”, the Town Hall staff and Library, who kept Town services going throughout the week, and all of the others who volunteered their time and spirit to make our local response so effective.

Despite the above . . . things are in good shape around here. We have a good budget and healthy finances and many great projects in the pipeline. Thanks to the Public Works crew for plugging away on the new transfer station. It’s starting to take shape: Thanks to Bill and Dave and all those using the station for helping make the interim configuration workable. We’re also in the planning stages of the initial phase of a new public works garage behind the existing structure.

Thanks for the patience regarding our new website and e-mail addresses. When our previous computer vendor’s contract expired on July 1, he restricted access to the “canterbury-c” address, which caused lots of frustration. We switched the name to “canterburyct”, (who needs a hyphen?), and we own it into eternity.

Here in Canterbury, Fall offers us lots of wonderful activities. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Brian Sear
Agent for the Elderly

Hello Everyone

I would like to thank everyone who came to our Canterbury Senior Summer BBQ! We all enjoyed the fresh homemade ice cream made by Brian and Connie Sear’s. The music performed by Judy Hall was wonderful. Also thank you to Gloria Osterlund for performing with Judy! It made the party. Everyone enjoyed the music, food, games, and taking a turn churning the homemade ice cream. I look forward to next year’s BBQ and hope it will be even bigger and better. And a big thank you to my family. Without them I wouldn’t have been able to make the party a great success.

I am very happy to hear Social Security Benefits will be paid on time. I have also been advised to encourage anyone who is still receiving paper checks from Social Security to consider signing up for Direct Deposit with your bank. All current beneficiaries MUST switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013. Social Security will no longer send out paper checks.

Due to the tight budget situation, the Commissioner of Social Security has been forced to make difficult choices related to our service delivery to the public. The August 15, 2011, the Social Security field offices will be closed each day. The Social Security offices that are usually open to the public Mon–Fri 9am to 4pm will now close daily at 3:30 pm.

I will be taking energy applications for Access starting September 19, 2011. So far the only change I have been told about are anyone who applies has to bring in their social security card. Apparently Access has received applications where the social security card number does not match the person on the application. A copy of the card must accompany the application in order for the application to be processed.

Cherri Richardson

Land Use Office

Greetings from the Land Use Office.

We have had an exciting summer working on three major new projects. First, we are working with our Planning Consultants, Planimetrics, to create a conceptual site plan for the Village Commercial district around Town Hall and across the street. This plan will include a layout containing commercial, residential and recreational uses. An exciting aspect of this plan will be a new Town Green that can become the focal point for this area. What a great place to hold special events such as concerts or festivals, or just hang out on a lazy Sunday afternoon visiting with friends. We hope that this conceptual plan will spark the interest of some developers and they will “run with it” to help us create a more vibrant Village Center.

Secondly, Rich Curtis of the Economic Development Commission, spear headed an application to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to name the Quinebaug River in Canterbury as an Official CT Greenway – and it was accepted! This classification gives the Quinebaug some notoriety as a Greenway in publications, but also gives this area an advantage in getting grants and other help from the State. Congratulations to both Rich and to our own Quinebaug River for attaining this!

Third, we have been doing a lot of preliminary planning work on a significant new multi-purpose trail. Looking at our current land use map, we found that between State lands and recently acquired Town land, the entire bank of the Quinebaug from the Brooklyn Town line to almost Route 14, Frink Field, is publically owned! And on this land, exists parts of a trail that was once, from what we heard, an old stagecoach trail! In addition, we also hold an easement to install a hiking trail on the connecting River Junction (Rawson) parcels that will lead up to the Blackwell Brook trail in Brooklyn. All in all, close to eight miles of trails could exist on this land! The next step is to apply for a Recreational Trails Program grant to clean up the existing trail sections, install a few sections that are missing or relocate some that are on private land, install a few bridges and other improvements to make this trail a reality. With the Greenway designation, its location near a National Scenic Byway (169), the possibility that it may even become a spur on the East Coast Greenway that goes from Florida to Maine, we think we have a great chance of making this happen. Cross your fingers, and hopefully next summer, we will be installing one of the nicest trails in CT – right in your back yard! If you are interested in helping make this happen either by working on the trail, serving on a trail advisory group or in some other way, please contact the Land Use Office or First Selectman.

Steven Sadlowski
A Canterbury Story
by Sheila Mason Gale

The Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department was incorporated in 1947 and had many charter members. In the entire history of the Fire Department, the first non-chartered Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department member to serve for fifty years is Kalervo (Kavi) Ruuskanen.

Kavi’s parents, Otto and Helmi, were looking for a place to start a chicken farm. A woman from Helmi’s hometown in Finland lived on Kerr Road in Canterbury and told them there was a farm available in Canterbury. Otto hopped a bus from Waterbury, got off at the Brooklyn Town hall and trudged in the snow to North Canterbury Road (near Wauregan Road) to see the farm. He decided to buy it in March of 1943. He built all the coops and although they are gone now, the farm house still stands. Otto had the distinction of being named to the 1928 Olympic cross-country ski team, but unfortunately he was denied the position because he was not a U.S. Citizen. He tried out again in 1952 and came in 11th place.

The family sold eggs commercially and out of the family house. When Kavi started school he did not speak English. He had to learn it as he went along. Kavi remembers a neighbor, Christian Kerr, taking him, his younger sister, Hilkka (which means Little Red Riding Hood in Finnish), and the neighborhood children to the Congregational church. He also remembers a neighbor, O. Arnold Kerr and his wife Dorothy Ester Smith Kerr had a vanity license plate using all their initials “OAK DESK”. Maybe some of you remember Mrs. Kerr as a teacher at Dr. Helen Baldwin School. Kavi was very active in 4-H and after he turned 17 he was involved in a 4-H service club of Windham county and the group put on the 4-H fair in Woodstock.

As a young man Kavi became a member of the Finnish American Heritage Society. When he was a boy there were weddings, musicals and plays at the Finnish Hall. He went to Griswold High School. Some of his school mates were David Veit, Julius Vapper, Mary Bingham, Karen Pellinen and Barbara Lindell. Kavi also went to UCONN for two years and received a certificate in poultry farming and continued to work on the family farm.

In the 1960’s if you had a fire you called the Brooklyn jail. The jail would call Lilian Waskiewicz at Ed’s Garage and Lilian would call a third of the Town firefighters on her list to come to the fire. One day Kavi was at Ed’s Garage when a call came in and firefighter, David Veit, asked Kavi to come and help. Back then they had a portable water pump that weighed a couple hundred pounds that had to be dragged to the nearest water source and he helped do that as well used brooms, rakes, etc. to put out brush fires. After that first experience he decided to join the Volunteer Fire Department. One of the difficult things the Volunteer Fire Department members had to do when hurricane Gloria came through town, was to help cut the fallen trees so the power Company could get through and restore power.

Kavi was also one of the original six EMT’s when the Canterbury ambulance was put into service in 1975/76. The others were David Veit, Glen Veit, Luther Thurlow, Ted Berbrick and Alfred Coderre. In 1965 Kavi joined the Connecticut State Police as an Auxiliary Trooper. Because he had this training, Alfred Utz asked him to become a Canterbury Constable. He ran for the position in 1971, was elected and has served as a Canterbury Constable for nearly forty years.

Kavi was also involved in the Canterbury paper drives. As a volunteer, he would go house-to-house and collect newspapers and other paper products and bring it back to a big trailer truck and the paper was hauled away to be sold. He reminded me that he came to my father’s farm on North Society Road to pick up paper feed bags.

Hearing the many years Kavi has volunteered reminds me of a quote by Marjorie Moore: “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” Kavi has certainly made Canterbury a better place to live.

Canterbury Town Constables

The Canterbury Constables hopes everyone had a safe and great summer. If you have not noticed, for the past two years the Canterbury Constables have been very visible in the town. Our mission is to promote public safety.

The following events that the Canterbury Constables have been requested to conduct traffic control duties are; Old Home Day, 4TH of July parade, Cert Exercise, and the QVJC basketball playoffs at the Baldwin School.

Canterbury Constables are continuing to sponsor a Neighborhood Watch program. Canterbury Constables are trying to develop a program and a plan with neighboring towns to help at events and other minor emergencies (mutual aid).


Chief Constable
Raymond C. Shinkiewicz
Hazardous Waste Disposal Day
Saturday, September 17th
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Lisbon Central School
(Route 138 just off Route 169)
Accepting oil base paints, solvents, brake fluid, anti-freeze, used gasoline, etc. --- no latex paints.
You’ll need to show proof of Canterbury residency such as a driver’s license.
Call the Selectmen’s office at 546-9693 with any questions.

Assessor’s Office

Personal Property declaration forms will be mailed out at the beginning of October for the 2011 Grand List. If you receive one of these forms, this office has information regarding some personal property that you own. Please don’t ignore the form; call this office so we can answer any questions. If you do not receive a personal property declaration form, but you have property that needs to be declared, please call the Assessor’s Office or go to the website at http://www.canterburyct.org. All personal property forms are available to download. Remember to return these forms no later than Tuesday November 1, 2011 to avoid a penalty.

For those that receive the farm machinery exemption, please remember that these forms are due October 31, 2011. The M-28 forms will be mailed with the personal property declarations to all those that currently receive the benefit. If you do not currently receive the benefit but think you may be eligible, please call the Assessor’s Office or go to the website.

PA490 applications for farm, forest, or open space designations are available in the Assessor’s Office and on the website. They must be filed on or before Monday October 31, 2011. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Assessor’s Office.

Please remember that the town’s website has changed to: www.canterburyct.org. To email the assessor you must now email assessor@canterburyct.org. Also please remember the Assessor’s Office Staff hours are Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm.

Jennifer Sullivan

Canterbury Agriculture Committee

Thank you to everyone, especially the team at the Canterbury Library, for taking part in “Meet Your Farming Neighbor Night” in May. It was a good opportunity to network with each other and learn about the farm businesses that have items for sale in our community.

We have a new “Canterbury Grown” brochure listing farms and types of goods or services they offer. It is at the town hall; and copies will be at local farms. The AGvocate program, with TLGV funding, also created “Living Next to a Farm” and “Farms in our Community” brochures, also at the town hall.

Coming agriculture events:
Saturday, September 17th – Open farm tours in cooperation with Old Home Days.
Saturday, September 24th – Celebrating Agriculture at the Woodstock Fairgrounds
Saturday, October 22nd – 10:00 am join us for a 2 hour hike at Wanungatuck Farm.

We’d like to update the website with photos that show farm activities and what we do on our farms in Canterbury. Please e-mail your jpg photos to John Baldwin at john21v25@aol.com.

Our committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to join us.

Canterbury CERT Team

In the Spring Newsletter we asked for your help in making the Shelter exercise on June 6th a success. We are happy to report it was! 95 people on June 3rd came from around Northeastern Connecticut to the Helen Baldwin School – with their pets – to participate in this mock disaster exercise sponsored by the American Red Cross. Twelve members of the Canterbury CERT Team actively assisted the Red Cross in the shelter and managed the pet shelter. The Canterbury Constables directed the traffic and school kitchen personnel assisted in the kitchen. Ham radio communication was established between the school and Town Hall where the First Selectman and Emergency Management Director set up a communications center. The Pet Shelter took in 11 dogs, 2 cats and 1 plastic horse. In total 24 Canterbury citizens learned what it takes to open and manage a public shelter should it ever be necessary to do so. Good knowledge to have. A big thanks to all who participated!

And now for an invitation to visit us at our next event… Come meet a member of the CERT Team at Canterbury Old Home Day, September 17, 10:00 to 4:00. We will be happy to tell you more about CERT and have lots of materials about emergency preparedness for you and your family. Hurricane season is here. Although we are inland, we are all well aware of the dangers of flooding and loss of power. Come pick some materials on what you and your family should have on hand should we experience extended loss of power. Come see us too if you have any interest in joining us; we would love to get your contact info. Hope to see you there.

Carol Kent
Team Leader
clrk2knt@aol.com
Prudence Crandall Museum

The Museum has had a very successful Summer Season, and will continue into the fall season with a slate of upcoming programs and events.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2 to 4:00pm - “Friends and Neighbors – Canterbury’s 18th and 19th century African American Residents.” Vicki Sear, Canterbury resident and student at Bryn Mawr College, spent the summer working at the Museum as a Summer Intern researching the African American families that lived in Canterbury – some at the time Prudence was operating her school. She will present an illustrated talk at the Museum on how she conducted the research and what information came to light. Then at 3pm we’ll head up to the Westminster Congregational Church and cemetery where Rev. David Gladden will great us. See the church where African American families worshipped, were married, and the cemetery where they’re buried. Join us and find out more about this fascinating part of Canterbury’s history. Program included in regular museum admission.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 to 3:30 – “Canterbury’s Ancient Past: The Archaeology of Native Americans in the Quinebaug Valley.” Dan Forrest, Staff Archaeologist for the Dept. of Economic and Community Development will present an illustrated talk on the area’s Native American history. Program included in regular museum admission.

And the Museum’s season comes to a close with the ever popular... Sunday, Nov. 6, “Tea with Prudence and Sarah.” Donna Dufresne and Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti present “Sisters in the Promised Land”, a historical dialogue. Two seatings offered: 12:30pm and 3:30pm, with the performance for both seatings at 2pm. Program includes performance, tea, tea sandwiches, homemade scones and sweets, and self-guided tours of the Museum. Ticket Price: $25.00 per person, reservations required as seating is limited.

Museum Hours are Thursday through Sunday (Wed. by appointment) 10am to 4pm, last ticket at 3:30pm. Beginning November 1, museum hours are Monday through Friday by appointment only.

For additional Information: 860-546-7800 or www.cultureandtourism.org.

Friends of the Canterbury Library

The Friends of the Canterbury Library (FOCL) continue to be active in our community and in the support of our wonderful town Library. We are dedicated to provide help wherever we can to improve the collection and the programs offered by the Library. We do this, primarily, through fund-raising but also by working to increase the public’s awareness of what the Canterbury Library has to offer. And we are always looking for help. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 8th at 7pm in the Library and we hope you will consider joining us as we plan for our next two fund-raising opportunities. They are:

Saturday, September 17th: The Friends will have a booth at the Canterbury Historical Society’s ‘Old Home Day’, located on the grounds of the First Congregational Church. There, we will have a great selection of gently-used books. Stop by, or better yet, call 860-546-6669 (or Email: sorlomoski@charter.net) and volunteer an hour or so to help us out. It would be much appreciated.

Saturday, October 15th: The Friends will hold its next Book and Bake Sale at the Community Room in the Town Hall building. Those who have been to past Book & Bake Sales know that this is a great place to pick up book bargains galore. And, not only do we offer great deals on books, videos, and the like, but the baked goods are outstanding.

We would also like to thank FOCL member Kate Zapadka for stepping up to take on the ‘adopt an island’ project in the Town Hall complex parking lot. She pooled together the resources and the folks to ‘pretty-up’ the landscape. Thank you, Kate and crew, for a job well done.

Finally, the Friends of the Canterbury Library would like to publicly thank our past president, Steve Taylor, for his outstanding service over the last several years. Steve did a super job in his role and there is no doubt that we have made some great strides during his tenure. Although he continues to be a great help to the FOCL, Steve could no longer dedicate the time he felt the job needed. So, in July, Steve Orlosmoski, a former FOCL president and one of the founding members of the organization, agreed to step back in. His goal is to keep the FOCL moving ahead in the same direction. The other members of the FOCL Board are: Ellen Chalfant as vice-president, Rosemary Mercier as treasurer, Caitlyn Orlosmoski as secretary, and Edna Wildowsky and Kate Zapadka as members-at-large.

Please consider joining us as we work together to make our great little Library one of the gems of the Quiet Corner.
CANTERBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Universal Class – Continuing Education in your Community
A free online educational service through your library providing the highest quality online course for people interested in the lifelong pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional development. Live instructors moderate each course, grade assignments and interact with students and the ability to earn Continuing Education Units (CEU’s) that meet an international standard (IACET Standard).

Thanks to a very generous donor, we now own three Kobo eReaders for loan. The Kobo comes pre-loaded with 100 novels. Stop in and check-out a Kobo.

Young Adult Group
Choose books, music, games, and movies for the library, plan programs you would like to attend. Join the Young Adult Advisory Council (YAAC). Watch the teen bulletin board, our teen website, or the teen blog to see what is happening at the library.

First Friday Getaways @ Your Library
Family fun nights the first Friday of each month (excluding July & August). Refreshments will be served at all programs. The library will be open from 5-8 PM.

Be a Citizen Science Volunteer
Stream Walk Monitoring to register, call 860-928-4948 or email pcoughlin@ctaudubon.org

Let’s Talk about Books
Join us each month for an engaging discussion starting at 7:05 PM. Call either library to reserve your copy of the book, Scotoland P.L.860-423-1492 or Canterbury P.L. 860-546-9022.

September 21st - Scotland- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
October 17th – Canterbury- Last Night in Twisted River by John Irving.
November 16th – Scotland- Skipping Christmas by John Grisham
December 19th – Canterbury – Holiday Party and Book Selection for 2012

Free Downloadable Audio Books
Check out our website for new downloadable audio books.

Faxes sent and received, 860-546-1142, $1 per page to send, $.25 to receive.

Library Passes
State Museums: Free Admission for 2 adults & 2 youths (6-17 years).
Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine; Prudence Crandall Museum; Sloane-Stanley Museum; Henry Whitfield State Museum.
Wadsworth Atheneum: Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children
Mystic Aquarium: Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children
Roger Williams Park Zoo Pass: No Child Left Inside Initiative. Free admission for 2 adults & 4 children at Dinosaur, Fort Trumbull & Gillette Castle State parks. Covers parking at all four state beaches as well as, several inland parks.

The Denison Homestead: Free admission for two adults and two children

Editor’s Note
The next issue will be published in January 2012. Anyone wishing to submit articles for consideration may do so by email to canterburynewsletter@yahoo.com or by dropping them off at the Selectmen’s Office before January 15th. The editor reserves the right in all instances to edit for length and content.
Finnish American Heritage Society

Community events recently held at the Finnish Hall were the Annual Chicken BBQ on May 21st which again was a success with over 200 attendees and our Giant Yard Sale fund raiser held on June 18th.

Through the efforts of the Northeast District Department of Health, the Canterbury Selectman’s office and FAHS, a food safe handling course was conducted at the Community Center with 18 attendees...11 attendees were FAHS members. We thank NDDH and also the Town for the use of the Community Center for this 2 ½ hour training session.

On June 25th, Mary Kallio who is associated with Connecticut College and Karla and Sean Tate conducted a Batik art event at the Hall with 20 attendees. The event consists of a history and fiber dyeing demonstrations of the Batik process. All are members of FAHS. Sean and Karla exhibited a beautiful collection of this art from previous travel and living in Indonesia.

Memorial Courtyard
After nearly three years of planning, design, and construction, the Finnish American Heritage Society membership dedicated the Memorial Courtyard on May 15th, 2011 with over 50 attendees. The concept started several years ago with a survey questionnaire to the membership related to how to best honor its previous members, relatives, and friends of the Finnish American Community.

Co-Chairs of the event were Matti Huhta and Ellen Buffington with the following program speakers: Jack Smiley, providing the invocation, Pauline Andstrom’s recitation of “A Veteran’s Prayer”, Canterbury’s First Selectman Brian Sear offering congratulations to the organization, Lars Rafeldt, President of Voluntown’s Aura Seura with his thanks and congratulations, Mauno Laurila previous President of the Imatra Foundation of Brooklyn, NY which provided historical items and monetary donations many years ago to FAHS, Hannu Makipuro FAHS’s first President who sang a Finnish song and concluded with “America the Beautiful”...

Many others were acknowledged for contributions including the AIC Group and Jose Leon, Steve Mylly, Steve and Katrina Bousquet of American Landscaping, LaFramboise Sand and Gravel, Paul King. Mercer Lettering.

This dedication was an outstanding milestone in the existence of the organization and truly a memorable occasion for all members.

Invitation to Join
The Finnish American Heritage Society is open to anyone that has an interest in the Finnish American or Finnish culture and heritage. You don’t need to be of Finnish descent to join. Please visit our website www.fahs-ct.org for additional membership information.

Calendar
(all are welcome-you do not need to be a member to come to meetings or events)

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Canterbury Stitchers will hold their Fall Yarn Sale on Saturday, October 22, 2011. Please take this opportunity to clean out your stash and donate your unused yard for the sale. Yarn and other needlecraft donations will be accepted at the library until Thursday, October 20th.

At the sale we will also be selling mittens and other warm winter items (hats and scarves) for a minimum donation of $5.00 per item. All proceeds to benefit Canterbury Cares Food Bank.

The Canterbury Stitchers will once again sponsor the Mitten Tree at the Canterbury Library. The mitten tree will be at the Library from October 22 to the middle of December. Please help decorate the tree with new (either purchased or handmade) mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. All items will be donated to the Canterbury Cares Food Bank.
Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc.

The Friends have had a great season and it continues through to Sunday, November 6, when we host Tea with Prudence and Sarah. This is our favorite event to showcase the Museum, Carter House, and especially the performance by Donna Dufresne and Gwen Quizaire-Presutti as they interpret the enduring friendship between Prudence Crandall and Sarah Harris. Watch the newspapers and the news board outside of the Museum as we approach November.

Between now and then, don’t miss the 25th Prudence Crandall Day on Saturday, September 3rd, from 10 till 4. We celebrate with crafters, music, 1830’s games for the young people, and a professional performance by members of Historic New England.

We’ll see you at Old Home Day with an activity for the youngsters at our booth…giant bubbles! And we’ll give you instructions to take home to construct your own bubble wand.

Friends will be supporting two October events at the museum. On the 9th, Vicki Sear will present her research on the black community in Canterbury in the 1830s; on the 29th, we will learn about Ancient History of the Quinebaug. Again, watch the newspapers for additional information. These are both open to the public.

Come and join the Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum, Inc., as we host or support museum events or even as we tackle garden maintenance. You may have seen us in the past few weeks pushing carts and hauling huge buckets of mulch, donated by Sigfridson’s Wood Products of Brooklyn. It was good exercise and even better for the museum’s and Carter’s gardens.

Do come by and enjoy the properties. Owned by the State of Connecticut, they are your gardens. Bring your lunch and sit on one of the benches and imagine Prudence Crandall and her students as they moved about this very same land.

Canterbury Historical Society

Come one—Come All
Annual Old Home Day
Sponsored by the Canterbury Historical Society
September 17, 2011 from 10am - 4pm
Admission free
On the Canterbury Green, Near Junction of Routes 169 and 14

This popular, old-time, event sponsored by the Canterbury Historical Society has become a community tradition. Catch up with neighbors and make new friends. Tour the 19th century one-room Green Schoolhouse that has been restored by dedicated Historical Society volunteers. Buy an antique, or some local honey or maple syrup. Meet dozens of exhibitors from local nonprofit, community, cultural, and religious organizations, as well as area farmers, re-enactors, artists, and pliers of many traditional crafts and trades.

Enjoy animals, live music, and children’s activities.

Come hungry! Food will include home-baked goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, candy apples, popcorn, local fudge, seasonal produce, and more.

For more information as well as photos from previous years, click on the link under "Events" on our website: www.canterburyhistorical.org.

Canterbury Historical Society meetings are the second Friday of each month at 7:00 pm. in the Canterbury Town Hall Community room. The business meeting is followed by an interesting, historically informative program. The public is welcome to attend. For upcoming programs check out our website.

Judy Moffitt
President

Economic Development Commission

Canterbury Economic Development has been hard at work on a number of projects in the last several months. As you may have read in the Norwich Bulletin on August 2nd, the EDC is in the midst of a multifaceted branding campaign that seeks to increase exposure, tourism, commerce and stewardship of Canterbury. This campaign will be solidified in following months and we seek your input at Town Hall during our next regular meeting on September 27th at 7PM.

To that end, I wanted to share a few recent successes of the EDC. First, we successfully lobbied to have the Connecticut brown museum signs installed on I-395N at exit 83A directing visitors to Prudence Crandall museum. We all hope to see them installed in coming months. A Brooklyn directional sign of the similar type will also be installed on Route 169.

Many in town believe that the Quinebaug River and her charms represent one of our best untapped resources. We worked with CL&P’s Business Development Manager, Tom Marano, who believes that our strategy is not only viable, but could be an example for other towns. In response, we submitted an application to have the Canterbury stretch of the Q-river designated as a Connecticut Designated Greenway, which was thankfully approved.

Finally I wanted to remind you that the Town’s Fall Festival will be held on the Town Hall’s grounds all day on October 22nd, which will showcase local vendors, arts, crafts, and family friendly entertainment. Please mark your calendar and come to support our wonderful town.

Remember, the EDC members are volunteers and we invite your input and participation in all of our activities with the goal of supporting local business thus increasing the tax base to serve the community.