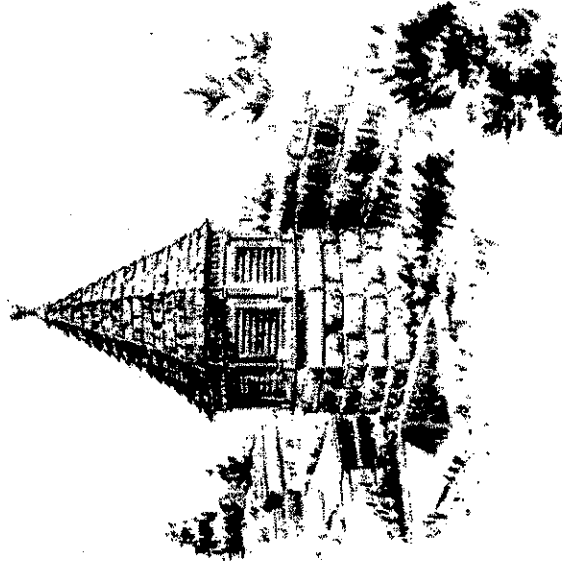


Stafford Historical Society Officers:

- President David Bartlett
- Vice President Becky Kraussmann
- Recording Secretary Audra Smith
- Corresponding Sec. Holly Coppinger
- Treasurer Jean Bartlett
- Asst. Treasurer Fran Thibeault



Stafford Historical Society
Museum Information

The museum is located in the former Stafford Public Library building at 5 Spring Street in Stafford Springs. Many artifacts of local interest are on display. The Society maintains a large collection of old photographs, post cards, maps, advertising items, souvenir china, clothing and other local memorabilia. Also, our library contains many publications about Stafford history, genealogies of the original settlers of Stafford, newspapers and an extensive file of information on people, places and events.

Monthly Open Houses are held at the Museum from April through November. Open Houses are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. (unless otherwise noted). No Open Houses are scheduled from December through March. The Museum is also open for special events or for group tours by special request. Please call 860 684-7978 for more information.

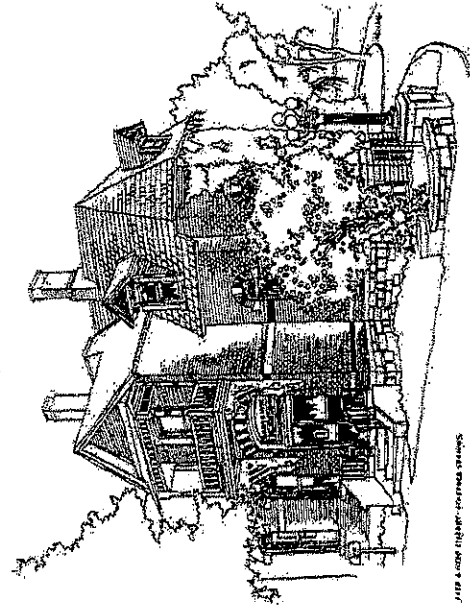
Open House dates for 2017-2018

2017
 Sunday, September 10
 Sunday, October 8
 Sunday, November 12

2018
 Sunday, April 8
 Sunday, May 20*
 Sunday, June 10
 Sunday, July 8
 Sunday, August 12

*3rd Sun. of the month

The Stafford Historical Society



Program of Events

2017 – 2018

**5 Spring Street
 Stafford Springs, CT 06076
 860 684-7978**

The Stafford Historical Society always welcomes new members and volunteers. If you are interested in local history, would like to make a meaningful contribution to your community, would enjoy meeting and working with people who share a common interest, or are looking for a way to apply your unique skills and talents, contact us at

860 684-7978

Program of Events

The Stafford Historical Society holds monthly meetings from September through November and from April through June. Meetings are held at the Stafford Community Center (3 Buckley Highway) unless otherwise noted. Please check the listings below for specific details of each monthly meeting. A program of historical interest is presented following most meetings. All meetings and programs are free and open to the public. New members are always welcome!

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

Pot Luck Supper

Bring a favorite dish to share and your own place setting and beverage. The monthly business meeting will follow.

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 2:00 P.M.

Tour of Donald Passardi's Ford Museum

Donald Passardi will open his museum for the group to view his remarkable collection of Ford automobiles, accessories, and memorabilia. Due to space considerations, this program is limited to Stafford Historical Society members and invited guests only.

November 14, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Invents

Patrick Smith, curator of the Museum of Connecticut History, will present this program highlighting numerous inventors and inventions that have come from our state in the last 200 years. Included will be the Colt revolver, the toothpaste tube, Frisbee, tape measure, Wiffle ball, can opener, submarine and many more.

December 12, 2017

Holiday Party

Members and guests only.

Location and time to be announced.

April 10, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

Mills of Stafford

Learn about the history of Stafford through the mills that were at the heart of each of Stafford's villages and small, self-sufficient communities. Becky Kraussmann will give a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the well-known, as well as some obscure mills of Stafford.

May 8, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.

Old Time Movie Night

We have recently digitized a number of 16mm movies in our collection. Come and view two professionally photographed trade films from 1934 featuring many Stafford businesses, events and residents.

Note: This program was originally presented last year and is being shown again due to the tremendous positive response we received at that time and the many requests we have gotten for a repeat performance.

June 12, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Annual Picnic

Our annual picnic will precede the year end meeting. A review of the past year will be followed by the installation of our new officers. Please bring a dish to share and your own tableware and beverage. Also, please plan to pay your annual dues at this meeting.

The Stafford Historical Society

The Stafford Historical Society was founded in 1962 by a group of local citizens who were interested in preserving Stafford's history. The following year the Society became incorporated as a non-stock corporation.

Since its founding, the mission of the Society has been to collect, preserve and exhibit all materials relating to the history of the Town of Stafford for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. A diverse collection of historical artifacts from Stafford are on display at the Museum. The Society also maintains a library with research facilities on local topics. Presentations on various topics of historical interest are frequently provided for local organizations.

The historic building which serves as our Museum, located at 5 Spring Street, Stafford Springs, is listed on the Connecticut Register of Historic Places, as is the adjacent Stafford Springs Mineral Spring.

In 1982 the Society produced a one-hour, narrated video, "Old Postcards and Photos of Stafford", showing over 300 local scenes. This video received an Award of Merit from the Connecticut League of Historical Societies for its "outstanding contribution to the development of interest in local history." It is now available in DVD format. We also offer for sale many informative books on various topics of local historical interest.

In 1987 the Society was primarily responsible for the identification and establishment of The Stafford Hollow Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 2013 the Society dedicated the restored Patten District One-Room Schoolhouse in Heritage Park.