



FYLER HOUSE

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THE FAMILY GATHERS

The Fyler-Filer-Ffyller Family Association will hold this year's annual family reunion at Fyler House on Sept. 24th, 1983. This date was selected to coincide with the Founders Observances Celebration being held across from Fyler House at the First Church at 8:30 AM, as part of Windsor's 350th Anniversary Celebration.

After the Founders Program and lunch, Association members and guests will return to Fyler House for a business meeting at Wilson Museum. Subjects to be discussed are the college scholarship program and progress on the supplemental genealogy which will be published in July, 1984.

Tours of Fyler House will be available after the meeting.

Tickets will be on sale for a supper Saturday at the Wilson Congregational Church.

See scheduling of other 350th Events for Saturday afternoon and Sunday, Sept. 25th.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

With all the emphasis on our Founders over these past few months, we thought it would be appropriate to find a way to recognize the American Indians that originally occupied this land and who in fact invited the early settlers at Plymouth, Mass. to come down and settle the Connecticut River Valley.

The American Indian Archaeological Institute in Washington, Ct. was contacted and they are providing a one-hour slide presentation entitled "Prehistoric Lifeways & History: Connecticut Indians", supplemented with Woodland Indian cultural objects that attendees will be able to examine. A question and answer period will follow.

We are pleased that the program will be presented by Karen Coody Cooper, (of the A.I.A.I. staff) who is of Cherokee descent and who was born and raised in Oklahoma.

Please spread the word that we would like to invite and recognize anyone of American Indian descent who attends what should be a very interesting meeting.

Because we expect an overflow crowd, this meeting will be held in Nelson Hall, First Church Parish House, across from Palisado Green.

MONDAY -- SEPTEMBER 26th
8:00 P.M.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT'S

In deciding what should be done regarding the recording of the current history of Windsor, our best guide is to consider what interests us about the past. The responses of the town to great historical events and natural disasters come easily to mind, and we make sure that these are fully recorded. Beyond that, we are interested in changes in the town itself and changes in the way its people dress, behave and make their living.

It is the recording of this less dramatic aspect of our history that requires conscious effort. We must take care to collect the photographs, clippings, maps, tapes and artifacts that document the changes which will interest future generations. Since many modern materials are far less durable than those used in earlier times, we must learn the special arts of proper preservation and storage.

A. B. Hooker

FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM

At the heart of the 350th Anniversary weekend on Sept. 24th, the Founders Day Observances will be held honoring those men and women who made it all possible--the pioneers who first came to establish our town.

Because of the large number of people expected, registration and coffee hour will begin at 8:30 AM in Nelson Hall, next to First Church. Parking will be available at the Milo Peck Community Center across the street and at the Little Meadow Tennis Courts on Pierson Lane. Shuttle busses will run along Pierson Lane and Pálisado Ave. The parking spaces near the church will be reserved for the elderly and the handicapped.

At 9:20 AM the group will move across the street to the Founders Monument where the Sgt. Daniel Bissell Ancient Jr. Fife & Drum Corps will play. The Head of each family will receive a candle in a candle-lighting ceremony. The entire group, led by the Fife & Drum Corps will process across the street to the Meeting House of First Church.

The current pastor, the Rev. F. VanGorder Parker, will give the welcoming remarks. Robert T. Silliman, General Chairman of the 350th Committee and Donna Siemiatkoski, Chairman of the Founder's Observances Committee, will also give opening remarks.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. Peter Marshall of Orleans, Mass. will speak on the theme: "Windsor's Spiritual Heritage and it's Relevance for Today". Following his address, a slide show: "Windsor's History As Seen Through Its Families" will be presented.

After a short break, the group will reconvene as "The Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor". The proposed constitution, by-laws, and slate of officers will be presented. This organization will continue the work begun by the Founders Observances Committee.

Catered lunches will be available if desired.

At 2:00 PM Dr. Wallace Winchell of Manchester Community College will read and discuss some of the poems of Edward Rowland Sill, Windsor's 19th Century poet.

The rest of the afternoon is free to browse the historic district or cemetery or attend other scheduled 350th Anniversary events.

As Founders Day approaches we find that we need many helpers, both with the publications and with the events of the day. If you can help or if you wish to reserve a lunch please call Donna Siemiatkoski, 688-6822 or The Windsor Historical Society Office.



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FYLER STATION - REACTIVATED

Do we have any Society members who are interested in commemorative covers - envelopes with a special cachet (design) and cancellation? We hope so because such a cover is being offered by the Society for the 350th Anniversary date of September 26, 1983.

The cachet will be Bob Silliman's sketch of the Fyler House Post Office. The cancellation will include the prize-winning Anniversary Logo, the appropriate reference to the 350th Anniversary, and a postmark from Fyler Station, Windsor, Ct. 06095, dated September 26, 1983. The stamp will be the 20¢ definitive showing the American Flag over the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D. C.

The filler in the envelope mentions the gift of the Society's property to Lieutenant Walter Fyler for his service in the Pequot War, the post office in Fyler House, and its use before the establishment of the U. S. Postal Service, and our noted native sons, Oliver Ellsworth and John M. Niles.

The envelopes will be sold for 75¢ each, and orders may be sent to the Society for processing. A stamped self addressed #10 envelope must accompany each order.

Representatives of the Windsor Post Office will officiate at "Fyler Station" on Saturday, September 24. Other current postage stamps will, of course, also be available.

Lucile Wade



Putting in the Milestones...

CIRCUMFERENCE
MULTIPLIED BY
REVOLUTIONS = MILEAGE

a "clacker" counted the revolutions of a wheel for one mile



at Windsor, Conn
over the
Farmington River

DESCENDANTS OF THE FOUNDERS

Some sixty-five people, both from the local area and from across the country attended the informational meeting of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor in Hartford on July 17th. The group mandated that a Continuing Committee compile a Constitution and By-Laws, and a slate of officers to be presented to members on Founders Day.

The Continuing Committee is meeting to carry out this mandate. Charter Memberships will be available through December 31, 1983. Everyone on the Founders Observances mailing list will receive details.

After its formal organization, the 'Descendants' first appearance will be the following day -- the 350th Anniversary Parade. We need people to help with the float and to march.

If you can help with the float, march, or wish to be on the mailing list, please call Donna Siemiatkoski at 688-6822 or The Windsor Historical Society Office.

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Richard Winchell
Robert M. Bissell
Richard P. Pinney
Mrs. R. H. Garfat
Ann Barber Doyle
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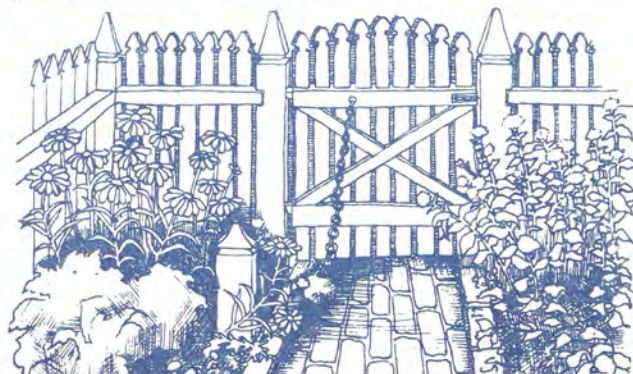


The September Calendar of Events for the 350th Anniversary Celebration is enclosed with this issue.

ART EXHIBIT

The teachers in the Art Department of Windsor's Public Schools will exhibit their work in the meeting room of Wilson Museum in September.

This exhibit will be open to the public at no charge and visitors are most welcome.



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