

The long cold winter is about to end as evidenced by the deluge of water run-off so familiar to those residing in the Connecticut River Valley and it's time to have our first meeting of 1978. So get out your rowboats and paddle down to our headquarters at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, March 30th.

Mr. Howard F. Stiles from Fairfield, Connecticut will give a talk about the Shakers entitled "Valley of Love and Delight". Any speaker who would give a lecture on a group as puritanical as the Shakers such a risqué title has to have not only a good imagination, but a good sense of humor. It should be a very interesting program!

Our House and Grounds Chairman, Mrs. Blake, advises we own three items made by the early Shakers and these will be on display along with other new exhibits. Our costume museum will have mannequins dressed in period gowns and our Curator, Mrs. Hillemeier, is going to arrange a display in our Library of pictures and magazines showing styles of dress in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Our President, Robert Silliman, has been asked to serve as one of three judges for the Connecticut League of Historical Societies' annual history awards contest. Our Corresponding Secretary, Joan Simmons, served as a judge last year and enjoyed it very much. She had to disqualify herself when the late Lloyd Fowles HISTORY OF WINDSOR was voted on (favorably), but Bob will not have that problem as Windsor does not have an entry this year. Bob has also been busy giving lectures on Windsor history at our Public Library - he is becoming quite a Windsor historian!

In the late 1700's two men were nicknamed "Two Buckets". Who were they and why did they receive this nickname? If you get tired of thumbing through the pages of Stiles, come to the March 30th meeting and we'll tell you the answer.

Here's an easier one: The Founders Monument on Palisado Green was dedicated in 1930 to the founders of Windsor and to the founders of the First Congregational Church in Windsor. Who designed this monument? Did this person design any other major items in Windsor? Refer to Howard's "A New History of Old Windsor".

Why are we into questions and answers? Well, because one of our members is developing a series of history questions for the Recreation Department's History Trivia Contest. There will be a contest for the finalists on Shad Derby Day.

Remember:

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