

THE WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT, INC.

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Thursday, March 27th, at 8:00 p.m. is the date for our first meeting of this decade. The program will consist of a talk and slide show under the title "The Farmington Canal Past and Present".

The speakers will be: Ruth Hummel who is President of the Plainville Historical Society. She has written "The Story of the Farmington Canal in Plainville, Connecticut."

Melvin Schneidermeyer is now connected with United Technologies. He has traveled the length of the Farmington Canal and photographed those portions of the canal that remain.

Dorothy Blake and her committee have arranged several new exhibits in the Wilson Museum for the coming season. Of particular interest will be a display of china loaned by Mrs. Henry J. English.

Jane Finley, chairman of the membership committee, would like to know if you have a friend who might be interested in becoming a member of the Windsor Historical Society. If so, please call Mrs. Hillemeier at 688-3813. She will be happy to mail an application blank and descriptive literature to anyone you may suggest.

We have seen a revival of interest in genealogical research the last three years. The Society library has much detailed information about past Windsor residents, houses and businesses. Some of this memorabilia dated back to the 1600's. If genealogical and historical research are your hobbies, make an appointment after April first to use our library. Our library staff will help you find specific information.

Wanted: For a study of early 19th Century gardens, information on the life or social circle of Fanny Loomis Bissell (1798-1862), a Windsor painter of flowers, daughter of William Loomis and Chloe Moore, sister of Sarah (Sally) Moore Loomis, and wife of Fitch Bissell, farmer, all active in the early days of Grace Church; also information about paintings and sketches which may have been done locally during that period. Please contact Barbara Beebe (688-4787) or Nancy Brewer (688-6559).

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