

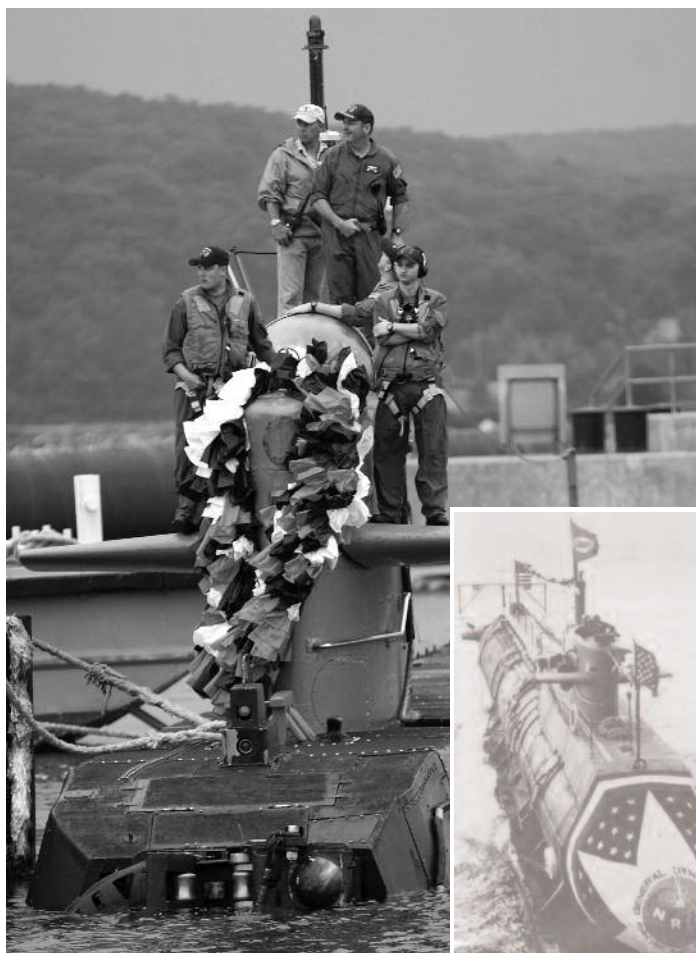


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## The Research Submarine NR-1 and the *Bonhomme Richard*



The NR-1 arriving in Groton on 23 July 2009 from her last authorized mission, to find the remains of the *Bonhomme Richard*.

*Inset: The NR-1 starts her slide down the launching ways at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, January 25, 1969. She was placed into service in October of the same year.*  
from [www.navsourc.org](http://www.navsourc.org)

The 145' Submarine NR-1 is a Connecticut 'native' - built at Electric Boat and serving for nearly four decades as the Navy's only nuclear-powered deep submergence research craft. Over the years, the NR-1's missions have included search & recovery, geological survey, oceanographic research and underwater equipment installation and maintenance. In 1986, the NR-1 was called into action to assist in the recovery of elements of the Space Shuttle *Challenger*. Her last authorized mission was in search of the remains of John Paul Jones' frigate, the *Bonhomme Richard*, which overtook the British *Serapis* in 1779 despite sustaining heavy damages which caused her to sink off the English coast about 36 hours later.

At the membership meeting on January 27th, Commander John McGrath will deliver a short presentation describing the NR-1's final mission & life aboard a truly unique naval vessel. As Captain of the historic ship from 2007 through 2009, he took the ship on her final overseas deployment, including the search for the *Bonhomme Richard*.

Commander McGrath graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, serving aboard the USS *Baltimore* and at the Office of Naval Intelligence, and deploying on the NR-1, USS *Charlotte*, and as an Executive Officer on the USS *Bremerton*. He reported to the Pentagon prior to becoming the final Officer in Charge of the NR-1. CDR McGrath's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Navy Commendation and Achievement Medals - with four and three gold stars respectively. He currently resides in Gales Ferry with his wife and two young children.

## APPRAISAL DAY - Saturday, March 20th

Be sure this is on your calendars! Laura Kezer has agreed to join the Appraisal Day committee and we could use some additional help besides. We welcome all your suggestions of appraisers to join Tim Bell in offering their services.

If you have an appraiser or favorite category suggestion, (ex. paintings, coins and/or stamps, wall hangings & textiles, china & silver) please call Joyce at (860) 536-6339.





# from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Jim Kimenker

What is it about discovery that enralls us so? Our January Member's Meeting will welcome John McGrath, Commander of the Navy NR-1 Nuclear Research Submarine, whose final mission was to aid in the search for the wreck of John Paul Jones' "Bon Homme Richard" (he won't say in advance whether they found it!). Obviously, finding such an iconic piece of history is significant, both in terms of the drama and the hidden history to be learned (I'm sure everybody remembers how riveting it was to see reports and film of the discovery of the Titanic).

On a more personal scale, I was riveted by our own home renovation 5 years ago—our house was originally constructed in the 1840s, but over time was subject to numerous construction projects, including a major one in the 1870s following a fire that burned off the 2nd floor and attic. Our architects, Bill Bertsche and Bob Mercer, were fun to follow around the gutted house, in effect conducting an architectural archeology tour. I was particularly amused at finding behind a wall a perfectly preserved insurance advertisement from the time of the fire (did it indicate the owner at the time planned well or had learned a lesson?).

And, for all those who follow current events, I'm sure at least some of you have been riveted by the discovery of the precise location of Venture Smith's farm in Stonington. It's fascinating to consider walking the same ground, given his story—enslaved as a child, eventually brought to this area where he purchased his freedom and that of his family, and died a well-off and well-regarded citizen of Haddam. As someone who enjoys crawling around things of past significance, I couldn't help but be intrigued with the research done by those following Smith's life, including some outside-the-box thinking they had to employ to correctly interpret old property descriptions. For instance, how many of you would have remembered to adjust the survey calls to compensate for the change in magnetic north over the last 200 years? Very cool.

For those who are not "riveted" by the exploits of others and, of course, for those who are, we can all conduct personal discovery into our own family pasts. It's actually a lot simpler today than you might think. For instance, Ancestry.com is an absolutely amazing place on the web. To use it fully requires a paid membership, but its resources are truly remarkable, including providing direct, searchable access to historical census data for example. Really—I challenge anybody to look at 100 or more year-old census forms and see the names, ages, and addresses of family ancestors for the first time—talk about a "sit up straight" moment. *It's all out there waiting to be discovered.*



## Membership Updates

*Cindy Allyn, Membership Chair*

During this period we have had 5 renewals. They are: **Family** - M/M Sam Lamb, M/M Wilbur Taylor, M/M David Porter, • **Individual** - Joy Jastremski • **Benefactor** - M/M Thomas Law.

We have 4 new members: **Family** - Aimée Allaire, Tom Santos • **Individual** - Amelia Onorato • **Contributing** - Anne Schmidt.

We regret the passing of Lee Burbank, Doris Ottaviano and James Maxson and send our sympathy to their families.

We are also sorry to note the loss of Jim Lathrop, past Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees. Jim and Sara joined MRHS in 1985 when they moved back to Mystic from West Virginia. Jim was an active and faithful Treasurer from 1998 until 2004. We will miss him.

### Mystic River Historical Society Mission Statement

*The Society exists to collect, arrange, exhibit and preserve records, papers, photographs, artifacts, relics and related archival materials that document the history of the people who lived in the area around the Mystic River from the first settlement in 1654 to the present.*

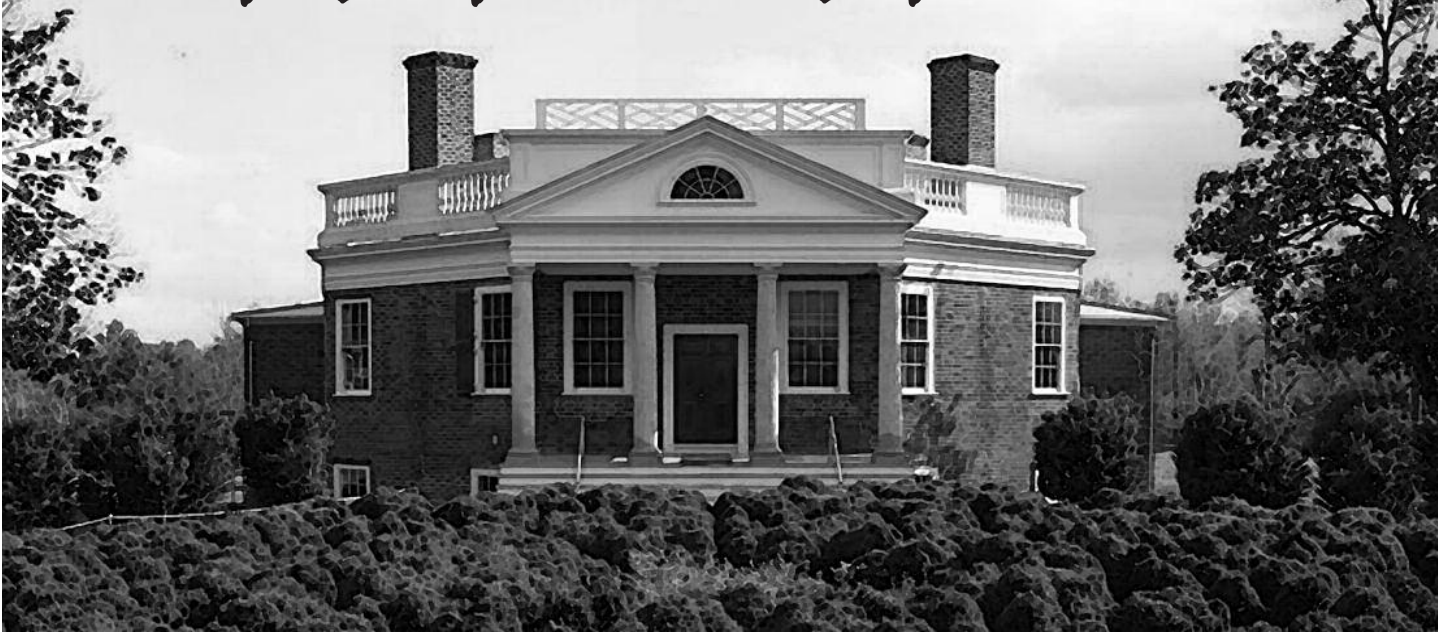
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# MRHS Spring Trip to Gettysburg April 18 - 22, 2010 - Joyce Everett



*Considered Thomas Jefferson's most architecturally mature masterpiece, Poplar Forest had been altered & fallen into disrepair by the 1980s, with much of its original 4800+ acreage lost, and still more slated for subdivisions. Today, Jefferson's retirement retreat is being restored and is re-emerging to the public as a museum centerpiece blending architecture and landscape.*

Plan to join us on our 4-night, 5-day trip to Gettysburg's new museum, Jefferson's Poplar Forest, Madison's Montpelier, other sites in Virginia, and a return to Longwood Gardens at its very best in the spring. We expect to spend one night in Gettysburg, two in Staunton, and our final night just north of Baltimore. The price for each person sharing a room, including all transportation, accommodations, all breakfasts and lunches, at least two dinners, all admissions, snacks and extras, and medical cancellation insurance, is \$850.00. A \$200.00 deposit will be due by February 22, final payment in mid-March. We must have 25 to go and we hope you will be with us. Call Joyce Everett if you have questions about the itinerary. Most sites are handicap accessible and we will do our very best to get you where you want to go!

## Conservation ConneCTion and Contributions ~ Dorrie Hanna & Helen Keith

### Conservation ConneCTion



From the Downes Building, we're pleased to report that MRHS has been selected to participate in Conservation ConneCTion through the Connecticut State Library. This is a collections care and conservation collaborative representing and open to all collection holding institutions, but not limited to museums, libraries, archives, and historical societies.

The goals of Conservation ConneCTion are to identify collection care needs and to develop a statewide plan to meet them. One of their goals is to establish a mentoring program to enable librarians, curators, and archivists to learn from veteran conservators and other conservation experts. To that end, we will be making arrangements for a visit from an "expert" after the first of the year. I hope to learn how to maximize the use of our space while better caring for our collections. We'll keep you updated.

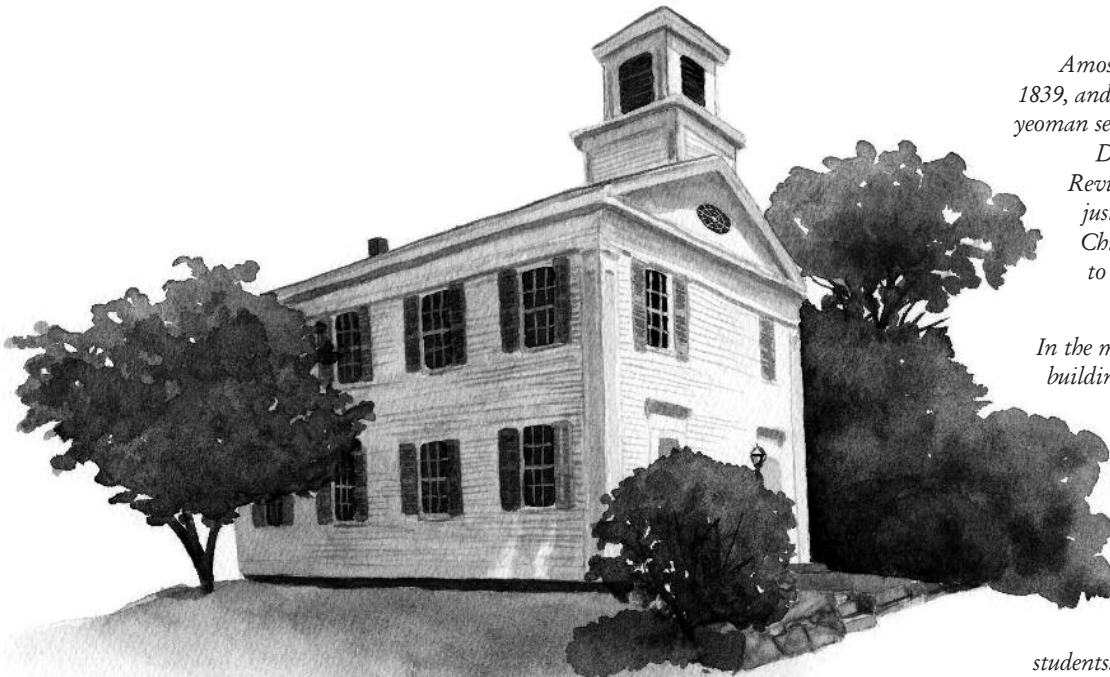
*In the meantime....*

*Is clearing out those boxes of papers and photographs in your attic or closets one of your New Year's Resolutions? If so, please remember the Mystic River Historical Society. Our purpose and mission are: "to collect, index, catalogue, exhibit and preserve records, papers, photographs, artifacts, relics and related materials that document the history of the people who lived in the Mystic area from the first settlement in 1654 to the present. MRHS seeks to facilitate research and promote awareness of the history of the Mystic area, its people and its institutions."*

So, if you find any books, letters, diaries, ads, or identified photos that pertain to the Mystic River area that you no longer wish to keep, please consider bringing them to the Downes Building, our climate controlled, state approved repository, at 74 High Street, just south of Rte 1. We are open 9 - 12 on Tuesdays and 1 - 4 on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Or call 860-536-4779 to arrange a different day or time or to have us pick up your treasures.

# Ashley Halsey Watercolors Featured in Developing Historic Mystic Book

The Mystic River Historical Society has commissioned Ashley Halsey to create a series of watercolor portraits of Mystic landmarks for a coffee-style book. Ms. Halsey is a Stonington, CT native and graduate of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Her connection to that community can be seen in her illustrations for the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation book entitled "Race Course Reflections" - the inspiration for the Mystic book. Although the black and white interpretation of the watercolors hardly does them justice, two "sneak-peek" images of Ms. Halsey's work are shown below. The as-yet unnamed Mystic book will be available for sale later in the year with proceeds benefitting the Historical Society.



## Portersville Academy

*Amos Clift built Portersville Academy in 1839, and for nearly 50 years the building did yeoman service as Groton, Connecticut's Fifth District School. The two-story, Greek Revival structure, was originally located just north of present day Union Baptist Church. The town of Groton moved it to its present location in 1887 where it became the First District Hall.*

*In the mid 1950s the town stopped using the building and it fell into disrepair. In 1976 the Mystic River Historical Society bought and restored the school-house, and in 1991 furnished the second floor classroom with reproduction period desks built by members of the Society.*

*Today Portersville Academy once again opens its doors to students. Local schools are invited each year for our fun educational programs, specially designed to enrich children's historical understanding of our area.*

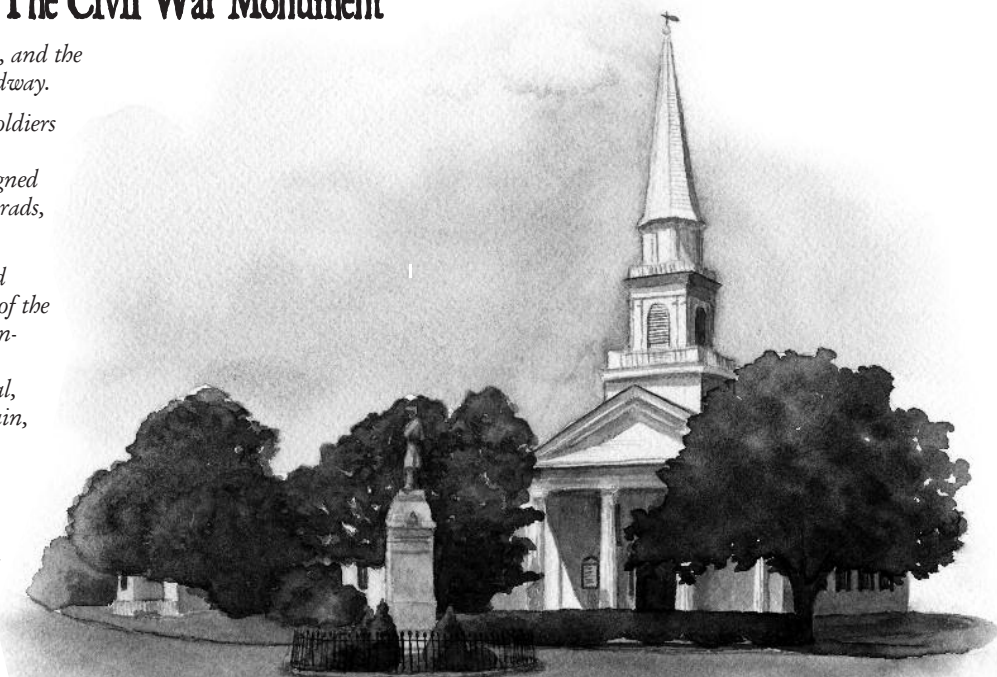
*from [www.mystichistory.org](http://www.mystichistory.org)*

## Mystic Congregational Church & The Civil War Monument

*The Congregational Church was organized in 1852, and the building sits at the junction of East Main and Broadway.*

*The Civil War Monument, honoring community soldiers was a benefaction of Mystic native Charles Henry Mallory of the Mallory Steamship Line. It was designed by James G. Batterson and sculpted by Charles Conrads, attr. at a cost of \$5000.*

*The monument was dedicated on June 13, 1883 and was a major regional event, despite the modest size of the monument and community. Reporters were in attendance from the New London Day and New Haven Register to the New York Times, Providence Journal, and Boston Globe. The crowd, which arrived by train, wagon, and steamer, was variously estimated at between 5,000 and 12,000. The day was ill-fated. Events got off to a slow start due to a late train. Then, the grandstand collapsed under the weight of the attendants, although no one was hurt. Most dramatically, the firing of the salute (blanks) by the battery of cannon was badly timed to an extreme - "mowing down" the first three ranks of marchers. "Marchers faces were thoroughly honey-combed with burning powder, clothes were scorched, one leg severely bruised." "Incredible fiasco" and "disastrous" were words used by the press to describe the day (New London Day, June 13, 1956). *from [www.chs.org](http://www.chs.org)**





# The Continuing Research Saga of Belva Lockwood & The Mother Hubbard Parades

Savvy reader, Neil Spillane noted that there is a ship's figurehead of Belva Lockwood at the Seaport - seek it out on your next visit!  
And, as promised, an original program printed by Anderson and Fairbrother Printers in Stonington was unearthed from the archives.  
It includes the full text from the "poem delivered at the organization of the Belva Lockwood Guards, Mystic River, CT., Monday Evening, Oct. 27, 1884 by Marabus Oglethorpe, 'The Sweet Singer of Lyme'", which reads as follows:

The country is wide and the country is fair  
And there's many a candidate to run,  
And someone coming from Heaven knows where,  
And what is it all when all is done?  
Only some office to win or lose.  
Only some longing for other folks' shoes.

The Greenback\* drops his net in the stream,  
And a hundred nets are the same as one.  
St. John and Daniel dream their dream,  
And what is it all, when all is done?  
Scattering votes that are thrown to the wind,  
Leaving no track or trace behind.

Republicans rave and Democrats swear,  
And each in his turn has fired a gun,  
And the small boys still a torch will bear,  
And what is it all, when all is done?  
Only the hearing of lots of trash,  
Only the spending of lots of cash.

But we who are gathered here to night,  
Have a newer purpose under the sun.  
The stars on our banner are wondrous bright,  
And there lies before us worlds of fun,  
For we, to our manly instincts true,  
Will see our feminine candidate through.

For her glorious cause and the nation's sake,  
We'll tramp in the mud, or we'll roast in the sun,  
We will carry a torch at the funeral wake,  
Of all the parties except this one,  
We'll bury our feuds and become one clan,  
And vote our ticket straight through to a man.

The aged chemists shall pause awhile  
From his arduous task so well begun,  
And over his counter blandly smile,  
As he thinks the very best thing to be done,  
To have the fruit of his daily (toils)  
And give Dr. Puck\* his share of the spoils.

For equal rights on this mundane sphere,  
And no monopolies is our cry,  
We'll give them all a chance to cheer,  
And none shall have a cause to sigh,  
For good friend Brady will have a care,  
And Long John, too, shall have his share.

The Hooks and Steamers\* shall cease to fight,  
Henceforth together their supper eat,  
Acknowledge one lender, a Jacksonite,  
And peacefully under one canopy meet,  
No more throwing of ugly rocks,  
When they cast one vote in the ballot box.

And all shall eat and all shall live,  
And all by Uncle Sam be fed  
A postmastership to "Roll" we'll give,  
And Brewer the custom house shall wed,  
To guard our river while others sleep,  
Jim Mitchell shall a lighthouse keep.

The nation's surplus we'll dispense,  
With lavish hands among our friends,  
Around this town we'll build a fence,  
And use the rest as serves our ends;  
Free speech demands a place to spout,  
We'll build a hall without a doubt.

And there a platform we will raise,  
Where Uncle Tom can have full away.  
And Bugbee shall be there to praise,  
And Dr. Wolf to have his say;  
If Stephen D. be in the crowd,  
No "horseshoe" talk shall be allowed.

No political riots as in the past  
Shall mar the peace of our quiet town,  
Of drug-store quarrels we've heard the last,  
On such our voters surely frown,  
But lest a foreign foe invade,  
Bucklyn\* a General shall be made.

And Luther's face a smile shall wear,  
That in past days was never known,  
Ben Morgan he shall cease to swear,  
His voice shall have a sweeter tone,  
And (Boo Poop) sheet we will enlarge  
Don't fear, there'll be no extra charge.

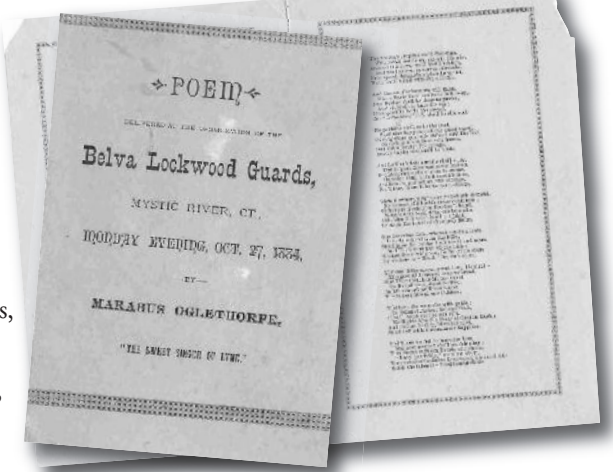
When a woman's rights our strength demand,  
No woman shall with cause complain;  
We have it fresh from Beecher's\* hand,  
What's once been done can be again,  
And John K.'s voice is all too faint  
To cheer the heart of the shady Saint.

Our breeziest Gals, whose sounding horn  
Is daily echoed from the hills,  
Shall pass the Bridge both night and morn,  
And Uncle Sam pay all the bills;  
George Burrows' growl be heard no more  
By visitors at "Rand" Brown's store.

And one thing more - speak low, 'tis meet -  
The ground is sacred here we tread,  
Our Eben Couch\* is far too sweet  
To live alone and not be wed;  
As his reward we'll not forget  
The fairest face in our Cabinet.

Another offer we make with pride;  
To Colonel Packer, he is so rank,  
If he'll come over to our side  
We'll give him the Ferry at Groton Bank;  
And Julius Dudley, bless his eyes,  
Shall sail with Government Supplies.

And those we fail to mention here  
May rest assured shall see fair play  
This motto still our hearts will cheer,  
"Duty or Pride," we must obey,  
Three cheers for Belva Lockwood, wise and fair  
When she takes the Presidential Chair.



Above left: A photo of the Belva Lockwood figurehead.  
Above right: Scanned image of the Poem program.

**\*Possible Reference Information - limited research scope, please forgive educated guesses.**  
~ Ed. We will look forward to welcoming more information about all the "players" as it comes our way...!

**Greenbacker** - Historically (1874-88), a supporter of an alliance of agrarian and industrial organizations known as the Greenback Labor Party, which campaigned for currency inflation by increasing the paper dollars ('greenbacks') in circulation.

**Dr. Puck** - Shakespearean reference and also possibly a nod to Joseph Keppler's illustrated humor magazine "Puck" which was known for satire and political cartoons, esp. poking fun of the suffrage movement.

**Hooks and Steamers** - Firefighting equipment including the hook and ladder truck and the 'steamer', a horse-drawn fire engine.



An 1880s Amoskeag Steamer



**Bucklyn** - Possibly Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient from Rhode Island, John Knight Bucklyn (1834 - 1906) who is buried at the Lower Mystic Cemetery.

**Beecher** - A progressive & educated group, the Beecher family included father Rev. Lyman; sisters author Harriet Beecher Stowe, womens' school-founder Catherine Beecher and womens' rights advocate Isabella Beecher Hooker; brother Gen'l James Beecher, who commanded the first African-American troops in the Union Army, and brother Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, a suffrage movement leader, to whom this line likely refers.

**Eben P. Couch** - Listed in *Biography of Connecticut* as a colleague of North Stonington first selectman, Charles H. Main in the 1880s.

# MRHS October Meeting Minutes

- Cathy Marco

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 19, 2009. Present were: David Evans, Joyce Everett, Bill Everett, Tim Evers, Lois Glazier, Alan Greener, Dorrie Hanna, Kay Janney, Jim Kimenker, Cathy Marco, Betty O'Donnell, John Porter, Jane Preston, and Kit Werner.

**President's Report** (*Jim Kimenker*): The next general membership meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th. Jim passed around invitations MRHS has received for anyone who might be interested to attend. He also asked and received historical information about how mail solicitations for donations are handled.

**Treasurers Report** (*Bill Everett*): The recent Long Island Trip appears to have been profitable. Tim was given a deposit check to Ashley Jones to commence the historical sites project.

Bill asked if any new credit cards were needed for the new committee chairs. For example, Building and Grounds has required a credit card in the past and Alan Greener is the new chairman. John Porter, former chairman for Building and Grounds and current Vice President and holder of a MRHS credit card, is currently a committee member for Building and Grounds. John has agreed to act as new purchasing agent for the Building and Grounds Committee. Therefore, no new credit cards will be needed at this time.

**Corresponding Secretary** (*Kay Janney*): Since the last meeting, there was one thank you note sent for a memorial donation in honor of Ted Tylaska. Joyce Everett will be emailing Kay names of those who helped with the Long Island Trip who should be thanked.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

**Buildings & Grounds** (*Alan Greener*): Lou, Barry and Alan ignored the cancellation notice for the Cleanup at MRHS last Saturday morning - trimming trees, and clearing all major junk trees & weeds. The major surgery is now complete, and Alan will postpone "fine weeding" and final clean up until the spring of 2010. They have requested that Kay Janney save her time and postage by foregoing the usual thank you notes.

**Painters' Bids**: Alan has received first one round bid to date from Rainbow Painting Co and expects the remaining two bids within the next ten days. He anticipates that he will need to request final bids from these three companies based on an edited list of requirements. The painting includes redoing paint on the plaster ceiling, all exterior windows (glazing and painting), the outside stairway, doors and thresholds, gently washing off mildew on the building, etc.

**Curatorial** (*Jane Preston*): The committee has not met since September 16th. With Jane's upcoming departure, all future meetings will be chaired by the committee members until a new chairperson is appointed.

**Collection Manager Report** (*Dorrie Hanna*): We have a new volunteer for alternate Tuesday mornings, Marcia Robinson. Work continues on re-boxing material and answering research queries. Jane Preston continues work on the Haley Collection. No action has been taken on appraising the oil paintings after concerns raised at the September meeting, but hopefully soon. The temperature alarm went off on Sept. 24 but Helen was able to resolve the matter.

**Education** (*No chairman, Tim Evers reporting*): Volunteers are needed for the Orientation Day at PVA. We are in need of volunteers to help us with the upcoming spring events. We already have 200 students involved with a LEARN "buddies" project <http://www.learn.k12.ct.us/>, coming in May. Two classes (approx. 40 students) will come on each of the following mornings (9:30 - 11:30) May 5, 6, 7, 10 & 11. We also want to continue to have our programs available for our local schools. We need volunteers!!!

**Finance** (*David Evans*): Earlier in the week, Dave emailed all board members the Finance Committee's draft of the 2010 budget. The draft contained full year results for 2007 and '08, results for 2009 to 9/30, the '09 budget and 2010 proposed budget.

The Finance Committee has tried to be conservative in our revenue projections and realistic in our expense forecast, thus the projected deficit. Historically the House Tour has been viewed as our primary fund raiser and was anticipated to provide a multiyear supplement to our operating income.

The Board discussed the budget as presented. It was suggested that any Board member should feel free to solicit advertisers for the newsletter to help create additional income. Monies for building projects (i.e. painting) will be addressed by using funds in accounts previously established for those purposes (i.e. Preservation Funds) and are not in the budget as presented. The Ashley Halsey Project will be using the 25th Anniversary Funds and not included in this budget. All monies will be reimbursed as a result of the proceeds from the sales of the historical sites book. A motion made to accept the 2010 Budget unanimously passed.

**IT Committee** (*Stephanie Thorp*): Barry performed the monthly system update and file backup tasks during the summer, on October 9. The two desktop systems were verified to be in good operating condition & functioning properly. Updates included Windows XP, Microsoft Office and McAfee Internet Security and verification of Past Perfect. He performed a virus scan of all hard drives and a past Perfect External Backup. He updated Windows Explorer to Version 8, and installed Silverlight as recommended by

Microsoft. He could not update or backup the laptop because it was being used off-site. Detailed reports are available on request.

In response to the Executive Board's questions about the need for implementing bar code capability on newsletter (and other) address labels; Barry met with the Mystic Post Office bulk mailing clerk. The clerk believes we wouldn't save enough money to offset the cost of implementing certified bar codes. As a result, Barry has withdrawn his request to purchase bar code software. If it becomes necessary in the future, the Executive Board can revisit the issue.

The IT Committee respectfully reminds the Executive Board that Barry does the mailing of the newsletters as a courtesy, as no one else has offered to take on the task, not part of the IT Committee responsibilities, but more properly part of the Newsletter Committee.

Stephanie updated the website to include the October newsletter and the most current information about upcoming programs. Since the Executive Board concurred with Sally's request to add a Facebook link to the home page, Stephanie implemented this function as well.

**Marketing (Sally Halsey):** Two press releases were written and sent, one regarding the Volunteer Open House on Thursday, Oct. 22, and one about the upcoming lecture by Tom Santos on Wednesday, Oct. 28. These events were also added to the various electronic calendars.

**Membership (Cynthia Allyn):** We have had 8 renewals as a result of our follow up letter and 2 new members.

**Newsletter (Jennifer Pryor):** The newsletter copy deadline is October 23 for the November newsletter.

A question was raised as to the rationale of publishing the Board meeting minutes in the newsletter. A number of members agreed that this was probably the content area most ignored and possibly an area of cost savings. There was some discussion about publishing edited Board minutes; however, either requiring committee chairmen to submit shorter versions or having the secretary edit them for this purpose was not endorsed. The Board believes possibly having the minutes on the website could suffice. The Secretary maintains the minutes of all Board meeting minutes in a notebook. Consensus was reached to not publish the Board meeting minutes, at least for this one issue (November), and to see if we receive any comments at all on the omission.

**Nominating (Tim Evers):** Nothing to report.

**Outreach:** Nothing to report.

**Program (Bettye Noyes):** We had an interesting September membership meeting. Dr. Natalie Naylor gave a comprehensive and entertaining talk & slide presentation on "History of Long Island, Heritage & Ties to New England." Upcoming Membership Meetings: We're looking forward to local author Tom Santos speak about his

new book, "Mystic in the 1950's" at our October meeting and are pleased to announce the speaker for the November meeting. Deborah Donovan, President of the New London County Historical Society, will present a program based on her extensive research - "Bound for Desolation: Sealing & Whaling out of New London." Our next Program Committee meeting is November 10 in the Downes Building. If anyone has any ideas, or questions, please contact the committee. Creative thoughts come from everywhere.

**Special Events (Joyce Everett):** The MRHS group trip to Long Island returned with all members safe and sound. We had a good trip in spite of the weather and enjoyed all the planned sites and excellent food. It appears to have been a success financially as well, although there are still some bills to come in. Included and required medical cancellation insurance will prove very helpful because of last-minute cancellations in excess of the waitlist. There were seven who enjoyed the trip to Manse this month.

We are planning a trip April 18-22 to the new Gettysburg museum, Poplar Forest, Lincoln's summer home, etc.

**House Tours (Sally Halsey and Joyce Everett):** Nothing

**Walking Tour (David Evans):** Nothing

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Ashley Halsey Project (Tim Evers):** Tim is drawing up a contract for Ashley and has deposit check in hand to give to her to start the project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Mapping Main Street** - To be discussed at next meeting, however, look at [www.mappingmainstreet.org](http://www.mappingmainstreet.org) to see this new creative collaborative documentary online project. As stated on the web site "The goal is to document all of the more than 10,000 streets named Main in the United States."

*The next scheduled Board meeting is November 16 and the membership meeting is on November 18th.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Marco, Recording Secretary

*Note: The preceding minutes for October's meeting were approved at the November Board meeting, and then edited slightly for space. As there is no December meeting, the November Board meeting minutes will be approved at the January Board meeting, and published thereafter.*

# CALENDAR Notables

## Membership Meeting

Wed., January 27, 2010 7:30p

*Cmdr. John McGrath will speak about  
"The Search for Bon Homme Richard"*

## Membership Meeting

Wed., February 24, 7:30p

## Appraisal Day

Sat., March 20

## Membership Meeting

Wed., March 24, 7:30p

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