New London Students Explore Activism

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Dear Friends,

Our 2017 programs are meeting with strong success with audiences both young and old. Our season began with events that have drawn crowds and inspired learning about the American past. Our Lilac Girls event sold out in June—and due to popular demand, we have added a special encore event with author Martha Hall Kelly on July 15th. Visit our new website, ctlandmarks.org, to purchase tickets and be sure you don’t miss out! More than 450 people attended the May Fairy Festival at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden. We added an extra seating to our Mother’s Day tea in Suffield to accommodate demand for this special day.

New in 2017 are special Member Events. In April, many members enjoyed the work we have done at the Isham-Terry House in Hartford. The next Member Event this season is on July 8th when Quincy Abbot will discuss the Hale family portraits that he encouraged his cousins to donate for permanent display at the Hale Homestead. Members will also enjoy a potluck harvest dinner at the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden on September 10th and be enchanted during a twilight lantern tour of the house. I want to thank our newest members: Clarissa Ceglio, Janet Dunne, Karen A. Kelleher, Conrad Ost Seifert, and Stephanie Rogers. To become a member, visit ctlandmarks.org, call 860.247.8996 x 23, or stop by one of our Landmark properties.

Drop by the Hale Homestead any Sunday through October for the wildly popular Coventry Farmers’ Market and check out the newly restored barns, which are ready to stand for decades to come. Museum interpreters will guide you through the first floor of the Homestead and engage families with new activities each month.

In Hartford, students are adding their voice to help us make historic house museums relevant for the 21st century during the 15th year of our Youth Employment Program. Several of our properties are hosting young scholars in grades K-8 from Jumoke Academy’s summer program. In May and June, fifth and sixth graders from Jumoke came to the Butler-McCook House as the final event for their spring social studies curriculum.

Don’t miss our autumn fundraisers! Celebrate fall and the completion of the Hale Barns Project with Evening at the Homestead on Saturday, September 16th. Enjoy farm-to-table offerings by Cafémanic and lively music by the Chris Marolda Duo in our gorgeous, newly restored barns and patio space. Then on Saturday, September 23rd, join us for Classic Cars & Cocktails and get a sneak peek of the Palmer-Warner House in East Haddam before it is open to the public as CT’s first LGBTQ historic house museum.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer at the properties!

Sheryl Hack, Executive Director
Lilac Girls Event!

Our June event with New York Times bestselling author Martha Hall Kelly sold out with more than 300 people in attendance to meet Martha at social philanthropist Caroline Ferriday’s Connecticut home.

Martha Hall Kelly returns July 15th!

Martha will be back at the lovely Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden on Saturday, July 15th. Availability is limited - reserve your space today!

10 am - 12 pm, Morning Session ($35)
Lilac Girls tour, landscape walk, author visit & book signing

12 - 1 pm, Author Presentation ($25)
Book Talk with Martha Hall Kelly

Day Pass ($50)
Includes Lilac Girls tour, landscape walk, book signing & book talk

Patron Day Pass ($100)
Includes Day Pass, signed copy of Lilac Girls & tax-deductible contribution to the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden

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Nathan Hale Homestead
Bars Re-Opening

On June 11th, Connecticut Landmarks celebrated the completion of three phases of capital upgrades to the Homestead at the Hale Barns Restoration Project Ribbon Cutting. We have dramatically more space available for programs, exhibits, and facility rentals for special events and weddings.

Phase I of the project included Homestead restoration, re-interpretation, and new youth programs. Phase II included preservation and adaptive reuse of the Homestead’s ell to create a new Visitor Center & Museum Store. Phase III focused on preservation and renovation of the Hale barns to house multi-purpose program and event space.
Opposite page, upper left: Trustees and dignitaries celebrate cutting the ribbon at the barns, including (L to R): Trustee Jim Parry, former State Representative Joan Lewis, DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith, Trustee Jim Anderson, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, Executive Director Sheryl Hack, Chair Rick Copeland, Trustee Patrick Pinnell, SHPO Historian Todd Levine, Honorary Trustee & Stonington First Selectman Rob Simmons.

This page, lower right: Honorary Trustee Doug Anderson, Trustee Patrick Pinnell, Executive Director Sheryl Hack, long-time supporter & former Trustee Ted Sands.

Bottom right: Coventry Director of Planning & Development Eric Trott, Charlie Ahles & Jim Galey of Fuss & O’Neill Design Build, John Sposito of Sposito Custom Contracting, Mike Einsiedal of Yankee Restoration.

THANK YOU!

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Let's Go! 2017

Calendar of Events

Connecticut Landmarks’ historic museums are open for regular tours from May through October. Admission is $10 for adults; $8 for students, seniors, teachers & AAA members; $5 for town residents & children ages 6-18; free for children younger than 6 & CTL members. A special family price of $20 is available for families with two adults & any number of children. To register for programs, or for more information, please contact the museum directly or visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

Sun., Aug. 20, 1 – 4 pm
Herbal Wreathmaking & Lecture About Drying Flowers
Create a gorgeous herbal wreath. $25 per wreath including materials & admission to the house; $20 CTL members. Bring your own clippers. Limited space; register at 860.266.7596 or bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Sept. 16, 1 – 4 pm
Rain date: Sept. 17
Butterfly Tagging
Learn about the magnificent monarchs, their flight & migration patterns. Feed them in our huge butterfly tent. See how we tag them for research & to track their journey south. $5/ CTL members free.

Sat., Sept. 23, 1 – 4 pm
Rain date: Sept. 24
Dog Show
Celebrate dogs with canine-related contests, demonstrations, kids’ activities & visits from pet-friendly organizations. Food available for purchase. $15 registration for 1 adult & 1 dog; $8/ adult; 12 & under free.

Sun., July 16, 1 – 4 pm
Exploring the Ferriday Gardens
Take a walking tour of the Ferriday Gardens with our Horticulturist. Get gardening advice & learn about historic varieties of annuals & perennials. Rain or shine. $10/ free for CTL members.

Sun., Aug. 6, 2 – 4 pm
Herbs in the Garden Walking Tour
Tour the Ferriday Gardens & get expert gardening advice. Rain or shine. $10/ free for CTL members.

Thur., July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Cultural Cocktail Hour
Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month through Dec. for art exhibitions by local artists! Free with a suggested $5 food & beverage donation.

Sat., July 15, 10 am – 1 pm
Lilac Girls Event with Martha Kelly
Join New York Times bestselling author Martha Hall Kelly at the lovely CT home of Caroline Ferriday. Lilac Girls is based on the true story of Ravensbruck concentration camp survivors whom Caroline championed. Registration required at 860.247.8996 x 23 or www.ctlandmarks.org.

Sun., Sept. 17, 2 pm
Heritage Flower Walk
Learn about the medicinal & culinary uses of flowers in our meadow. $10/ free for CTL members.

Sat., Oct. 8, 2 – 3:30 pm
Walk one of New England’s earliest African American cemeteries with our Historian. $8/ free for CTL members.

Sat., Oct. 21, 4 – 7 pm
Halloween Haunted History Tours
Join us for a spine-tingling tour of the Webb-Hale Historic District. Meet ghosts of the past and hear tales of hauntings, shocking crimes, and more! $15 cash per person; $10 for children ages 5-15/ free for children younger than 5. Reservations highly recommended.

Butler-McCook House & Garden
396 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860.522.1806
butler.mccook@ctlandmarks.org

Open for tours: May through Dec.
May – Sept.: Thur. – Sun., 12 – 4 pm
Oct. – Dec.: Sat. & Sun., 12 – 4 pm

Buttolph-Williams House
249 Broad Street
Wethersfield, CT 06109
860.529.0612
info@webb-deane-stevens.org

Open for tours: May through Oct.
Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri. & Sat., 10 am – 4 pm;
Sun., 1 – 4 pm; last tour begins at 3:30 pm
Purchase tickets at the Webb House.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21 & 22, 10 am – 4 pm
Witches & Tombstones Tours
Let’s get ready to party for CTL members.

Herbs in the Garden Walking Tour
Sun., Aug. 6, 2 – 4 pm
Join us for a walking tour of the Ferriday Gardens with our Horticulturist. Get gardening advice. Rain or shine. $10/ $8 CTL members.

www.ctlandmarks.org

Registration is required at 860.247.8996 x 23 or bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.

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Lilac Girls
Martha Hall Kelly at the lovely CT home
New York Times bestselling author

Becoming a CTL Member: Your ticket to Travel Through Four Centuries of Connecticut History.

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Hempsted Houses
11 Hempstead Street
New London, CT 06320
860.443.7949
hempsted@ctlandmarks.org

Open for tours: May through Oct. May – Oct.: Sat. & Sun., 1 – 4 pm

Sat., July 22, 2 – 4 pm
Abolitionist Tea
Join the Hempsted Houses for an outdoor tea & learn about how the abolitionist Hempstead sisters found comfort & inspiration from other women at a time when their ideas were unpopular. Martha Hempstead wrote antislavery poems & supported herself by selling sea moss works. Mary Hempstead wrote powerful abolitionist letters & illustrated children’s books. $30/ $24 CTL members. Reservations required at 860.443.7949 or hempsted@ctlandmarks.org.

Mon. – Fri., July 31 – Aug. 4, 9 am – 1 pm
Hempsted History Camp
Explore history in our hands-on Hempsted History Camp. Children will experience 18th-century life, bake bread, create a diary, try chores & games & much more. $150 per child with scholarships available for New London residents & returning youth. Sponsored by the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation. Register at 860.443.7949 or hempsted@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Aug. 12, 1 – 4 pm
Pirates & the Sea Day
Join us for pirate entertainment: listen to music of the sea & stories of old ships & long ago sailors, learn basic knots, make a toy boat & participate in a pirate scavenger hunt. Free, sponsored by the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation.

Fri., Aug. 18, 6 pm
Charter Oak Brewery Event
Love beer? P. Scott Vallely of Charter Oak Brewing will share his brewing knowledge. Soak in the interesting history, & pick his brain about the longtime tradition of home brewing. Space is limited. Registration required at hempsted@ctlandmarks.org or 860.443.7949. $25/ $20 CTL members.

Sun., Sept. 17, 2 pm
The Hempsted Family & Slavery
The Joshua Hempsted House tells powerful stories of slavery, resistance, freedom, & courage. Suggested $5 donation.

Sat., Sept. 30, 1 pm
Herbs for Home and Health
Explore the history of herbs in America & gain insight into some of their many uses. $10/ $8 CTL members.

Sat., Oct. 8, 2 – 3:30 pm
Walking Tour: Ye Antientest Burial Ground – The African American Connection
Walk one of New England’s earliest graveyards with a special focus on those of African descent. Meet at the burial ground at the top of Hempstead Street. $10/ $8 CTL members. Registration recommended at 860.443.7949 or hempsted@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Oct. 21, 4 – 7 pm
Hemsted Halloween
Hear the ghoulish stories of New London & talk with ghosts if you dare! Experience the city’s oldest house at twilight & make s’mores over an open fire. Free, sponsored by the Chester Kitchings Family Foundation.

Isham-Terry House
211 High Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860.247.8996
isham.terry@ctlandmarks.org

Group tours by appointment

Nathan Hale Homestead
2299 South Street
Coventry, CT 06238
860.742.6917
hale@ctlandmarks.org

Open for tours: May through Oct.
May: Sat. & Sun., 12 – 4 pm
June – Sept.: Wed. – Sat., 12 – 4 pm;
Sun., 11 am – 4 pm
Oct.: Sat., 12 – 4 pm; Sun., 11 am – 4 pm
Tours start on the hour.
Open Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day & Thanksgiving weekend (Fri. –Sun.)
The Hale Homestead grounds are open year round from dawn to dusk.
Sat., July 8, 11 am
Member Event: Quincy Abbot
Long-time member Quincy Abbot shares family stories about two 1840s paintings of Hale relatives & his family connection to the Homestead. Light refreshments. Registration requested at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., July 22, 11 am – 4 pm
Hale at the Homestead
See Revolutionary War soldiers’ daily life at our military encampment. Witness tactical demonstrations, craft demonstrations, children’s activities, & meals cooked by campfire. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Suggested donation of $5.

Sun., July 23, 12 pm
Musical Muster
Over a dozen Fife & Drum Corps from Southern New England will present a parade featuring fifes & wooden rope tension snare & bass drums. Hosted by the Nathan Hale Ancient Fife & Drum Corps. Free, donations welcome.

Mon. – Fri., July 24 – 28, 10 am – 3 pm
Colonial Camp
Travel to the 18th century for hands-on summer fun. Learn to spin wool, embroider, write with quill pens, dip candles, make ice cream & much more! For children ages 8-12; $200 per week/ $175 CTL members. Registration required at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Aug. 12, 7 pm
Tavern Night
Syllabub, shrub & switchel! During the 18th century, water was contaminated & dangerous, so what were people drinking? Learn about our toasting forefathers while enjoying samples of their favorite brews. Age 21 & up. $25/ $20 CTL members. Reservations required at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat., Sept. 16, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
Rain Date: Sept. 17
Evening at the Homestead
Enjoy a lovely fall evening & celebrate the renovation of the Nathan Hale Barns. All proceeds benefit educational programming at the Nathan Hale Homestead. Register at 860.247.8996 x 23 or www.ctlandmarks.org.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 20 & 21, 7 pm
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Things That Go Bump In the Night
Explore the Homestead by candlelight tour, room-by-room, all the way up to the dark & dreary attic. Hear the traditional Homestead ghost stories & the Hale staff’s spooky tales, as featured on the Syfy channel’s Ghost Hunters. $25/ $20 CTL members, includes refreshments. Reservations required at 860.742.6917 or hale@ctlandmarks.org.

Palmer-Warner House
307 Town Street
East Haddam, CT 06423
860.247.8996
palmer.warner@ctlandmarks.org
Open for special events only and group tours by appointment

Classic Cars & Cocktails
Sat., Sept. 23, 3 – 7 pm
Rain date: Sun., Sept. 24, 2 – 6 pm
Live music, classic cars, and throwback cocktails—what a combination! Get a sneak peek of the Palmer-Warner House before it is open to the public as CT’s first LGBT historic house museum. Tickets at www.ctlandmarks.org or 860.247.8996 x 23.

Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden
55 South Main Street
Suffield, CT 06078
860.668.0055
phelps.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org
Open for tours: May through Oct.
Sat. & Sun., 1 – 4 pm

Sun., Sept. 10, 10 am – 4 pm
Quilt Show, part of Suffield on the Green
Our 1867 barn comes alive with color during our 4th annual Textile Trunk Show featuring New London-based textile artist Allegra Brelsford! Items & works will be available for purchase throughout the weekend. Suggested donation to benefit Phelps-Hatheway educational programs.

Sun., Sept. 10, 1:30 – 3 pm
Uncovering the Past: Textiles from the House & Barn
Examine our exquisite collection of bed coverings & garments from the 18th & 19th centuries & learn about how they were produced & used. Then, contemplate Allegra Brelsford’s innovative quilts.

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Fri., Sept. 8, 6 pm
Harvest Festival (Picnic & Lantern Tours)
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CTL Member Spurs Donation of Hale Portraits

Hale descendent Quincy Abbot is his family’s historian, he explains as he pages through his grandfather’s genealogy book that itself is now nearly a century old. His interest started when he was a sickly child and his mother gave him old family letters to read. Quincy has three or four file cabinets of historic documents and correspondence that go back to the 1700s.

“I’m looking for good homes for this material,” Quincy explains. “The Homestead was certainly the right place” for two portraits painted in the 1840s of Rebekah Hale Abbot (Nathan’s niece) and her husband Ezra Abbot. Quincy requested that his cousins, who owned the portraits, to donate them to the Homestead after loaning them for several years.

In a letter to her granddaughter, Rebekah described a silhouette of Nathan on an upstairs door in the Homestead. Based on this letter, the silhouette was found in the early 1900s buried under layers of paint. It is the only known likeness of Nathan done in life.

The portraits hung in New Hampshire for many years, then found their way to a family attic on Cape Cod. “I first saw them 20 or 25 years ago when my cousins hauled them down from the attic,” he explains.

Quincy will give a Member Event talk at the Hale Homestead on July 8th at 11 am about his connection to the Hale family, how he facilitated the donation of the portraits, and other tales of family lore. He has written a book about his great uncle’s Civil War service: From Schoolboy to Soldier: The Correspondence and Journals of Edward Stanley Abbot: 1853-1863. Quincy is also a national advocate for those with developmental disabilities and a leader in the insurance industry.
Is Your Tween Bored? Try Colonial Camp!

Colonial Camp is offered at three CTL properties this summer for youngsters ages 7-12. Hands-on fun includes games and daily activities from yesteryear, storytelling, and much more. Contact the house to check availability.

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Mon. – Fri., July 24 – 28, 10 am – 3 pm. 860.742.6917

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