Celebrate summer in the lovely Butler-McCook Garden — located between the Butler-McCook House and the Amos Bull House — and support the historic garden! Connecticut Landmarks and The West Hartford Garden Club present the End-of-Summer Garden Party on Tuesday, September 17th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The event will honor the life and work of landscape designer, The Dirt Salon arts venue founder, and Hartford arts supporter Cynthia Dodd.

Enjoy late summer fare from Inspired Catering by Lisa Cole, signature cocktails featuring Hartford Flavor Company’s Wild Moon Liquors, wine, and beer from City Steam Brewery. Rock out with surf-rock trio The Aquatudes featuring Cynthia’s husband Tom Bittel on guitar, Dick Bascom on drums, and Mike Rocchetti on bass. Delight in house and garden tours, an auction, and the opportunity to support the purchase of Victorian plantings for the Butler-McCook Garden.

Guests will see the recently completed Butler-McCook Garden Entry and Greenhouse projects, as well as the beautiful garden which has been maintained by The West Hartford Garden Club for over 20 years.

Tickets are $75 per person or $125 per couple. Patron tickets are $150 per person, or $250 per couple and include an additional tax-deductible donation, and special recognition in the event program and on CTL’s website. Purchase tickets by Monday, September 9th at ctlgardenparty2019.eventbrite.com. For more information visit ctlandmarks.org or call 860.247.8996 x 23.

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"It’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the life of an amazing woman, while raising funds for a great cause.” ~Sheryl Hack, Executive Director of Connecticut Landmarks.
Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing at Connecticut Landmarks’ historic properties and we are looking forward to fall. We are delighted with how the season is progressing - thank you to everyone that has joined us at one of CTL’s historic properties. In June, we welcomed over 500 attendees to enjoy our annual Juneteenth Celebration with the NAACP - New London Branch, and our neighbor the Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), and nearly 300 attendees to celebrate the release of *Lost Roses* with Martha Hall Kelly at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden.

CTL’s Board of Trustees has continued to invest in our future by taking a fresh look at the current strategic plan. We’ve updated our mission and vision to reflect our organizational priorities for 2019 – 2021 to include our recent work with exhibition planning and with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience. We’ve also continued to invest in our properties with important preservation work completed at the Hempsted Houses and the Nathan Hale Homestead – see p. 5 for project photos.

We’ve continued to inspire today’s youth to appreciate history with successful week-long colonial camps in Suffield, New London and Coventry. Our Hartford Youth Employment Program (YEP) students presented their capstone projects – the culmination of their intensive history-focused program – at their Graduation Ceremony on August 14th. These programs are always a highlight on CTL’s summer calendar.

We still have a lot of upcoming programs that offer fun for the whole family! Bring a picnic dinner and your dancing shoes for the *Sunset Sounds Concert Series* in the Butler-McCook Garden, help Hale benefactor George Dudley Seymour save the Homestead through a series of hidden items and clues with *The Great Museum Caper Puzzle Room*, enjoy a unique garden-to-arrangement experience with *From Our Gardens* at the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, and learn about our pollinator friends that keep our gardens abloom with *Monarch Madness* at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden. And of course, join us for our next special event, *The End-of-Summer Garden Party* with The West Hartford Garden Club on Tuesday, September 17th (see cover article)!

Then, as the crisp air marks the beginning of autumn, get into the "spirit" of the season with an array of Halloween happenings across the state. Hear the spooky stories of the Nathan Hale Homestead, as featured on the Syfy channel’s *Ghost Hunters* with *Things That Go Bump in the Night*, and meet the ghosts of New Londoners with ghoulish stories to tell at *Hempsted Halloween*. For more classic fall fun, join us for an *Open House* of the Palmer-Warner and Amasa Day properties on October 5th and 6th as part of the *East Haddam Fall Celebration*. See the calendar section for more details, and visit our website for the full season of events and for event registration.

Thanks again for all you do to support Connecticut Landmarks’ programs and events. We can’t wait to see you at our sites!

With best regards,

Sheryl Hack, Executive Director
Remembering Cynthia Dodd (1954 – 2018)

Cynthia Dodd was a horticultural designer and the founder of By the Seed of My Plants Productions, also known as Plantscapes, an award-winning interior landscape firm that she began in the 1970s. Plantscapes was headquartered in the Parkville section of Hartford from 1987-2018. Cynthia’s firm created and maintained atrium plantings in the local corporate community and also provided holiday decor to corporate sites in the city and suburbs of Hartford. She branched out to create distinctively designed residential gardens for home clients in the greater Hartford region.

Cynthia held a degree in environmental horticulture from UConn and trained in Europe under internationally acclaimed designers James Van Sweden and John Brookes. She won national awards for her work and wrote articles for interiorscape publications. She traveled extensively to visit gardens for inspiration and spiritual connection. She later completed a program of study of labyrinths with the Veriditas organization and became a certified labyrinth facilitator, with the intent to create garden labyrinths in public and private spaces.

In 2011 Cynthia launched The Dirt Salon, located on Bartholomew Avenue in Hartford. Conceived as “an artful alliance of creatives and patrons” and inspired by the art salons of Europe, The Dirt Salon quickly became a go-to rental venue in Hartford, hosting numerous events ranging from art exhibitions to musical performances to artisan markets to weddings.

Cynthia was an avid consumer and supporter of the arts in Hartford, frequently donating her services in garden design to this or that silent auction. She lived in West Hartford with her husband Tom Bittel and son Maximilian Bittel.

Spotlight on the West Hartford Garden Club

Since 1931, The West Hartford Garden Club has been a “working club” with members from West Hartford and nearby towns. Their purpose is “to stimulate interest and creative activity in the art of gardening and floral design; to enhance the beauty of the community and to contribute to civic improvement; and to work for the conservation of native plants and wildlife.”

For the past 22 years, hundreds of members have spent thousands of hours digging in the Butler-McCook dirt, weeding, planning, planting and pruning to maintain this important historic garden. Here we celebrate a few of the members that have taken on important leadership roles.

“Even though the family hired a very well-known landscape architect, Jacob Weidenmann, at what was then a considerable price, I like the idea that this garden and yard was always a family garden.”

-Ann Painter, a WHCG member since 2002; Co-Chair of the Butler-McCook Garden from 2006-2010.

Tina Collias, the longest active member of the West Hartford Garden Club (WHGC), joined in 1970 and served as the Butler-McCook Garden Co-Chair from 1997 to c. 2002. Tina became involved in the Butler-McCook Garden in 1996 when Susan Faulkner, the President of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT, asked her (the state Chair of Historic Gardens) to organize Hartford area garden clubs to help restore the Butler-McCook Garden. “Maureen Wenner of the WHGC was President [at the time] and we both decided to come on board,” Tina recalls. The WHGC has been maintaining the garden ever since!

The WHGC Butler-McCook Garden Committee is currently co-chaired by Linda Aldrich, Steve Kovack, Jr., and Glenda Thomas. All three are certified Advanced Master Gardeners who put their knowledge to good use.
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keeping the garden beautiful for generations to come.

“I enjoy working at Butler-McCook. Eliza, the resident cat adds a pleasing dimension to the Garden and attracts several visitors who spend time enjoying her company,” says Linda Aldrich, a WHGC member since 2014, who has served as Co-Chair of the Butler-McCook Garden since 2016.

“I like the historic setting. I love gardening and meeting other people who garden. I have come to the Garden...for concerts and served as a docent on Open Garden Days,” states Steve Kovack, Jr., a WHGC member since 2002, who has served as Co-Chair of the Butler-McCook Garden since 2016.

“I really like the challenge of refurbishing the garden to its Victorian splendor. The Master Gardening Program and volunteering at Butler-McCook has opened up a whole new avenue for me to use my increased knowledge and continue to develop it,” explains Glenda Thomas, a WHGC member since 1987, who has served as Co-Chair of the Butler-McCook Garden since 2017.

Meet members from the WHGC at the End-of-Summer Garden Party on September 17th, take a tour of the beautiful garden, and support the purchase of Victorian plantings. For more information of the club, visit https://www.westhartfordgardenclub.org.
2019 Preservation & Restoration Projects

Amasa Day Barn Project
The Amasa Day Barn received a facelift with carpentry repairs and exterior painting in July. Interior and exterior painting of the Amasa Day House will take place in August. Come see the results at the East Haddam Fall Celebration on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th from 10 am to 12 pm.

Nathan Hale Barn Project
CTL’s favorite preservation carpenter, Mike Einsiedel of Yankee Restoration & Remodelling, LLC installed wooden gutters on the 18th-century English and 19th-century Dairy barns at the Nathan Hale Homestead. Rain barrels on pedestals stand poised to catch the run off.

Hempsted Fence Project
In New London, Einsiedel completed phases I and II of the Hempsted Fence Restoration Project in 2018 and 2019. He recently reproduced the Jay Street section of the Hempsted Houses’ fence. CTL is currently raising funds for phases III and IV of the project to restore/reproduce the Hempstead Street and Hempstead Court sides of the fence.
Let's Go! 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Amasa Day House
33 Plains Road
Moodus, CT 06469
860.247.8996
palmer.warner@ctlandmarks.org

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

Admission is $12 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for children ages 6-18; free for Hartford residents, children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Open for tours May through December on the 1st Saturday of the month from 11 am – 4 pm, & the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 am – 2 pm. Please reserve your tour at least 7 days in advance by contacting 860.247.8996 x 11, or palmer.warner@ctlandmarks.org.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 5 & 6, 10 am – 12 pm
Amasa Day Open House
Explore the 1st floor of the Amasa Day House & check out the newly painted barn as part of the East Haddam Fall Celebration. Free, donations recommended.

Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden
9 Main Street North
Bethlehem, CT 06751
203.266.7596
bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org

Admission is $16 for adults; $15 for seniors, students & teachers; $7 for town residents & children ages 6-18; free for children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Open for tours: May through October.

Sun., Oct. 6, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
House Tours
Get into the spirit of the season & meet the ghosts of New Londoners with ghoulish stories & informative evening at the Isham-Terry House.

Mon., Tue., Wed., Sept., Oct., By Appointment
Daisy Walk for Girl Scouts
Book an afternoon of fun with your Girl Scout troop! Learn how to care for plants & the importance of soil, water & sun. Roll up your sleeves & plant your troop’s very own daisy in our garden. $10 per scout. Registration required.

Sat., Sept. 14, 1 – 4 pm
Monarch Madness: Pollinators On Parade
Join us at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, where our grounds provide an oasis for migrating monarch butterflies! Celebrate our pollinators with activities centered around the importance of birds, bees & butterflies! Feed the butterflies in our huge butterfly tent, see how we tag them for research & to monitor their journey, & experience a butterfly release! Adults $12; Children 3-12 $10; 2 & under free.

Mon., Tue., Wed., Sept., Oct., By Appointment
Daisy Walk for Girl Scouts
Join us for an easy walking tour on the trails of the Bellamy-Ferriday House, focusing on the lives of people of African decent. Meet your guides from the Hempsted House for a walking tour of Ye Antientist Burial Ground, the burying ground at the top of Hempstead Street.

Fri. – Sun., May 24 – Oct. 27, 1 pm & 3 pm
The Hale Homestead grounds are open year-round for public programs, & by appointment.

Sat., Sept. 28, 2 – 3:30 pm
Hempsted Houses to discuss Arnold’s legacy in America, N.A., Trustee.

Thur., Sept. 12, 6 – 8 pm
Sunset Sounds Concert Series
Bring a picnic dinner & enjoy the high-energy funk & soul powerhouse BOO-YAH! featuring members of West End Blend. This Hartford-based 8-piece band has been playing their version of fusion in venues all over the Northeast, paying homage to classic throwback sounds while adding their own distinct vibe & flair. Tour the Butler-McCook & Amos Bull Houses from 5 – 6 pm. Sponsored by: the Hartford Courant Media Group; the Richard P. Garmany Fund at Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; the Greater Hartford Arts Council’s United Arts Campaign with major support from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; & the Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee.

Tue., Sept. 17, 5:30 – 8:30 pm
End-of-Summer Garden Party

Sun., Oct. 6, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
House Tours: 1 – 4 pm
Hartford Art & Monuments Walk
Join us for an easy walking tour on the sidewalks of Hartford to discover some of the city’s significant sculpture & monuments, including those at the Butler-McCook House,
City Hall, the Wadsworth Atheneum, the State Capitol & Bushnell Park. $20/$16 for CTL Members, includes same-day admission to the Butler-McCook House. Reservations recommended.

**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., Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 10 am – 4 pm; Sun., 1– 4 pm; last tour begins at 3:30 pm
Purchase tickets at the Webb House

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

Admission is $12 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for children ages 6 -18; free for New London residents, children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Open for tours: May through Oct.
May – Oct.: Sat. & Sun., 1 – 4 pm
Tours during regular operating hours are free for New London residents!

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

Admission is $13 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for town residents & children ages 6 - 18; free for children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Open for tours: May through Oct.
May: Sat. & Sun., 12 – 4 pm
June – Sept.: Fri. & 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 Labor Day & Columbus Day
The Hale Homestead grounds are open year-round from dawn to dusk.

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**How We Remember the Burning of New London**
The Burning of New London on September 6, 1781 is still a passionate topic in New London. Flock Theater commemorates the event with a play & the burning of an Arnold effigy on the waterfront. How has New London commemorated this event over time? Join with Derron Wood of Flock Theater, Steve Manuel & Regan Miner of the New London County Historical Society, & Aileen Novick of Hempsted Houses to discuss Arnold’s legacy in this area. $5 per person.

Sat., Sept. 28, 2 – 3:30 pm
**Tour of the Antientist Burial Ground – The African American Connection**
Join us & the souls of New Londoners past for a walking tour of Ye Antientist Burial Ground, focusing on the lives of people of African descent. Meet your guides from the Hempsted Houses & the New London NAACP at the burying ground at the top of Hempstead Street. $10 per person, proceeds benefit Hempsted & the NAACP. Registration recommended.

Sat., Oct. 19, 4 – 7 pm
**Hemptsted Halloween**
Get into the spirit of the season & meet the ghosts of New Londoners with ghoulish stories to tell – hear their tales & talk with them if you dare! Experience the city’s oldest house at twilight & make s’mores over an open fire. $5 per person. Visit the OIC across the street & participate in their Trick or Trunk & kids’ activities!

Sun., Sept. 29, 2 – 4 pm
**Downton Abbey Tea**
Join us in the genteel setting of the Isham-Terry House for an afternoon tea hosted by Cathy & John Bates (but not THAT John Bates!). Compare the lives of Julia & Charlotte Isham to those of the Crawley Sisters, who came of age at the same time. Hats & white gloves welcome, but not required. $40/$35 CTL Members. Registration required.

Sat., Nov. 9, 5 – 7 pm
**“Eat, Drink & Be Merry for Tomorrow We Go Dry”**
Do you “know your onions” when it comes to Prohibition & the Roaring ’20s? One hundred years after passage of the Volstead Act in October 1919, grab your main squeeze for a fun & informative evening at the Isham-Terry House that is sure to be “the bee’s knees.” While CT was one of only 2 states NEVER to ratify the 18th Amendment, Prohibition was still enforced here. Learn about common prohibition violations, how citizens circumvented the law (Is there a doctor in the house?), & sample some moonshine & hooch. Don’t be a bluenose or a flat tire! Get dolled-up (’20s apparel most welcome!) & join us! $30/25 CTL Members. Registration required.

**Isham-Terry House**
211 High Street
Hartford, CT 06103
860.247.8996 x 11
isham.terry@ctlandmarks.org

Admission is $12 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for children ages 6 -18; free for Hartford residents, children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Open for tours June through December on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 12 – 3 pm, for public programs, & by appointment. Please reserve your tour at least 7 days in advance by contacting 860.247.8996 x 11, or isham.terry@ctlandmarks.org.

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Sat., Sept. 14, 11 am
Walktober
Take an easy stroll into history as you are guided through the Hale Family Farm by staff of the Homestead. The last leg of the journey takes you into the Nathan Hale State Forest on the “road to Norwich,” an 18th-century dirt road that the Hale Family used to drive their livestock to market. Heavy rain cancels. Registration recommended.

Thur. & Fri., Oct. 10 & 11, 7 – 9 pm
Thur. & Fri., Oct. 17 & 18, 7 – 9 pm
Thur. & Fri., Oct. 24 & 25, 7 – 9 pm
Things That Go Bump In The Night
Join us for a special candlelight tour, room-by-room, all the way up to the dark & spooky attic. Join our costumed guides on a twilight tour of the 1st floor of the house, walk the historic grounds, & sip a seasonal beverage on the back porch as part of the East Haddam Fall Celebration. View the progress on the Palmer-Warner Barn Project. Free, donations welcome (see p. 4 for more information).

Sun., Nov. 3, 11 am – 2 pm
Intro to Hearth Cooking
A beginner’s class on hearth cooking! Learn about basic fireplace & cooking tools including Dutch oven cooking, a hanging pot, cooking skillets & tin kitchen. Each guest will be given a keepsake recipe book of hearth cooking to take home. $25/ $20 CTL Members. Reservations required.

Palmer-Warner House
307 Town Street
East Haddam, CT 06423
860.247.8996
palmer.warner@ctlandmarks.org

Open for tours May through November on the 1st Saturday of the month from 11 am – 4 pm, & the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 am – 2 pm. Please reserve your tour at least 7 days in advance by contacting 860.247.8996, or palmer.warner@ctlandmarks.org.

All tour proceeds benefit the Palmer-Warner Visitor Welcome, Program & Exhibit Center Project.

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 5 & 6, 1 – 4 pm
Palmer-Warner Open House
Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the 1st floor of the house, walk the historic grounds, & sip a seasonal beverage on the back porch as part of the East Haddam Fall Celebration. View the progress on the Palmer-Warner Barn Project. Free, donations welcome (see p. 4 for more information).

Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden
55 South Main Street
Suffield, CT 06078
860.668.0055
phelps.hatheway@ctlandmarks.org

Admission is $13 for adults; $10 for seniors, students & teachers; $5 for town residents & children ages 6 - 18; free for children younger than 6 & CTL Members. Family Discount.

Thur., Sept. 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
“From our Gardens” with Julie Harrison
Join Julie Harrison (“The Garden Fairy”) & the staff of the Phelps-Hatheway House for a unique garden-to-arrangement experience! Utilizing exquisite plant material, create a stunning modern bouquet. Light refreshments of flower-inspired ingredients will complement our evening together. $50, $40 for CTL Members. Pre-registration required.

Sat., Sept. 7 & Oct. 5, 1:30 – 3 pm
1st Saturday Attic Tours
Venture beyond the stanchions for a behind-the-scenes look at the Phelps’ servant & attic spaces with objects from the 18th to the early 20th century. Regular admission applies.

Fri., Oct. 4, 7 – 8:30 pm
Lantern Tour
Join our costumed guides on a twilight tour of our historic property! Lanterns will lead us through the dimly lit corners of the house & transport you to the time before electricity illuminated our homes. Light refreshments will follow the tour. Regular admission applies, CTL Members Free!
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Welcome to the CTL Family!
Meet Our Summer Interns!

Patrick Corcoran (Conard High 2016, West Hartford) is a senior American History major with minors in Math and Marketing at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA. He was CT Landmarks’ Communications and Marketing Intern this summer. When not studying history, he loves video games and plays for Lesley’s Division III Men’s Soccer team, and is Captain of their Men’s Tennis team as well. After graduating in Spring 2020, Patrick plans to spend a few years abroad in Japan teaching English before pursuing a career in American History.

Rae Enzie is a recent graduate of UConn's Digital Media & Design program. They have always been interested in history and archives, and are so excited to be able to work with Connecticut Landmarks this summer, digitizing and cataloging documents from the Palmer-Warner House. They have experience working in biodiversity collections and archives, and are enjoying getting the experience of working with historical archives as well!

Rebecca LaPoint grew up in Marlborough, CT and graduated from RHAM High School in 2017. She will be a junior this fall at Connecticut College where she is majoring in Cultural Photography, a student-designed interdisciplinary major, that delves thoroughly into the learning and understanding of cultures and communities, as well as the process of exploring and sharing them through photography. She is also completing a mathematics minor and pursuing a Museum Studies certificate. At Connecticut College she is a coxswain on the Women’s rowing team and part of the Womxn’s Empowerment Initiative. Outside of school, Rebecca enjoys travelling and London is one of her favorite places.

Thomas Mulholland is a resident of Cheshire, Connecticut and a graduate of Cheshire High School, Class of 2017. He is currently enrolled as a student at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania where he is a History and Museum Studies major with a Secondary Emphasis in Religion and Business. Thomas is an Eagle Scout and enjoys doing community service. When he was younger, Thomas participated in the Youth Docents program at the Nathan Hale Homestead. Now, Thomas, his family, and a team of volunteers run the Spirits Alive Cemetery Tour in his hometown of Cheshire to benefit to Cheshire Historical Society. In July, Thomas headed to France as an intern for the Connecticut State Library’s Digging Into History program where he assisted in the excavation and preservation of World War I trenches from the Battle of Seichprey. Thomas is thrilled to be working at Palmer-Warner this summer and is excited to share to stories of Frederic, Howard, and their families with the public.
Kevin Jennings, a Harvard, Columbia, and NYU graduate, has centered his professional and philanthropic career on education and the history of the LGBTQ+ community. Appointed Assistant Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education by President Obama, Kevin led the Office for Safe & Drug Free Schools, a program to promote the health and safety of American Students. Kevin founded the nation’s first Gay-Straight Alliance in 1988 and founded GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), creating the first national organization dedicated to combating anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in America’s schools. Kevin has been published several times and has credits in award-winning LGBT films. He is currently President of the nationally-recognized Tenement Museum in New York.
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Thur. & Fri., Oct. 17 & 18, 7 – 9 pm
Thur. & Fri., Oct. 24 & 25, 7 – 9 pm

Intro to Hearth Cooking
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