

Prospect Historical Society



Hotchkiss House Museum

April 2013

Dear Prospect Historical Society Members,

The Board of Directors of the Prospect Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the support that you have given to the Society over the years! We would also like to update you on some of the many changes that have taken place over the past few months, as well as, inform you about the upcoming events that we have planned for your enjoyment.

Changes to the Society:

In the past year the Prospect Historical Society has made many changes to benefit the town of Prospect and Prospect Historical Society members. New Board members have been added: Mr. Joe Gomez and Mr. Matt Buonaiuto; we have created a website www.prospecthistoricalsociety.org; we are on Facebook (after signing in search for Prospect Historical Society); we started repairing the Center School House building (a new ceiling was recently installed in the entry) as the location to house our Connecticut History book collection that will be used by Prospect Library patrons as a reference for researching the History of Connecticut; Nancy Via, the Prospect Historical Society President, and Heather Ashe, a summer intern, spent last summer cleaning and rearranging the Hotchkiss House to prepare for tours; the Barn on the Hotchkiss property and the Center School House building both had electrical service installed by a licensed electrician. These are only a few of the updates at the Prospect Historical Society and there are many more in the works!

Upcoming Events:

The following events are being offered to you for little or no expense.

May 5, 2013: Mr. Joe Gomez is speaking about the Battle of Chancellorsville (1863) and the connections that Prospect had to that battle. This event is free of charge and will take place at the Prospect Library from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Come and listen to Mr. Gomez speak about the events in Chancellorsville in 1863 and see some items from our collections that are relevant to the time of the Civil War.

May 18, 2013: Town Wide Tag Sale – members of the Prospect Historical Society are invited to set up a table at the Hotchkiss House, 61 Waterbury Road, for the day to participate in the tag sale. There will be a small fee of \$10.00 and you will have to bring your own table and chairs. Please contact Matt Buonaiuto at 203-910-7389 or mhs-ct@hotmail.com to reserve your space.

June 8, 2013: Connecticut Open House Day – the Hotchkiss House Museum will be open from 10:00am to 3:00pm to participate in the Connecticut Open House Day. There is no charge for the tour and there will be a continental breakfast served from 10:00am to Noon. This is a great opportunity to come to the Museum and see all of the changes that we have made and to talk to other members about your memories of Prospect.

All of these events can be found on the website at www.prospecthistoricalsociety.org and Facebook.

Donations of historical items pertinent to Prospect are always welcome. Archival contributions are also accepted if they are approved by our Board of Directors. Once the items have been accepted they are preserved and added to our extensive collections.

Volunteer opportunities are always available to assist in the cleaning, cataloging and general upkeep of the Prospect Historical Society grounds and archives.

If you received this letter by mail, please contact us and let us know if you have an e-mail account. This is the first of a monthly “newsletter” that is in the works for the members of the Prospect Historical Society. This newsletter will keep you informed of upcoming events, show photos of the events that have taken place and may even answer some questions that you submit about the history of Prospect! If this newsletter can be sent by e-mail the Prospect Historical Society will be able to save on postage and more money will be available to support our goal: the preservation of Prospect history.

Thank you,

Matt Buonaiuto

Vice-President of the Prospect Historical Society