

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*"Discovering History, Pride
of Place and Community"*

Discovering, Collecting & Preserving

The History of Columbia

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CELEBRATING OUR 51ST YEAR



CHS PRESERVING COLUMBIA'S HISTORY PRESERVING and DOCUMENTING FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

**Sunday, April 2, 2017 - 2pm
Yeomans Hall 323 Rt. 87 Columbia, CT**

Presented By Donna Baron

From mid-19th century cased photographs (daguerreotypes, ambrotypes & tintypes) to 21st century digital files, family photographs are irreplaceable storehouses of memories. Lebanon Historical Society Museum Director Donna Baron will lead a discussion of the most common photographic media used for family photos, the inherent preservation challenges with each format and the best practices for storage, display and long-term care.

**This is a Free Public Program!
Refreshments will be served**

Historical Society Mission

To encourage historical research.
To hold meetings on historical subjects
for members & the public.
To discover, collect & preserve
whatever pertains to Columbia's
History.



Future Programs 2017

THE COLUMBIA HERITAGE PHOTO PROJECT
Sunday, April 2, at 2pm
Yeomans Hall, 323 Rt 87, Columbia CT

Sunday, April 23, 2pm Location TBA
1st public photo scanning session for CHS
Columbia Heritage Photo Project
With Joan Hill & Thomas Giroir.
Contact Andrea Stannard
aksrootsandshoots@gmail.com

Sunday, Sept 10, 11am-3pm
H.W. Porter School
2nd Annual Columbia Classic Car Show
Benefits Columbia Historical Preservation,
Columbia Rec., Dept of Student Financial
Assistance & CT Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Historical Society Officers

President-Justin Holbrook
Vice President-Judy Ortiz
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Repurposing an Old Building

The Meeting Place

As most of you know the building we currently call the “Meeting Place” was the original Saxton B. Little Library. When the library moved across the street in 1985 the old building served as a meeting space for town organizations. On September 19, 1989, the Board of Selectmen voted to rename the building “The Meeting Place”. The girl scouts, homeschoolers and the Lions Club executive board were the most consistent users, although it was not an ideal meeting space.

In the summer of 2015 the library was returned to the Meeting Place as work went forward on expansion and renovation of the Saxton B. Little Library. The “Mini B” as it was affectionately known stayed in the Meeting Place until October, 2016 when it returned to its newly renovated and expanded facility.

During this time discussions about town space needs and organizational needs ensued. What seemed most pressing was the need for a home for all the Columbia historical materials collected by the Town Historian and the Columbia Historical Society. What better space than the old historical building known as the Meeting Place, so in March 2016 the Board of Selectmen voted to repurpose the building for that use. In order to be more clear as to its purpose, the Board of Selectmen voted on January 17, 2017 to rename the building “The History Place”.

Much work has been done on the History Place over the past several months: a refurbished wooden floor, new energy efficient windows, a new climate controlled system to assist in preservation of materials, paint, etc. Each project, orchestrated by our Facilities Manager, Bud Meyers, has been done with the idea of preserving this beautiful building (The History Place) for the future and making it a home for the Town Historian and the Columbia Historical Society and all the artifacts depicting the history of our very special community.



THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER EVENT

Friday, April 28th at 6:pm
The Columbia Congregational
Church
325 Rt. 87
Columbia, Ct. 06237

**JOIN US FOR FUN, GOOD
FOOD AND A FASCINATING
PROGRAM.**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE
APPETIZER, MAIN DISH OR
DESSERT.**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

Our Program Will Be: THE LAST GREEN VALLEY: IT'S WHERE YOU LIVE! With Bill Reid.

Learn about the last sliver of rural landscape along the northeastern seaboard of the United States, so unique that Congress designated the region a National Heritage Corridor. This program provides information about the natural and cultural resources we enjoy in this region and TLGV, INC., the non-profit management entity for the corridor.

The Columbia Historical Society would like to thank Russ Haddad and Ingrid Wood for images used in our website over the years.

MAY 11th, 2017 IMPORTANT MEETING for Society membership for the purpose of voting on:
1) proposed investment policy and dollars for investment and 2) a donation to the town to help
with expenses to improve the History Place. 7:00pm at the Beckish Senior Center.



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Columbia, CT 06237

IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Columbia Historical Society
Membership – April 2017 through March 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City or Town & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Individual (\$10.00/year) ☐ Family (\$20.00/year) ☐ Life (\$100.00)

In addition to the membership fee, I would like to make a donation (optional) to support the projects and programs of the Columbia Historical Society, Inc.

A payment for membership \$_____ and a donation of \$_____ is included on an enclosed check for a total of \$_____

Please make your check payable to: Columbia Historical Society, Inc.

Please mail to: Columbia Historical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 551, Columbia, CT 06237

Your gift is deductible as a charitable contribution only to the extent that it exceeds the value of goods and/or services you received in exchange for your gift. The above information should serve as a receipt in accordance with the Internal Revenue Services Guidelines.