

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

"VISIT WITH BEN FRANKLIN"

Sunday, Sept. 24th

2pm

Jack Sherry, Ben Franklin
re-enactor

Yeoman's Hall, Columbia



Dr. Ben. Franklin – entrepreneur, printer, author, scientist, inventor, statesman, ambassador and one of America's Founding Fathers – was an extraordinary man in any century. To call him a "Renaissance Man" is an understatement. Join us to discover:

- Why he became the most famous American in the 18th Century.
- Why he never patented his inventions.
- His ways to wealth and success as a businessman
- How he eliminated his competition
- His 1764 connection to Columbia, Ct.

**This fascinating program is FREE and Open to the
Public**

-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

Second Annual Columbia Classic Car Show
Sunday, Sept 10, 11:00-3:00
Horace W. Porter School, Columbia



Columbia Community Dog Show
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017
Pavilion at Rec. Park, Columbia



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Wells Woods –: Columbia's Ghost Town
32 Wells Wood Rd
Oct. 15, 1-3 (rain date Oct. 22)



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Wells Woods: Columbia's Ghost Town

Justin Holbrook & Joan Hill are leading a Walktober Walk in Wells Woods Oct. 15, 1-3PM,
Rain date Oct. 22 same time.

Learn about a village once home to over a dozen families but abandoned since the 1930's. We'll visit old homestead and mill sites, a family cemetery, and the village school site, all the while hearing stories of those who settled here in the 1820's and left behind so much evidence of the hard lives they led."

Attendance will be by prior registration only and be limited to 15 vehicles due to very limited parking. Those who want to take part should contact me at 860 228-2849 or email jhill003@charter.net.

The first half hour will be at the Root Homestead site at 32 Wells Woods Rd, and will involve very little walking. The last 1.5 hours will cover about 2.5 miles of mostly level terrain but with some roots and rocks along discontinued town roads.



WHATS NEW WITH THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Written by Millie Ramsey

We have a NEW WEBSITE!

A special thank you goes out to members Janice Knight and Joan Hill for sharing their time and talents to update the site for the second 50 years of the Society. Visit at Columbia-history.org and enjoy photos of Columbia, research papers and a listing of upcoming events. The site is well thought out and very easy to peruse. Under the SUPPORT US tab you will find out how to join, donate, volunteer and items for sale.

Since moving to our new home at the HISTORY PLACE in June, efforts are being focused on organizing our collection and getting it cataloged in a new updated version of Past Perfect. Work done in the past has been very helpful and we are gearing up to catalog numerous new acquisitions that have been donated in recent years. Once we are ready to start data entry we will be looking for volunteers to help. A volunteer form is on the website and will take just minutes to complete. Volunteers are always welcome and there are numerous areas where help and various skills are needed.



Columbia Historical Society Presents to YOU

The Columbia Community Dog Show

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Registration 9:30, Dog Show 10 – 12

Enter Your Dog in one or More Categories

- Best Personality
- Bravest
- Best Tail
- Most Beautiful
- Cutest
- Most Peculiar
- Best Nose
- Happiest
- Best Ears
- Best Tricks

BEST in SHOW

The winner of each category will compete in best in show.

\$2.00 for one category, \$8.00 for five categories, \$13.00 for 10 categories

Rain Date – Saturday, Sept. 30th, 9:30 – 12pm



Columbia, CT 06237
P.O. Box 551
Columbia Historical Society Inc.

The Second Annual Columbia Classic Car Show

CRUISE-IN

Music by Columbia's Own Barry Cavagnaro

Horace W. Porter School • Columbia, CT
Rte's 66 & 87 (across from the Fire Station)

- Join us for a great family event
- Food & Beverages
- 50/50 Raffle • Goodie Bags
- Face Painting • Animal Balloons
- Spectators **FREE** • Admission & Parking **FREE**
- Show Vehicles / Motorcycle: \$10 Donation
- Bring Your Cruise Buddies & Spread the Word
- 10 "Favorites" Trophy Categories
- **No Dogs, Burnouts or Alcohol**



Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 11:00-3:00

Vehicle Registration Starts at 9:00 Rain Date: Sept. 17th

For Car Show Information: RecDirector@columbiact.org or 860-228-8513 ext. 17
Facebook: ColumbiaCTRecDept

Benefit for:

- Columbia Recreation Program Assistance Fund
- CT Chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Columbia Historic Preservation