

COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Discovering, Collecting & Preserving

The History of Columbia

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

Library of Congress Veterans

History Project.



All are invited to join us
Sunday, **November 10th**
from **1:00-3:00pm** at
Yeomans Hall to meet
retired Colonel Morton
Katz, a

WWII veteran and
practicing attorney. Colonel
Katz will introduce us to
the **Library of
Congress Veteran's
History Project.**

This project collects, preserves and makes accessible the
personal accounts of American war veterans so that future
generations will better understand the realities of war.

Morton is an engaging, passionate speaker.

You won't want to miss his talk. Please spread the word and
invite family and friends who are veterans of any war of conflict
since WWII.

Contact Millie Ramsey at 860 734-1046 or email at

millieramz@gmail.com

This talk is free and open to all. Light 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 2019

4th Annual Columbia Classic Car Show
Sunday, Sept 8th 10:00-2:00
Horace W. Porter School, Columbia



Columbia Community Dog Show
Sat. Sept. 21, 10:00-2:00
Rec. Park Pavillion
Hennequin Rd. Columbia



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Historical Society Officers

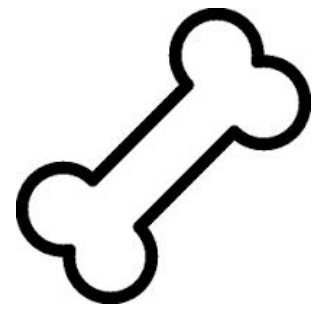
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Columbia Historical Society
Presents to YOU
The Columbia Community Dog Show



Saturday, September 21, 2019

Registration 9:30, Dog Show 10-11

Held at the Pavilion at Rec. Park, Hennequin Rd. Columbia, CT

All Friendly Dogs and Owners Welcome or just Come and Have Fun

Enter your dog in one or more categories

Best Personality
Bravest
Best Tail
Most Beautiful
Cutest

Most Peculiar
Best Nose
Happiest
Best Ears
Best Trick

Best in Show

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

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

Rain Date

Sunday, September 22

9:30-11 PM



**The Columbia Historical Society is hosting a walking tour of the
Historic Columbia Green during the Walktober event.**

Please join us on October 5th at 10:00 am and on October 20th at 2:00 pm. We will meet in front of the Moor's Charity School. You will learn about what life was like in Columbia during the 1700's and also hear about Eleazar Wheelock and Samson Occom who were both important people in the forming of Dartmouth College. Please call Judy Ortiz at 860 228-3263 if you have any questions.

Where are Dogs From

By Judy Otiz

Dogs are a kind of wolf. They were the first animals that people fed on purpose, earlier than sheep or cows or chickens. People have been taking care of dogs since at least 24,000 B.C. in the Stone Age, long before the beginning of farming. Most likely, dogs themselves began this relationship by hanging around people's campsites, trying to snatch some of their garbage to eat.

At first, most people must have tried to scare the dogs away, but some people let them hang around. The dogs ate rats, and also helped to clean up food garbage that drew flies and other insects. So campsites with dogs were cleaner and healthier than campsites without dogs. Fewer people got dysentery and died. The people who lived in these cleaner campsites grew up stronger than people who shooed away dogs, and there were more of them. Eventually, the dog-lovers pretty much took over, all over the world. And dogs evolved to be able to digest more and more people-garbage, especially grains.

Somewhere around this time, people started to think, "What else might dogs be good for?". Dogs could bark and let you know if any big animals or human enemies were coming. Dogs could let you know if the baby was getting into trouble. So people started to encourage the dogs to hang around. At some point, people also started teaching dogs to obey them, and they also started to use the dogs to help them hunt other animals, and to pull sleds. Dogs were the earliest domesticated animals, and may have given people the idea of domestication sheep and goats, which came next. Nobody's sure whether this domestication of dogs happened only once, in one place, or many times, all over Europe and Asia, but all known dogs today, all over the world, are descended from those Central Asian dogs of about 13,000 B.C. Even Native American dogs came to Americans from Asia. Today's European dogs probably came to Europe with the Indo-Europeans from Central Asia, replacing earlier European dogs, just as Central Asian cats replaced earlier cats in China. Dogs kept right on being useful to people, and living with people, even when people started to farm and to live in villages. It turned out that dogs could also guard sheep and help to herd the sheep when you were moving them from one pasture to another. Some people ate dogs especially in China. You might think of those dogs as a great way to turn garbage into food. Even in places where people usually didn't eat dogs, like Europe, dogs provided an emergency source of food when there was a famine. If you were starving, you had to kill and eat the village's dogs before they decided to eat you.

Today you probably think of your dog as a pet and give it food. But in antiquity and in the Middle Ages, hardly anyone was rich enough to give food to a dog on purpose. Most dogs had to find their own food in people's garbage, or they had to eat rats. People only fed working dogs that herded sheep or pulled sleds. So most dogs, like most people, were skinny and had lots of diseases and worms. Even today, around the world, about three out of four dogs are not pets, but live on their own in human villages and towns and find their own food.



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The Fourth 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**

**Motorcycles
Welcome**



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Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 10:00-2:00
Vehicle Registration Starts at 9:00 Rain Date: Sept 15
For Car Show Information: RecDirector@columbiact.org or 860-228-8513 ext. 17
Facebook: [ColumbiaCTClassicCarShow](#)

Benefit for:
• Columbia Recreation Field Fund
• CT Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
• Columbia Historic Preservation