

Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum

Greetings, with a breath of relief. The State of Ct is open. We will give private tours over this coming summer. To set up a tour, contact us at: Stanton-Davishomestead.org.



News of the Homestead

Volunteer

- Spring 2022 Looking for experienced wood workers to help out framing cheese/milk rm.
- Summer 2021 Our verdant lawn needs a cut! Are you willing to keep us trimmed?.
- Summer 2021 Packing up, and organizing pantry, for a few hours. Contact mbliss@stanton-davishomestead.org
- Summer 2021 Sorting and recording contents of bedroom, til emptied. Lifting.



East Parlor

As you remember from our last newsletter, we are working to return the East Parlor to its former glory. With volunteer help, six sashes have been restored and reglazed. There are no words to completely describe the difference!

We are expecting our contractor to survey within the month, to give us the estimates on repair and restoration, of trim, inside and out. Hopefully, this can be underway this summer. We are hoping to reach a more realistic cost, than the \$7,000 plus, per window quote- given many years, ago!

We were fortunate, to have a paint analysis done of this room. We will be looking to the 1750's color scheme, in our restoration.

We still need funding to complete this project, however. Won't you consider a donation, to move it along? Contact us at our website, for more info.

Why repair this window?

Many preservationists, promote saving and repairing the originals, we decided to follow suit. This window is indicative of the general condition of the majority of sash, at present.



Work on the Milk/Cheese Room

Exterior Drawing, to Scale, Completed by Lesley Driscoll

We then turned to the interior. All surviving beams have been measured, All this info was sent out to a structural engineer, Jeremy Williamson, to reconcile size and strength of future frame members. Mr. Williamson is donating his time.

The board met at the wing in April, to survey the surviving elements, and to firm up the ideas, of our wheelchair access, as entrance to the museum, using an existing door. This will become the permanent entrance to

the museum, but for the upcoming open house tour in September, we hope to have the wheelchair ramp temporarily attached to the front of the house.

Once we have the plans, drawn up, we will schedule our dates for the restoration, from the ground up. The stone foundation needs rebuilding on some sides, with the addition of new sills, to replace those, that have totally rotted away. Our board member Larry Davis has a sawmill,

and said he will cut lumber to size, for the project.

The roofing materials will probably have to be bought.

Are you interested in becoming part of the cheese/milk room project? Contact Gil Bliss through our website: president@Stanton-Davishomestead.org. We can use your help.

The weekend of May 9 found Gil Bliss, Merry Bliss, and Andy Robinson

at the homestead, for organizing and lawn cutting. Gil and Andy moved piles of old shingles (from the exterior of the house), as well as several exterior boards. This prep work was so Sarah Sportman, of the State Office of Archaeology, can do a dig in the cheese room dirt floor. We are setting up a timetable in June for this event, to be conducted by Kevin

McBride, and the Uconn archaeology students.

Merry dusted and vacuumed up the winter debris on the second floor of the homestead.

Andy started lawn cutting directly around the house, and Merry finished that up. She reports that there was a beautiful display of daffodils this spring, and the white rose climber next to the front door, has pulled through another winter.





A Tale of Woe: New Electric Hookup

Remember our new electric, hook-up, that was arranged, two years ago? Eversource, did not get back to us, to schedule our power transfer. The field rep who spoke with us had retired, the company itself was restructuring, and we were lost in the cracks, of management.

So where do we stand? After lengthy phone calls, we were informed that a new rep would be sent out, to once again to survey the whereabouts of our power run. They also required us to resend all the original info from two years ago, with an updated easement map, and deed information. All information was dutifully sent out, again! And again, we wait, to hear from their representative, on when this great event, will take place.

During our looking through records, we found the original deed info that states the SDHM has a right of way on Osbrook Rd. adjacent from the beginning, to the parking area.

Currently Larry Davis has transferred the electric account that we had temporarily used (nine years) over to his account. The temporary electric feed is still on his property, and still works. He has let us plug in our extension cord, as needed.

With our upcoming plans for work to begin soon on both the east parlor, and the milk/cheese room, it would be great to have our own hookup

complete. If the Stanton-Davis wishes to hold a big event, we need our own power source.

Picture a gala with a generator, and its noise, drowning out the guests!

Renewed Your Membership?

Contact:

membership@Stanton-Davishomestead.org

Looking for a Few Good People

Our current board meets the first Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, by zoom. We are looking to fill our secretary, and vice president positions. We need people, who are flexible, have a can-do philosophy, and are willing to give a hand. We also need volunteers who are willing to do searches for funding and who may have had prior experience in grant writing.

We do not, have a paid staff. All mail, and communications (including this newsletter) are done through our donated time. We feel that every step we take is a step forward, in a common goal of preservation of the history involved with the homestead. Please visit us at our website if you can help.

president@Stanton-Davishomestead.org

Open House@ Stanton-Davis Homestead
Sunday, September 19, 2021, 11am to 4pm

As of May 19, 2021, the State of Ct, has reopened! We are thrilled to hold another open house. On September 2019, we had a throng of members of the Stanton Society, Davis family, neighbors and the curious. It was a spectacular fall day, with guided tours, cider, and volunteers dressed in colonial garb.

This year we will be offering; once again, guided tours by our president Gil Bliss at 11am, 12pm and 3pm. We are hopeful of a return by Myron Stachiw, of Ct Preservation, to give an hour power point presentation, on the growth of the house, through both the Stanton, and Davis families' efforts.

Won't you join us? Tours are \$10, and open to the public. Members are free.

To become a member, visit us at Stanton-Davishomestead.org. We now have Pay Pal.

We are recognized with the State of Ct as a 501c3. As such, your donation may be tax deductible.

Thank you.

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