

## Open House-September 19<sup>th</sup> 2021

Another glorious fall day and another, that turned out a lot of new faces We are delighted with our new members! The house sported it's new wheelchair ramp at the front door-courtesy of the Town of Stonington. We felt very fortunate to host Myron Stachiw, of Preservation CT. He presented his research on the Homestead, the Stanton families, and the Davis family. We learned how important documentation becomes, in presenting accurate history. Many thanks to Myron for his research and time.



## Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum December 2021

### Cheese Room/ Milk Room News

Michael Forino of Preservation CT, and circuit rider for SHPO, visited about three weeks ago, to view our plans, and see the present condition of the milk/cheese room wing. He has since forwarded all pertinent information to the State, for approval. If all goes well, we need to return to the Stonington Building, and Planning and Zoning departments, for approval. On Thursday, November 11, Sarah Sportman, CT State archeologist, will be conducting a dig of the cheese room floor-currently, a dirt floor.



### Rainy Day Blues

The roof in the 1870's new kitchen, has been leaking more and more; to the point of causing structural damage, if not addressed soon. Our president, Gil Bliss has once again enlisted the help of Jim Deninger, of Coastal Roofing, Inc., Pawcatuck, to take on the job. Jim is kindly donating his own labor, and the Homestead will cover materials, and his crew's cost. We are hoping a supporter will donate the costs-close to \$3,000. Work will commence this November.

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## SDHM Board Elects New Vice President

We are thrilled to welcome Brian McCormick, as our new Vice-President. Brian is an avid history buff and preservationist. Currently he is restoring his farm site in Pawcatuck, CT. Recently, he retired from the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway Project, as one of the founding directors. He led everything from budget planning, grant writing and securing support from elected officials. He shares with SDHM, his 20yrs experience working for a nonprofit organization. You will be hearing more from him, as the year progresses.

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### FROM THE BACK BURNER-

#### “Raise the Roof” Campaign is Not Forgotten

We haven't had a lot to say on this project over the past two years. With Covid related interruptions, then reopening gradually-our focus has been on catch-up. It has been the main drive for most museums, ours included.

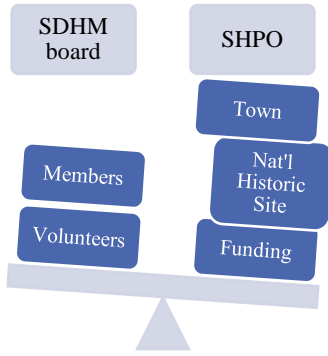
Looking ahead, we can say that due to our generous members, we are nearly at the halfway mark of the original goal of the \$250,000 cost of completing the structural work on the second floor, the new roof system, and the chimney stack rebuild.

Gil Bliss has been in contact with Architectural Preservation Group, and Steve Tyson the owner. He said he is still planning to continue the work his company conducted in Phase 2 and is looking at starting work in the spring of 2022.

We will probably face an additional charge, attributable to the inflation of building material costs, during 2020, and will soon get back to us with revised costs.

We are so close, to making this major project a reality. This is where we can really use your financial help.

Consider a gift to the Museum, in any amount, to help with critical repairs, necessary to keep the museum sound. Questions? Contact Brian at: [vicepresident@Stanton-Davishomestead.org](mailto:vicepresident@Stanton-Davishomestead.org) or 917 671-8945



## Balancing

Life is a balance. Every small museum, that seeks to restore, and preserve a history, faces a balancing act, as well. To do this properly, the right channels must be transversed. We at SDHM are a small board, volunteering our time and knowledge, to attain this for the Homestead-that is why your support, and feedback are so important to us. Please let us know your questions.

Contact us at : [president@stanton-davishomestead.org](mailto:president@stanton-davishomestead.org) or visit our website: [Stanton-Davishomestead.org](http://Stanton-Davishomestead.org)

President-Gil Bliss

Vice President-Brian McCormick

Supporting Treasure-Larry Davis

Membership, and supporting Secretary-Merry Bliss

Communications-Andy Robinson

## Future Events at the Homestead

We've been planning! We are glad to say that we are offering a variety of events, in 2022.



- Spring, summer, and fall house tours: May 21, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 24, 10am-12:30am

Cheese Room Event in June. Come hear about the plans for the restoration of the Cheese/Milk room restoration, while sampling farm cheese, paired with wines. Get your "Sprucing Up" photo taken in grandpa Davis's tub. A fun, early evening event! Early bird tickets for members \$65, or \$75 for individual. Stay tuned...

- Volunteer Night Open House-April 22 Earth Day, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Join us for a slice of pizza, and beverage, to learn about a variety of projects and programs, where you can volunteer, and make a difference.
- Yoga on the Front Lawn in June- Join us on the front lawn that overlooks the farm hayfields for a peaceful hour with Chelsea Hauck. June thru August. Day and time TBA.
- Sawmill Demo- Watch Larry Davis mill lumber for Cheese/Milk Room Project. Limit 10.
- Date and time: TBA

Please visit our Website: [Stanton-Davishomestead.org](http://Stanton-Davishomestead.org) for more information.

Parking for all events- Follow Osbrook Pt Rd., 200 yds to field at bottom of hill, on the right.

(Just past the Davis Mill on the right). Park on left side of field.

Wheelchair access: Dropoff on east gable of house/driveway, to get to front ramp. Park in lower field.