

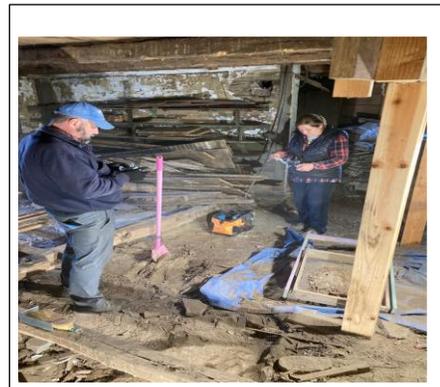


Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum Spring 2022 Newsletter

Greetings to our members. After a crazy winter weather pattern, the museum is glad to see spring, and hope that regeneration has a long arm! The board has been planning many more events and programs starting in April and finishing up in October with a Halloween party – all to be held at the Homestead.

Progress on Cheese/Milk Room

Things are moving along! In November, Sarah Sportman, State Archeologist, with Scott Brady, of FOSA, dug four test pits in the Cheese room area dirt floor.



In the beginning of February, Michael Forino of Preservation Ct, along with Julie Carmelich of SHPO, visited the Homestead to see the Cheese/Milk room addition, view our drawings and hear our plans. They gave us good advice and direction and approval for the start of our restoration. We thank them both for their time and interest. On March 26th, Gil Bliss, President, and Brian McCormick, Vice President, conducted a tour for a reporter from the Day.

In April, we will need volunteers to help move out the last of the contents of the wing-3 parlor stoves, a 6 burner cookstove, in addition to an assortment of cook wares and tools. Date and time TBD, so watch our website for announcements.

In early May, we will start the disassembly, and salvage of original features, of the wing. Once again, we are looking for volunteers, skilled in

construction, to give several hours of their help. Contact Brian McCormick, vice-president, at our website: vicepresident@stanton-davishomestead.org

Private Government tour of SDHM

On April 2, 2022, from 9-11am,

President Gil Bliss gave a tour of the



Homestead, for local Government officials. The hour tour included the first and second floors with attic . We needed to show the house, as it is at present, and to explain a little about the house’s history, and the continuing structural needs that are still to be resolved. (The third phase of structural work will be conducted on the main house roof.)

Remember “Raise the Roof”

The Search for funds continues.



We started a campaign to finish the structural needs in 2019. Steve Tyson of Architectural Preservation Group has revisited the quote given out, and we were pleased to see the costs have not climbed. However, the engineered drawings for the actual builder to follow, need to be done, so that work may begin. We are in the process of contacting the original engineer, Robert Leach. Our spring starting time will probably turn into summer. Needless to say, we are still actively searching contributions to bring us closer to our original \$250,000 goal. We have a donor who will match up to \$100,000 raised for 2022. Steadily, we are receiving your support. Thank you’s go out to all those contributors, so far.

To learn how you can help, contact Gil Bliss : president@stanton-davishomestead.org, and leave a message.



Friday June 17 2022, 6-8 pm
Wine and Cheese at
Stanton-Davis Homestead

Come visit with us, taste a selection of wines- paired to farm style cheeses, while you learn about the ideas behind the restoration of the Cheese/Milk Room restoration, from our President Gil Bliss and grant efforts- with Brian McCormick, Vice President. See our plans- and meet some of your fellow members, as we enjoy a sweet June evening outdoors. Event will be held, rain or shine. Parking is free. Tickets for members- Early Bird \$65, Individuals at the door \$75, and Buy a Ticket, and Bring a Friend \$100. Visit our web to purchase tickets, contact Brian McCormick at: vicepresident@stanton-davishomestead.org. Dress is casual.



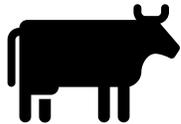
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SAVE THE DATE:

- ***April 22, 5:30-6:30 pm Volunteer Meet and Greet***
- ***April 30, 9-11am Outside Chores***
- ***May 21, 10-11am; 11:30am-12:30pm Tour of Homestead***
- ***June 1,8,15,22, 29 (Wednesdays) Yoga on the Lawn with Chelsea from 9-10am***
- ***June 17, 6-8pm Wine and Cheese Event-ticketed***
- ***July 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays) Yoga on the lawn with Chelsea from 9-10am***
- ***July 23, 10-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm Tour of the Homestead***
- ***August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Wednesdays) Yoga on the lawn with Chelsea from 9-10am***
- ***August 13, Sarah Sportman State Archeologist 10am-12pm***
- ***September 24, 10-11am, 11:30 am-12:30 pm Tour of the Homestead***

● ~~October 15, 11am-12:30 pm Halloween Party~~
Canceled this year due to construction

For more information about events go to stanton-davishomestead.org



More Event Info for 2022

April 22, 5:30-6:30 Volunteer meet and greet at the Stanton-Davis homestead-

Come for a beer, a slice of Stonington pizza, and learn about the upcoming programs. Do you think you could donate some of your time? We would love to see you and find out what your talents are. We will meet in the house, via the front door. Remember, its only April, and it can be chilly by the water, at this time of year. Help us, by signing up, or contact Brian McCormick, at: www.vicepresident@stanton-davishomestead.com

House Tours- May 21, July23, September 24 10am-11:00am; 11:30am-12:30pm

Curious about the Museum? We now offer the chance to see the museum on three separate days, with two time slots. These are guided tours by Gil Bliss, President of SDHM, Brian McCormick Vice President, and Mark Bancroft, a former member of our SDHM board. Each tour is limited to 15 people. \$35 per person, or take the whole family with a family membership of \$45. Your membership allows you to visit for free, throughout the year. Come learn about the house's growth, from a builder and historian. Wheelchair accessible, first floor, free parking. For more info check our "event" page on our website: stanton-davishomestead.org

Yoga With Chelsea Wednesdays 9-10am. June July, and, August

If your bucket lists reads like mine- getting back in shape is near the top! Join us with Bluebird Yoga on the front lawn this coming June, through July, and August- Wednesdays, for an hour class designed to help you get your stretch back. Bring your yoga mat, sunscreen, water, and towel for a class overlooking the beautiful fields of Osbrook Point. Parking free. Book, and pay for your classes with Chelsea, on her link at our Events page/ website: www.stanton-davishomestead.org. Classes are weather dependent.

Sarah Sportman State Archeologist August 13, 10am-12pm

Sarah will give a peek into earlier times of the farm, in an hour- power point lecture. We had two digs recently. First, in preparation of a utilities trench in 2020 and then this past November 2021. Find out about their discoveries. \$10/person, members free. Sign up at our web:www.stanton-davishomestead.org.

Warm and Fuzzy Halloween Party 11am-12:30pm

Halloween should be a fun, safe spook. Join us for face and pumpkin painting, the squash toss and light refreshment for 3 years and up. Held at the Homestead on October 15, 11am-12:30pm. Family cost \$10. Be sure to wear your costume! Children must be accompanied with adult. Party limited to 20. Sign up on our events page when it shows in July, on our website: stanton-davishomestead.org

Become a member or Volunteer

The momentum is growing, as we pursue renovation of the roof of the main part of the house. The complete restoration of the Cheese/Milk Room addition will create the permanent entrance to the Homestead, along with added desk for membership and visitors. Permits are blessed by the state, and soon to be finalized with the town. Larry Davis is cutting wood, on the Davis Farm, to be used in the Cheese Room. Drawings are done. The roof on the “new” kitchen is redone, and tight as a drum.

We need you, now, more than ever! Are you skilled with woodworking, photography, furniture savvy, note taking?

Perhaps you are a devotee of history of the Stanton family, or the story of CT farms. Have you heard of Venture Smith, and followed his book? Did you know the farm shares a long history with the Pequot, Mohegan, and Narragansett tribes, and perhaps was the site of earlier peoples?

Join us, give us your passion, help us in saving a complex story. Contact us for membership: membership@stanton-davishomestead.org or to volunteer: Brian McCormick: vicepresident@stanton-davis.org

