



# WEST WINDSOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## SPRING FLING SQUARE DANCE



At the height of sugaring season on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> the West Windsor Historical Society sponsored "Spring Fling," an evening of old time New England dance-hall music at Story Memorial Hall in Brownsville, from 7-9pm. West Windsor fiddler Adam Boyce, accompanied by guitarist Dave Richard, entertained those in attendance with lively polkas, foxtrots, traditional jigs, reels, and hornpipes for dancing, singing, and listening pleasure.

Many thanks to the experienced dancers who assisted the novices with their patient and generous support! Admission was by donation with all proceeds benefiting the West Windsor Historical Society. Thank you to those who contributed the delightful snacks and refreshments. Aside from the good ol' fashioned community that was shared our proceeds totaled \$282! Many more thanks! *Additional photos on page 3.*



## CADY RELIEF FINDS A NEW HOME

Recently, the Orange Lakes Hotel, at Ascutney Mountain Resort, was renovating the Cady Room in its dining room area and decided the large plaster Cady Relief needed some restoration work. Also, the Relief is extremely heavy and concern grew about hanging it securely to a wall. Upon detailed investigation it was decided to scrap the

relief. The management called the Town Office to see if the town was interested in the relief. The call was forwarded to Selectman Tom Kenyon who decided there simply was not a proper place to hang it in the town hall. He thought, however, the West Windsor Historical Society might accept it as a gift. Previously there had been some discussion that the WWHS might have a display on Daniel Cady at the library this summer. The Society gratefully accepted the Relief and it has been delivered by Orange Lakes to the Mary L. Blood Library for display.

The library's new hours are Wednesdays from 4-6pm and Fridays from 2-6pm. Please take a moment to visit our lovely library to view this recent acquisition and to meet our librarian, Tony Pikremenos if you haven't as yet had a chance.

## The Great West Windsor Cemetery Hunt 2011



The hunt is on! Last year the West Windsor Historical Society sponsored a hunt for old barns. This year we are challenging the community to discover who is buried in our two historic cemeteries - Brownsville Cemetery and Sheddsville Cemetery. Who was the oldest? Who was the youngest? Who had the most wives? Who had the most husbands? Who had the most children?

Questionnaire Forms will be available at the Brownsville General Store and at the Albert Bridge School on Monday, May 16. Contestants may be individuals, families, or groups, but everyone must be a resident of West Windsor. All entries

must be submitted by Wednesday, June 1 at the General Store or ABS. First, second and third prizes for accuracy will be awarded on Saturday, June 4, 1:00 P.M. at the Brownsville Grange. Tom Kenyon and Ann Matthews, local cemetery experts, will be the judges. As always, refreshments will be served.

So join the hunt, but please - be respectful and walk with care as you explore the historic cemeteries of West Windsor.



-- Tom Kenyon

Ongoing Updates & Repairs to the Grange

During the past several weeks, a number of Correctional Facility work crew has been at the Grange Hall painting the dining room walls and ceiling along with on the ceiling in the dining room. Some minor repair work was done on the window curtains and they have been dry-cleaned and look wonderful.

The porch roof replacement project and the metal roof paint project have both been put on hold until we have better weather and the funds. Unfortunately utility costs have strained the Historical Society budget.

Our oil supplier has recommended repair work on the furnace air return. It is not working correctly which causes poor combustion of the fuel. The work involves adding the proper metal air return and extending the duct to another area of the building, which will make the system more efficient.

Minor building problems were resolved this past winter. Repairs have been completed to the cellar floor drain and cellar door and now both work properly. The cellar door also needed some

attention; it has been repaired and now works suitably.

Please consider contributing additional funds to complete the ongoing repairs and renovations to protect and preserve our much-loved Grange Hall.

Please send your check to WWHS, c/o Grange Building Fund, P.O. Box 12, Brownsville, VT 05037.

## SPRING FLING !

FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2011



*Susan Yates, Deb Shearer, Tony Pikremenos*



## Shades of Autumn

The Art and Artisan Show, entitled "Shades of Autumn" will be held at West Windsor Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 30, 10 - 4; Saturday, Oct.1, 10 - 4; and Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 - 2. In addition to the many beautiful craft items, art work and delicious baked goods that will be for sale, lunch will be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Please contact Hilda Conn at 484-9549 or Nancy Loux at 484-5018 for additional information.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Great West Windsor Cemetery Hunt:**  
May 16-June 1

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**Cemetery Hunt Awards: Grange Hall**  
June 4, 1pm

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**Bean Supper: Grange Hall**  
Saturday, July 2.  
Starts at 4pm

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**Independence Day Celebration:**  
Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast 7am

Flea Market 9am

Music 10am

Games 11am

Food until 3pm

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**Art & Artisan Show: Story Memorial Hall**  
Friday, September 30- Sunday, October 2

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**Fall Supper Date: Grange Hall**  
October Date: to be Announced

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**W.W. Historical Society Annual Meeting**  
**Grange Hall**  
Friday, October 21

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*in honor of Hilda Conn's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday*

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*Many Thanks!*

The West Windsor Historical Society Board of Directors and Officers wishes to extend thanks to the many members and friends of the Society for their generous donations this past annual fund drive. We value and depend on your membership and your generous contributions. If you haven't yet had a chance to renew your membership, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience.

*Thank you!*

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