



OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GENERAL WILLIAM HART HOUSE 1767
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About Us

In 1958, a spirited group of citizens formed the Old Saybrook Historical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting the history of this special town that began in 1635 as Saybrook Colony. The members and volunteer leaders of the Historical Society have purchased, developed and maintained a one acre site on Main Street. The campus includes the 1767 William Hart House, an exhibit hall, a state-of-the-art Archives building and award-winning colonial gardens.

The mission of the Society is accomplished through tours of the Hart House and Gardens, special exhibits and lectures. The user-friendly website provides helpful

information on a variety of topics including dates for events. Whether an individual is tracing a family lineage or doing general research, the volunteer archivist, staff and the extensive resources at the Frank Stevenson Archives and Martha Davis Soper Library make it possible to gain knowledge and understanding of the rich history of Old Saybrook and its early families. The society is committed to working with the youth of the town. The Student Volunteer Program provides opportunities for young people to deepen their knowledge of the past and understand the importance of civic involvement. By mentoring these students today the Society is planting the seeds for its mission to flourish in the future.

