

Dear Neighbor,

As we finish 2023 and look back on the year, it was a great one for Deep River and the Historical Society. DRHS had a very busy year offering new discoveries inside our buildings and outside. We held many events and saw lots of visitors – hopefully, you had the chance to come see us too!

We hosted a sold-out, elegant May tea with entertainment by Patty Carver, a bustling and scrumptious June Strawberry Social, and of course the Muster filled our parking lot and produced lots of excitement in July. This past fall featured Deep River Farm Day with exhibits about agriculture and many antique vehicles including the school-bus wagon. We partnered with the CT Children's Theater for the engaging and stirring musical *Radical Women: The Suffragists* at the Deep River Town Hall. On Halloween Eve, we provided themed refreshments for a free talk by the ever-popular lecturer Dr. Jason Scappaticci about witch trials in Connecticut; it was the largest audience we have ever hosted for a lecture.



The Cast of Radical Women



Stone House Decorated for Festival of Trees

One of our favorite events is the Festival of Trees in early December, and this year we had the most trees and most visitors in many years! A new "division" included local businesses creating their own trees and introducing our many visitors to what they offer Deep River. The Elementary School PTO created a tree that each child had an opportunity to help decorate; it was delightful! Our mission to teach local students our history is vital to us, so students from our schools visited DRHS or were visited with a program by our Curator Rhonda Forristall.

And we know you won't forget our popular and moving World War II exhibit that just closed but keep an eye out for many upcoming exciting and interesting events hosted by your Historical Society in 2024. In addition to our annual events, we are planning some surprises for you! Please help us continue our activities with a donation by sending a check to us at P.O. Box 151, Deep River CT 06417, or support us in some of the other ways illustrated on the next page.

Deep River Historical Society Trustees



Junior docents guide other children at Farm Day



Visit Us!

Starting this spring we will open our doors again with a *brand new exhibit!*

Come check us out!

245 Main Street in Deep River

<https://deepriverhistoricalsociety.org/visit/>



Join Us!

Become a member today and help the Deep River Historical Society protect Deep River's storied and varied history!

<https://deepriverhistoricalsociety.org/support/>

Rent Us!

Did you know the Deep River Historical Society's Carriage House and grounds are available for your next event?

<https://deepriverhistoricalsociety.org/renting-the-grounds/>



And find us on Face Book at: Deep River Historical Society for the latest news and events!

Membership

The Deep River Historical Society is an independent 501 (3) organization that relies on memberships, donations and volunteers. Please consider making a donation to support our work in our community!

All donations are directed to the mission of our historical society.

Membership includes regular distribution of the Deep River Historical Society's newsletter *Stone Soup* and notice of programs, special events, and new exhibits.

- ~Individual Membership: \$25
- ~Family/Household Membership: \$40
- ~Patron: \$50
- ~Sponsor: \$100

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www.deepriverhistoricalsociety.org/donate.

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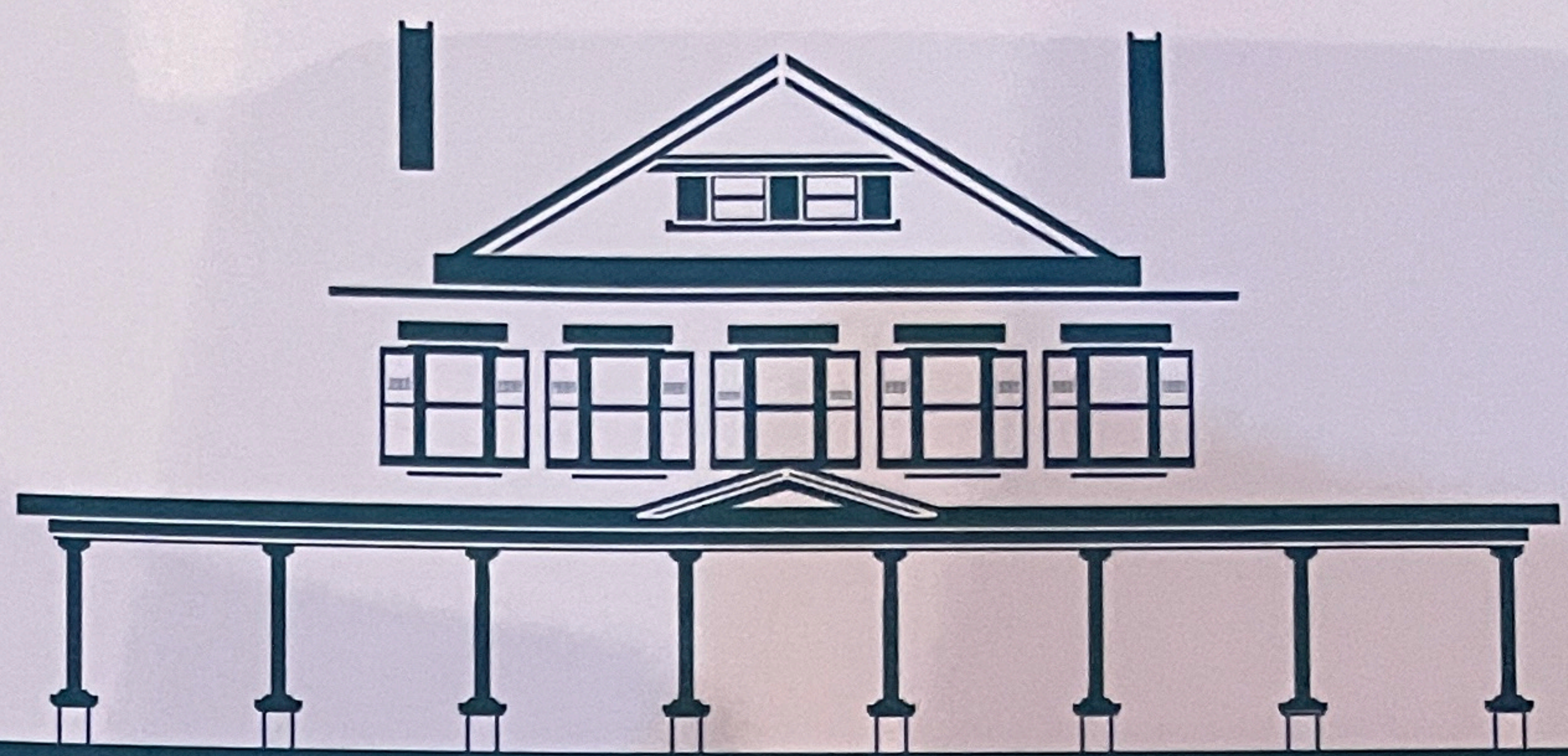
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Deep River's Showcase for Deep River's History

Our Mission is to interact with our community in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Deep River's place in America's history through exhibits, programs, research, collections, and publications, to inspire current and future generations.

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Our Vision

The Deep River Historical Society envisions itself as an integral partner in a community that embraces its heritage.

Who are we?

Three museums in one....

1. Our Buildings

The Stone House was built in 1841 from locally-quarried stone. Three generations of the Southworth family called the Stone House their home, where we now display some of their original furnishings as well as donations resonant of that period.

The property, which was bequeathed to us from Ada Southworth Munson in 1946, also includes a Carriage House (available for event rentals), a Bleach House from the days of ivory manufacture, and extensive grounds.



2. Our Collections

In addition to the Southworth bequest of a furnished home, the Deep River Historical Society curates our community's history through artifacts, documents, maps, diaries, letters, art, and much more. Our rotating exhibits have recently highlighted Deep River's centuries of industry from wharf to waterfall, contributions to women's suffrage and activism, and the sacrifices of the men and women of Deep River during World War II. And we are planning more!



3. Our Programs

We provide Deep River with a lively roster of events, including period teas, the strawberry social, antique car shows, and the holiday Festival of Trees, along with year-round, thought-provoking talks by authors and residents about local history and its colorful personalities.



Time travel to Deep River's varied and fascinating past through

- ~ Programs
- ~ Exhibits
- ~ Activities
- ~ Resources
for Research



For more information

To make an appointment for research in our historical archives, or to book the Carriage House for an unforgettable event, visit www.deepriverhistoricalsociety.org.