



*Hurlbutt Street School House
1834 - 1935*

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HURLBUTT STREET SCHOOL HOUSE, INC.

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Dear Members, Neighbors, and Friends,

This has been a very busy and most successful year for Hurlbutt Street School House!! We ended 2015 with lots of repairs to the exterior and we continued the work in the spring of 2016. The exterior of the schoolhouse was then extensively sanded, primed and painted. It looks pristine now and we have heard from the neighbors how much they enjoy seeing it all repaired! We do too! We were grateful that our kind neighbors, the Khanna's, generously removed several unhealthy trees while pruning others in the rear of the schoolhouse. We hope the increased light and air circulation will help prevent more wood rot on the back of the building and provide light to our garden!

Kathy Rosenbaum, has been working on rejuvenating the Memorial Wildflower Garden in the rear of the schoolhouse with help from Ambler Farm's Marie Donohue, Carol Russell and Pam Nobumoto. whose two senior WHS interns helped in the garden and collated parent volunteer folders. We cannot wait to see the garden this coming year! Please come by and look at it!

The new officers (Anne McCann, Deb DeFeo, Chrissy Silva), Board Members (Bernadette Hess, Ann McDonald, Kathy Rosenbaum, and Laura Ryan) and advisors (Joyce Rosenbaum and Carol Russell) worked diligently this fall to plan for the schoolhouse activities. We held the annual Open House which piggybacked with that of Ambler Farm. We had many visitors during our Open House, including those who had relatives who had attended the schoolhouse as children! It was a very special day!

The highlight of our year was naturally the visit from the children in the second grade of the Wilton Public Schools and that of "3,4 Open the Door" in Westport. The students participated in the experience to "compare and contrast" the schools of 1834 with those of 2016! The entries in the teacher's log indicated that the children loved the experiences of writing with quill pens, writing on slates, reading from McGuffey's readers, reading from charts, playing "Hide the Thimble", touring the garden and seeing the infamous outhouses! Indeed it is a very "hands on experience" for the children and one we hope they will long remember.

The schoolhouse was delighted to receive the donations of desks from the Cuddy and the Carvutto families. These generous donations complete the number of desks the schoolhouse can accommodate and we are grateful to have them. In addition, we received a donation from the Shipman family via the Kress family, of a large slate board used by Mrs. Shipman when she substituted for the beloved teacher, Miss Angeline Post. We so appreciate having the slate! The Wilton Garden Club once again provided the schoolhouse with a lovely holiday wreath for the door! Thank you all!

As we move into 2017, we are excited about the condition of the schoolhouse and the prospects of the coming year. We are grateful for your support and ask that you continue to help us with our preservation work. Please come and visit the schoolhouse at our fall Open House! We love to show off the little schoolhouse!

Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt
President