

THE CRIER



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Renew your Membership for 2021-2022. We need your support! The Waterford Historical Society, Inc. has enjoyed a 20% increase in membership since June 2020, due to increased publicity and the success of programs like *ART IN WATERFORD* in August and the November wreath-making workshops. *But not all members have renewed.* The Society's membership categories were changed, effective July 1, 2021, when the new membership year began to sustain programming and increase opportunities for greater support. (1) Fill out the enclosed 2021 membership form and send in your check by mail in the provided addressed envelope or (2) go to the website Membership page, where you can also pay online with PayPal

<https://www.waterfordcthistoricalsociety.org/membership-.html>.

Member meetings are now "in person." Please join us and bring your ideas and energy! With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions last spring and with many of our members fully vaccinated, member meetings were recently held in person in the Stacy Barn. Our next member meeting will be held there on October 7, with social time at 5:30 p.m. with a 6 p.m. meeting.

Upcoming events include November wreath-making workshops. The Society will hold two wreath-making workshops on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in Stacy Barn. All materials are provided: \$30, or \$25 for members. Reserve a spot early! Email

waterfordcthistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 860-389-7529. Follow our Facebook page, the website, or The Day's calendar. <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordHistorySocietyCT/events>

Do you have a Charter Oak Federal Credit Union (COFCU) account? Earn \$\$s for the Society! If an COFCU account holder, you can make a donation to the Waterford Historical Society, Inc. and COFCU will MATCH your donation of \$20 or more! It's a wonderful way to support the Society by doubling your generosity. Visit the COFCU website to get the form and send in your donation soon; the program expires November 24. <https://charteroak.org/community-giving/matching-gifts-program/>

August 14 & 15, the third annual successful Art In Waterford: Past+Present+Future 2021

A thousand thanks to all the "watching eyes" volunteers, *en plein aire* painters, musicians, artists, and members who lent their time and talent for another successful Art In Waterford! This year's Past artists featured renowned Waterford woodcrafters, fine furniture maker Harold Hayes and ship carver Willard Odell Shepard. Artwork by local high and middle school students displayed their enormous talent as the Future Artists. The Society realized much-needed profits from the sale of



the blacksmiths' hand-forged items; visitors purchased four shoreline-themed paintings by Present Artists; and drawings were held for two donated paintings and a hand-made poker. Even donations tucked into the little birdhouses hanging outside each building on our own blacksmiths' handmade wrought-iron stands "Helped us feather our nest!" ART IN WATERFORD booklets with extensive information on all the artists are still available for sale for \$5. Just email waterfordethistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

The non-stop blacksmith shop

Almost every Saturday morning, visitors flock to the Ralph Madara Blacksmith Shop to view the blacksmiths in action and see the many unique hand-forged items for sale. The blacksmiths also do custom work. Ask to be on shop supervisor Charlie Sedell's email list:

sideros@earthlink.net for scheduling updates and special events, or to inquire about custom work.

Where IS the blacksmith shop? From Jordan Green, park and walk across the blue footbridge, up the hill, past the Stacy Barn on the left. Look for the sign hanging outside and listen for hammering and the roar of the forge.

