

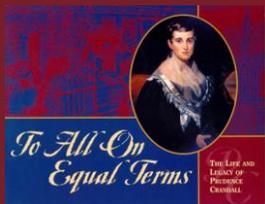
FRIENDS OF THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM, INC.

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Schools, Libraries and Civic Organizations can borrow Museum materials for Free~ book and/or DVD:

To All On Equal Terms: The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall.



Additionally, The *Friends* have their Informational Text Panels, with stands, available to loan.

For more information, please contact 860-546-7800.

Renew or Join us today!

Membership benefits include:

- Free Admission to the Museum
- 20% discount in the Museum Gift Shop
- Ancestry.com access at Museum ~ appointment



Daylily in the Museum garden

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With our season in full swing, it has been interesting meeting new people at the Museum and our events. As a docent, I like to ask visitors about where they are from, what they know about Prudence, and their reasons for visiting the museum.

Several times this year the *Friends*, have been asked what we were doing to "get the word out" about the Prudence Crandall story. The *Friends* and the Museum have a definite presence on the web, and in social media. But it does make one curious. What more could we be doing? Any ideas? We'd love to hear them!

"Prejudice blinds the eyes, closes the ears, hardens the heart." – Rev. Samuel J. May

UPCOMING EVENTS

August~ Garden Clean-up 8:30 am

Every Wednesday the *Friends* welcome members and community volunteers, for a few hours of camaraderie and garden maintenance at the museum. No experience necessary. Bring your own tools and gardening gloves. Water provided.

August 9th ~ Introduction to Stenciling 1:00- 3:30 pm
with Lisa Joseph.

Learn how stenciling was used in households in the 18th and 19th centuries, while learning basic stenciling techniques. Participants will make a canvas placemat to take home. Program is for ages 10 and up~ Pre-registration required.

Cost: \$10 (\$7.00 for *Friends* Members). Includes all Supplies and Museum Admission.



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CURATORS REPORT

New Acquisition to the Museum Collection!

Funds raised by the Friends of the Museum were used recently to purchase a first edition copy of "A Brand Plucked from the Fire" a memoir written by Julia A. J. Foote in 1879. Julia (b. 1823 – d. 1900) was aware of the school for African-American young women Prudence established in Canterbury, and was living in Albany at the same time that Prudence and her husband Calvin Philleo were setting up a school for African-American children in Albany (late 1836/early 1837). Unfortunately, that school was short-lived and Julia never had the opportunity to attend.

Page 39 of the book reads: "Mrs. Philleo...opened a school in Albany for colored children of both sexes. This was joyful news to me. I had saved a little money from my earnings, and my father promised to help me; so I started with hopes, expecting in a short time to be able to understand the Bible, and read and write well. Again I was doomed to disappointment; for some inexplicable reason, the family left the place in a few weeks after beginning the school. My poor heart sank within me..."

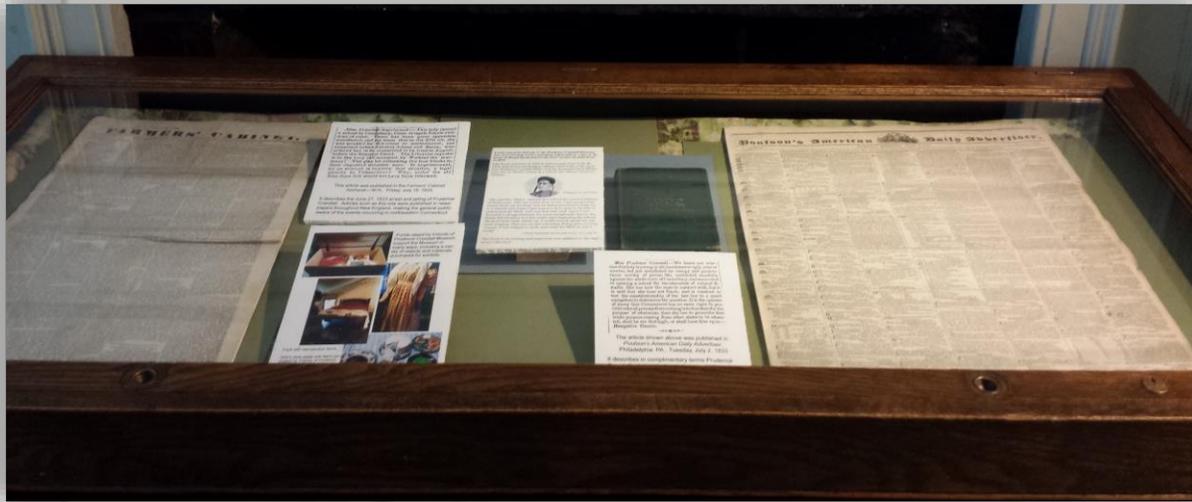
Despite her lack of formal education, Julia went on to become the first woman ordained a deacon and the second women to hold the office of elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church.

The book is an important and exciting new addition to the collection, and is now on display at the Museum.

Museum hours:

Wednesday ~ Sunday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm





Display case in the Museum highlighting acquisitions made possible by the *Friends*.

***FRIENDS* AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS**

The *Friends* have awarded Jr. Docents Marissa Jayawickrema and Jared Kranc with \$100.00 dollar scholarships. Marissa and Jared have both been involved with the Jr. Docent program since its inception in 2012. Marissa plans to attend the University of Hartford and Jared has chosen Eastern Connecticut State University.

We wish them good luck with their studies and hope they continue to be involved with the Museum!



***Friends* Vice President Ellen Chalfant presenting scholarship to Jr. Docent Marissa Jayawickrema (top), and *Friends* Treasurer Raymond Shinkiewicz presenting scholarship to Jr. Docent Jared Kranc (right).**

To find out more about how you can become involved with the Museum's Docent and Jr. Docent Programs, please call the museum at 860-546-7800 or crandall.museum@ct.gov



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- \$20 Individual**
Free museum admission.
- \$35 Family/Grandparent**
Free museum admission for 2 adults and 2 children.
- \$100 Sustainer**
Free museum admission for 4 adults.
- \$250 Associate**
Free museum admission for 4 adults.
Steinhagen mug or plate.
- \$1000 Lifetime Member**
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