

FRIENDS OF THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM, INC.

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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 necessary

Upcoming Events:

***April 9th ~ Ham & Bean
Supper***

May 7th ~ Annual Meeting

***May 14th & May 21st ~
Docent Training***

May 21st ~ Symposium

***Help make these programs
possible by renewing or
choosing a membership!***

***See page 4 of this
Newsletter for the
Membership form.***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am thrilled to announce that the *Friends* have once again been awarded a grant through CT Humanities! These funds along with proceeds from our upcoming Ham & Bean Dinner will be used to support ***"Lives and Legacies: Prudence Crandall's African-American Students Part 2."***

If you did not get the opportunity to attend the Symposium last year, I strongly urge you to mark Saturday May 21st on your calendar! You won't be disappointed. Personally I find the more I learn about the young women who attended the Academy, the more I appreciate the ease with which an education can be garnered today.

***"Prudence
Crandall, Principal of the Canterbury Female
Boarding School...Returns her most sincere
thanks to those who have patronized her
school, and would give information that on the
first Monday of April next (April 1, 1833), her
School will be opened for the reception of
young Ladies and little Misses of color..."***

~ Portion of an advertisement Prudence Crandall placed in newspapers announcing that her school would be changing from one that educated white students, to one solely for the education of African-American young women.

CURATORS REPORT

The museum is already gearing up for the 2016 season, and if you'd like to become more involved in the behind-the-scenes museum programs, we invite you to consider becoming a Museum Docent!

This year's Docent Training (for ages 14 and up) is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 14 & Saturday May 21. On Saturday, May 14, Bev York, who has worked in the museum field for more than 25 years, will discuss innovative and tried-and-true ways of greeting visitors, meeting their needs, offering quality experiences and helping visitors get the most out of what the Museum has to offer. The second day of training, May 21, will require participants to attend this year's Friends of the Museum Symposium. "Lives and Legacies: Prudence Crandall's African-American Students" will focus on the African-American young women who attended the school in 1833-1834. Cost to participate in Docent Training is \$25.00 and covers materials and a ticket to the Symposium. Participants are required to attend both days training. (NOTE: Docents are required to work at the Museum at least 1 day per month from May through October.)

The Museum offers other volunteer opportunities in addition to the docent program – everything from doing research, general office work, housekeeping, garden maintenance, exhibit design and installation, hospitality – to name just a few. If you have a few hours free and would like to get more involved, please contact us.

If you have any questions about Docent Training or any of the other volunteer opportunities the museum offers, please call Kaz Kozlowski at 860-546-7800 Ext. 8 or email me at: kaz.kozlowski@ct.gov. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum Present

∞ NO SMALL COURAGE ∞

The Prudence Crandall Museum
Spring 2016 Lecture Series • A Symposium

LIVES AND LEGACIES: PRUDENCE CRANDALL'S AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS, PART 2

The program will consist of a panel discussion on the African American women who attended Prudence Crandall's academy--the first private school in the nation to admit girls and women of color--and the ever widening circles of influence resulting from this experience.

The participants include the 2015 recipient of the *Nova Scotia Human Rights Award*, a Prudence Crandall biographer, and the author of her family history of African Americans in 19th Century New York.



DATE

Saturday
May 21, 2016
10 AM to 4 PM

PLACE

**Canterbury Community
Center, 1 Municipal Drive,
Canterbury CT 06331**

ADMISSION

\$25.00

**Includes admission to
the Museum and the
Symposium and a
box lunch**

RESERVATIONS

860-546-7800 x 7

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SPEAKERS

Afua P. Cooper, PhD, recipient of the
2015 *Nova Scotia Human Rights Award*

Robert P. Forbes, PhD, author of
*The Missouri Compromise and Its
Aftermath: Slavery and the Meaning
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biographer



Annual Membership:

\$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

Free museum admission for 4 adults
Free admission for all events, plus
Steinhagen mug or plate.

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