FRIENDS OF THE PRUDENCE CRANDALL MUSEUM, INC. NEWSLETTER~MAY 2017

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 necessary

Upcoming Events:

May 20th

Symposium

10:00 am- 4:00 pm

Canterbury Community
Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elected at our Annual meeting on May 6, 2017 the following individuals have volunteered to serve as your 2017-2018 Board of Directors. Due to circumstances beyond our control the annual audit of our financial records had to be delayed, but will occur before the May Board meeting scheduled for May 26th. Treasurer Kate Zapadka and Vice-President Bill Kivic will be conducting the audit and the final results will be relayed to all members once completed.

2017-2018 Board of Directors:

President: Lisa Ali

Vice-President: Bill Kivic

Treasurer: Kate Zapadka

Recording Secretary: Kendall Smith

Corresponding Secretary: Paula Roswell

Member-at- Large: Paul Hammer

Member-at- Large: Susan Zimmerman

Ex-Officio: Kaz Kozlowski, Museum Curator

"Enslave

the liberty of but one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril."

- William

Lloyd Garrison

CURATORS REPORT

It's hard to believe that it's already May and we've reopened for the regular 2017 Season, though we we've already hosted groups this spring. (Hartford/Manchester/New London) I also assisted students from all across the country – Michigan/Florida/Maryland/New Jersey/and right here in Connecticut - providing research materials and guidance as they worked on *National History Day* projects. This year's theme is *Taking a Stand In History*, and if you're not familiar with *National History Day* go to www.nhd.org

Throughout the off-season I've also been working with an architect, mechanical and structural engineers, along with staff from DECD and DAS Construction Services, to formulate an assessment and list of recommendations for work to be done on the Museum building and John Carter House. Work will begin on a list of "Priority 1" issues (including new roof for the Museum) in the next few months using funds that have already been earmarked for the project.

Unfortunately, due to budget issues the Museum will once again be without a seasonal Museum Guide to help with day-to-day museum needs, but I'm sure that with the support of the museum Docent staff, Friends of the Museum, and other volunteers, we will continue to offer quality tours and programs to our visitors. (Reminder that the Museums hours will be: Thursday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm, last ticket sold at 3:30pm.)

In closing, I'd like to thank Paula Roswell, as she steps down as President of the Board of Friends of the Prudence Crandall Museum. Her hard work, support and outreach to other community organizations during her tenure, only served to strengthen FOP as an organization. As we go forward, I look forward to working with FOP's new President Lisa Ali and her board, to build on these collaborations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No Small Courage Symposium, Saturday May 20th

Canterbury Community Center 10:00 am -4:00 pm

Ticket price will include lunch catered by Working Girl Catering.

The presenters are: Dr. Jennifer Rycenga Ph.D., Prudence Crandall biographer and co-editor of the "Mary Daly Reader"; Dr. Anna-Lisa Cox, Ph.D., author and Non-Resident Fellow: The Hutchins Center Harvard University; and Barbara J. Beeching Ph.D., author of "Hopes and Expectations: The Origins of the Middle Class in Hartford."

Public Outreach

Thank you to Otis library in Norwich for inviting the museum to share display materials about the museum and Norwich's own Harris family. The display is part of the library's month of April focus on Sarah and Mary Harris ~ two of the more than 20 Africa American young women who attended Prudence Crandall's academy. And thank you Lisa Joseph for lending a hand installing the cases!





