

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 Event:

Prudence Crandall Day!

September 3rd

10:00 am- 4:00 pm

***Celebrating Prudence
Crandall's 213th Birthday!
Birthday Cake at 3:00 pm***

***The Friends will be having a
Vintage Glass Sale***

***Look for our tent in the
Museum parking lot.***

***If you have items you would
like to donate, please call***

860-546-7800 ext. 7

***Or drop items off at the
Museum during regular
hours. Your donations are
tax deductible!***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was one of several docents recently who assisted a group of English as a Second Language learners from the Hartford Public Library as they toured the museum, and then met with Historical Society and *Friends* member Bill Kivic at the Green School. They were a very diverse group in age and in background, coming from Thailand, Peru, Iraq, South Africa, and Korea. While they were in awe of the history behind the museum and the grounds at Carter House. I was inspired by their love of learning and the joy they found in the rural landscape of Canterbury. They found the setting of the Green School similar to their own early educational experiences, and were thrilled when given the opportunity to ring the school bell!



***"I read all sides, and searched for truth
whether it was in science, religion, or
humanity..." Prudence Crandall to George
Thayer, author of "Pedal and Path", 1887***

CURATORS REPORT

Despite the state budget cuts (which impacted the Museum's hiring of a seasonal Museum Guide) the Museum continues to offer quality tours to the public through the efforts of the volunteer docent staff. I can't thank them all enough for their hard work and dedication which have kept the museum's doors open four days a week throughout the summer.

We've hosted visitors and groups from near and far. From as near as down the road ~ to as far away as: A high school teacher from Belgium making her annual 4-week summer tour of the U.S. visiting sites having to do with civil rights; a professor from Harvard's Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research working on a book that includes references to Prudence and her school; a group of English as a Second Language learners from the program at the Hartford Public Library! Prudence and Sarah's stories cross cultural lines and language barriers, resonating with folks from all around the world.

If you'd like to be part of this or any of the other volunteer opportunities the museum has to offer, 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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Kendall Smith ~ Member-at-Large



My love of the Prudence Crandall Museum began during a fifth grade field trip. I was the type of kid that needed to be in the physical place to understand that history was real; and not just information in a textbook. I remember being in the front exhibit room, and Kaz was explaining how in an attempt to close the school someone set fire to the building. Thankfully it was found and extinguished. However at the time, I didn't fully understand that there was a time when education was not available to everyone.

My admiration for Prudence Crandall never left me. Since that time, I always wanted to return. It wasn't until 2010, my last year of college as a History major, I joined the Docent Training Program and began participating in museum projects. I have enjoyed meeting and working with many different people. In the spring of 2014, I began my Master's Project at Sacred Heart University. For this project, I chose to write and illustrate a book using the perspective of one of Prudence's students, which is currently titled *Amongst the Lilies*. Since completing the first book (and hoping to find a literary agent to represent it), I have begun a second book, continuing the story.

Music at Twilight~ 102nd Army National Guard Band

July 30th~ Canterbury Community Center



Annual Membership:

- \$20 Individual**
Free museum admission.
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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.
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- \$1000 Lifetime Member**
Free museum admission for 4 adults
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