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## Preservation Alert: BENNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

by Mary Dunne

Spring has been busy for those concerned with preserving the four-building complex formerly known as Education Square, now Bennet Middle School, on Main Street. A subcommittee of the Cheney Brothers Historic Commission joined with the Society to encourage town planners to take into consideration the historical and architectural significance of these buildings, as they move forward with plans that will decide the future use of the complex.

At stake is not so much the preservation of the buildings but the best use of them. As of this writing, according to recent news reports, there is a consensus that most of the buildings are worth preserving, but it remains to be seen how they will be utilized. A school, especially one to which fifty percent of the students can walk, is an important anchor to the neighborhood. And while it appears hopeful that the buildings may continue their function as a school, modern educational standards call for specifications that this current complex of buildings may not be able to easily accommodate. In the event that Bennet will no longer be used as a school, the challenge, then, is finding an economically viable alternative to using the buildings as a school.

Bennet Middle School began life in 1914 as three buildings designed by the New York architectural firm of Carrere Hastings, for the Ninth School District. Across School Street was the State Trade School, where young men (and a few young women) learned the textile and drafting trades. The Franklin, Barnard, and Recreation Buildings were located around a quad. A fourth building, a library, was designed but never built. The Cone extension, built in the 1970s, completes the current square. The State Trade School, later known as the Cheney building, is now also part of the Middle School complex. The main preservation threat seems to be to the Cheney Building, which is of significant historic interest.

The buildings are architecturally important as representative examples of the later "restrained" period of design by Carrere-Hastings, the firm which also designed the famous Beaux-Arts New York Public Library on 5th Avenue and 42nd St. The Cheney Building is especially historic to Manchester because of the many residents who learned the textile



*Franklin Building, Bennet Middle School, c. 1925*



*Gymnasium in East Side Recreation Building, c. 1920  
Note Palladian-style windows*

industry there and ended up working in the Cheney Brothers Mills. Many descendants of the students, and even some alumni, still live in Manchester.

The Historical Society looks forward to being a part of continuing conversations that will determine the best use of this complex. Our priority is that the buildings be preserved in a way that will best serve the community. Stay tuned—better yet, get involved to ensure the preservation of these buildings!

## Thank You!

**Thank You to the following for helping to make the office move to the machine shop a success:**

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## Historical Society Welcomes New Development Director

The Historical Society is pleased to announce that Carolyn Kaufman is now on staff as our part-time Development Director. Carolyn has a broad range of development skills and experience, most recently with Easter Seals. She has only been on board since early May but has hit the ground running by undertaking some major grant proposal writing assignments and planning some exciting special events.

Her energy, coupled with her enthusiasm for the Society will be an invaluable asset as we move forward with our major fundraising goals.



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**J**une is LEAVE A LEGACY month. LEAVE A LEGACY Connecticut is a statewide public awareness effort to promote charitable giving through wills and estate plans. As you will read in this issue, the Society has recently benefited from such legacy donations. We are grateful to all of our donors; your financial support tells us that you think our mission is important and our work is valuable.

If you are considering making a planned contribution to the Manchester Historical Society, there is a way to achieve your financial goals while helping to ensure that the work of the Historical Society continues well into the future. A Charitable Remainder Trust is a gift arrangement defined by federal tax law that enables donors to provide income for themselves or others, avoid estate and capital gains taxes, reduce income taxes, protect the financial security of their heirs, AND make a lasting impression by giving to a favorite charity or charities.

The Society is undergoing a major expansion that will make it an enduring and prominent historical and cultural resource in eastern Connecticut. Are you interested in making a gift that will stay with us well into that bright future? Then consider naming the Society in your will, as a beneficiary of your life insurance plan, or through a charitable remainder trust. Bequests will help ensure that the Society continues to carry out its mission of preserving the town's history and educating the public, all while acknowledging the generosity and support of your legacy. If you want to learn more, we are prepared to talk to you and your financial advisor about this planned giving vehicle. Contact Mary Dunne, at 860-647-9983.

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## Cheney Homestead News

by Mark Sutcliffe, Homestead Chair

**O**ur long-awaited roof replacement project has been completed! Professional roofer Jean Godbout and his crew from Glastonbury Restoration, LLC, installed premium-grade cedar shingles that, with proper maintenance, will assure us of an attractive leak-free roof for many years to come. We were fortunate that the sheathing needed only minor repairs. The step flashing has been completely replaced and our restoration contractor, Steve Bielitz, is ready to proceed with the replacement of deteriorated siding and trim. Hand-in-hand with the roofers, Bill Allen of Nayaug Chimney Services rebuilt the deteriorated furnace chimney, repointed a second chimney, and installed a replica of the chimney that Seth Cheney built for his mother's bedroom that was removed about 25 years ago. Two early twentieth-century postcard views were used to determine the correct proportions of the replica.

We received only one donation, in memory of Mary Cheney (d. 1933), in addition to the \$25,000 grant from the Cheney Family Fund, so we have had to reduce the Cheney Homestead Fund by about \$15,000 so far. We anticipate spending another \$5,000-10,000 for various repairs to the exterior, most of them required by the replacement of the step flashing of the dormers and gables. We will gladly accept donations both large and small to defray these necessary expenses for the maintenance of the Homestead. We are indebted to the Town of Manchester for providing Dumpster service.

The Homestead is always in need of volunteers. Specifically, we are looking for a handyman or woman who can help repair the rickety rail-

(see *Homestead*, page 6)

## Cheney Historic District Commission Recognizes Preservation Achievements

**O**n May 13, the Cheney Brothers Historic District Commission recognized the achievements of several property owners through its annual preservation awards. Commission Chair Vivian Ferguson commended the recipients, stating that when people restore their buildings, they "give something to posterity and encourage others to do the same." This year's award winners are:

**Carol and Bill Trexler**, who restored their Victorian residence at 57 Garden Street. Mrs. Trexler stated that when they moved to Manchester, they consciously looked for an older home and said their house is the most favorite place they have ever lived.

**Richard Tambling** and his father **Eli** were recognized for their work on the house at 73 High Street. Eli purchased the house in 1962, and Richard lived there for part of his childhood. Eli Tambling also received an award for his years of ongoing dedication to restoring and preserving the house.

**Edward and Lynn Firestone**, owners of the Pinewood Furniture building, on Main Street, restored the façade of that building to as close to the original as they could get. As you will notice now, the vinyl siding which had covered up the windows on the second and third floor has been removed to restore much of the original fenestration. The building is the oldest frame building on Main Street and has been a furniture store for all of its 114 years.

**Ron Flynn and Ilke Carlson**, owners of 10 Beech Street, uncovered their house to reveal the original siding and completed other restoration work.

The Historical Society joins the Historic District Commission in commending these property owners for their hard work. Their labor of love is inspiring and gratifying.

## Museum Docents, We Need You!

by Susan Barlow & Florence Johnson

What's fun and convivial, doesn't have any calories, and gives you the satisfaction of helping the Historical Society? Did you guess: Volunteering to staff the museum? We hope so, and we hope you'll give Florence a call to let her know when you can provide some time and attention to this interesting job, where you meet new people, and always learn something new about Manchester history. We are looking for people who can commit to a once-a-month, or once-a-quarter, shift. We need two volunteers for each three-hour shift: **Fridays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

The duties are interesting and easy - just ask any of our current volunteers. You would assist visitors, answer questions (or write them down if you don't know the answer), and other pleasant duties. There are written instructions for each procedure at the museum.

So, review your calendar, and call us to volunteer for an ongoing shift. Bring a friend! You may phone the museum at 647-9983, or Florence Johnson, home 643-4742 or 742-5850, to volunteer or to find out more. The Old Manchester Museum is at 126 Cedar Street, near Washington School.

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## ***History Close to Home: Exploring Manchester's Historic Neighborhoods—Tours in Full Swing This Spring***

Thanks in part to a grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council, the Society is offering a series of walking tours this May and June centered on the theme of Manchester's historic neighborhoods. The first tour is on May 29th at 1 p.m., when Mary Dunne will lead visitors through Hollywood, a Manchester in-town suburb which is representative of other early twentieth-century neighborhoods in the United States.

Join us on June 5th as Board Director Susan Barlow takes us on a stroll down Main Street as part of Pride in Manchester week.

On Saturday, June 26th Mary Dunne and Robert Dunne will lead the second annual tour of Union Village, Manchester's newest National Historic District.

The tours are free to Society members and only \$2.00 for non-members. See the calendar of events for details.

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## ***Join Us for a Day Trip to the Mattatuck Museum and Timexpo Museum in Waterbury, Saturday, June 5th***

Our spring bus tour to Waterbury promises a fascinating day of fun. The day begins with a personal tour of the Mattatuck Museum, a treasure house of collections focusing on over three centuries of Heritage of the region and the master artists of Connecticut.

After enjoying lunch at the acclaimed museum cafe, we will move on to the Timexpo Museum to take a series of fascinating journeys through time. Trace the history of the Timex Company from the 1850s to the very latest in today's technology.

The tour will leave promptly from Cheney Hall parking lot, 177 Hartford Road, at 8:15 a.m. and will return around 4:15 p.m.

The cost is \$53.00 for members and \$58.00 p/p for non-members and includes transportation, entrance fees, lunch, tax, and gratuities.

Please make checks out to Manchester Historical Society and return to Anthony Thibeau, 158 Grandview St., Manchester, CT 06040; tel.: 860-649-4872.

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## ***Survey Results***

Due to space limitations, the analysis of the Society survey will appear in the next issue. Stay tuned!

## ***Manchester Heritage Day***

Check the local newspapers or the town's web site for the schedule of events for Heritage Day, Saturday, June 12th. As usual, the Society will be prominently represented in Cheney Hall parking lot along with other local organizations, and both the Old Manchester Museum and Cheney Homestead will be open. The Homestead will be hosting a children's scavenger hunt—so bring the kids!

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## ***WE'RE IN! Society Staff Moves into New Office at 175 Pine Street***

We are happy to announce that Executive Director Mary Dunne moved into her new office on Monday, April 26. A week later, our new Development Director, Carolyn Kaufman, joined her at the former Cheney Brothers Machine Shop building. We are planning a members-only viewing of the new office space and a progress report on other work at the building for some time in June. Watch your mail for your invitation!

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## ***Wish List***

The Society is in need of the following items: One office side chair; microwave oven; Savings Bank of Manchester memorabilia (since their merger, vestiges of SBM are fast disappearing!); books by Manchester authors.

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## ***Historical Society Joins Manchester Scholarship Foundation***

For the first time, the Manchester Historical Society has contributed to a named scholarship with the Manchester Scholarship Foundation. It is our hope that this scholarship will encourage graduating students to pursue a course of study in history at the college level. The Society feels encouraging this pursuit among young people will ensure a continued interest on the part of the community in its local heritage.

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## ***Attention, Local Sports Fans!***

Historian and educator Steve Armstrong is conducting research for a book about the history of sports in Manchester. The book will focus mainly on twentieth-century sports and sports figures. If you have information, anecdotes, documents, photos, or anything else that you think would be an important addition to this work, please call Steve Armstrong at (860) 644-4756, or send him an email at [steph17895@aol.com](mailto:steph17895@aol.com).

(see **NewsNotes**, page 5)

# We Welcome Our New Members!

The Society is happy to welcome dozens of new members from all over the country, who have joined from March of last year, through April 30 of this year.

## FROM MANCHESTER:

William Adams  
Ellen Anderson  
Diane Anderson  
Andrea Bacon  
Doris and Clifford Bartz  
Henry Becker  
Dawn L. Black  
Adella Blaszczak  
Kim Boulay  
Mary Boyle  
Shirley Brown  
Shirley Bunce  
John B. Burke  
Robert and Karen Caffrey  
Linda Cavanna  
Christopher Castagna  
Diane Castagna  
Jean and Roger Christiana  
Patrick and Andrea Clancy  
Isabel Compasso  
Jim Cowles  
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Betsy De Louf and Jon Kleinberg  
Gay Douglas  
Mary Duane  
Larry and Harriet Duff  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eckblom  
Dorothy Ewing  
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Marjorie Hill  
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Joyce Hood  
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Lillian Hunter  
Jon and Betty Hutchinson  
Doris D. Jacobs  
Lori and Tim Judd  
Martha LaFranchise  
Don and Linda LaPlante  
Joseph Lawler  
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Petra Shearer  
Ron and Judy Starkweather  
Susan Stepanski  
Charles and Dolores Swallow  
Matthew Thibadeau  
Thomas and Patricia Tompkins  
Bion and Phyllis Tupper  
Anthony Viscogliosi  
Carole Walden  
David Waxman  
Marilyn Wilson  
L. Wilson-Thornton  
Gil and Barbara Wright

## Upgraded to Life Membership:

Lillian Hunter  
Faith and Tim McCann  
Lisa and Colin O'Neill

## From Elsewhere:

American Silk Mills Corporation  
Frances O. Anderson (Saybrook)  
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Barbara A. Bissinger (Maryland)  
Michelle Brewer (East Hartford)  
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Richard Trumbly (Hebron)  
Ann Viscogliosi (Vernon)  
Susan Wilder (Glastonbury)  
Gil and Barbara Wright (Mass.)

The Historical Society depends on the support and interest of our members. Please let us know what we can do to make your membership more meaningful!

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## Pick Up Your Copy of the Hog River Journal

The *Hog River Journal*, a regional cultural heritage magazine published by a consortium of local educational and cultural organizations, is a new journal dedicated to the promotion and dissemination of the Greater Hartford region's history. Pick up the recent issue at the museum, which features an essay by Society Executive Director Mary Dunne, on "Life in a Mill Town."

## Seeking Member Email Addresses

We need email addresses! We are trying to develop a database of member email addresses so that we can send

preservation alerts and reminders of upcoming events and programs to you. You will continue to receive announcements and newsletters through the mail; however, sometimes a last-minute issue that needs immediate attention can't wait for snail mail. If you are interested in receiving some of our information through email, please send your name and email address to Mary Dunne, at [mdunne@mhs.necoxmail.com](mailto:mdunne@mhs.necoxmail.com).

## We Will Miss...

The Society regrets the passing of several members in recent months: Richard T. Hagenow, Dorothy (Hacker) Herman, Jack Kearns, Edward A. Ristau, and Helen (Anderson) Tierney.

# Manchester's Links to Hartford Circus Fire of Sixty Years Ago

by Dave Smith

On a very hot July afternoon in 1944, 168 people died and 487 were injured in the horrific fire which occurred in the big tent of the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus, in Hartford. Among the dead were four from Manchester and five from one family on Hills St.

Manchester's victims were Mrs. Annie Waichen, Danny O'Brien, Ellen Edson, and Doris Marie Schinkel. A monument in the old part of East Cemetery lists the Wickham family members who perished: Edith May (Wickham) Budrick, her children Edith and Joseph Jr., Edith's sister Viola Ann (Wickham) Locke and her daughter Elaine. Edith May and Viola Ann were the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Horace Wickham.

The fire began as the Flying Wallendas were to perform on the high wire. They managed to escape and no circus employees or animals were lost. Many of the spectators had harrowing escapes.

Dr. Charles Strant, a Main Street dentist, experienced a great deal of anxiety even though he did not attend the circus. His daughter, mother, and father were in one of the worst areas of the disaster. They managed to get out of the tent, but the elderly Mrs. Strant was badly burned by falling canvas. During the rush to the exits, they were separated. Mr. Strant got to a phone and called Dr. Strant at his office, fearing that his wife and granddaughter were still in the flaming tent.

Dr. Strant drove to Hartford and forced his way into the circus grounds. He was directed to the State Armory, where the dead were kept pending identification. Hoping against hope, he went to the police station, but did not find them. He tried to call back to his office in the hope that some additional word had come in. Because the phone lines were tied up, he could not get through. In grim despair, he decided to drive back to Manchester. Arriving at his office, he found that his daughter Caroline had called, reporting that she and her grandmother were safe. Dr. Strant then hurried back to Hartford to the hospital, but they could not tell him anything about his daughter and mother. As he was leaving the hospital, he found them on the front steps, with Caroline still holding her circus program.

Art Lassow vividly remembers to this day his experience in escaping the fire. He had gone to see the circus with his parents and older brother, Gordon, thanks to his grandfather, who bought war savings bonds and received free tickets with them. Even though it was the hottest day of the year, the boys were dressed up in white shirt and

tie. They were in the midst of enjoying the famous clowns Emmett Kelly and Felix Abner. The Flying Wallendas (Art's favorite circus act) were preparing for their high-wire performance when the fire broke out. Art, his brother, and father got out together, but they became separated from his mother, who had tripped over the railing. After an anxious half hour of searching, they found her on a nearby street.

This was the first time Art had gone to the circus, but he got another chance several years later. For several years thereafter, his father continued to carry the ticket stubs with him, remembering that Ringling Bros. Circus had promised free admission to another circus to anyone who produced ticket stubs from that fateful day in Hartford. In 1949, the family was visiting New York City and the circus was playing at Madison Square Garden. They decided to see the circus again, but were told that it was sold out. However, the attendant called to the main office, and a few minutes later John Ringling North appeared and escorted the family to his private box, where they watched the circus in luxury.

The survivors agreed that the fire, once started, spread with unbelievable speed. This was attributed to the fact that the huge canvas tent had been coated with a waterproofing solution of gasoline and paraffin before the circus left its winter quarters in Florida. As a result of this fire, many regulations came into effect that have vastly improved safety for large gatherings, and for many years, circus tents were not allowed in Connecticut.



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ing to the attic and install a second railing in the stairway to the second floor. We also need someone with wood-working skills to make components for exhibits. A few people who enjoy (or don't mind) interior or exterior painting would be very welcome, as well. Finally, we are in need of a grounds crew to tackle pruning, lawn repairs, and brush control. A good used brush chipper would be a handy addition to our stable of equipment also.

We hope that you will stop by to admire the new roof and chimney work.

## History on Your Television

by Susan Barlow

“Manchester’s Historic Neighborhoods,” will air on Saturdays in May, on Public Access television in the Manchester area, channel 15. Mark Pellegrini, from the town’s planning department, presented this program at the museum in March. Mark used maps to show the town’s development from pre-history through today. To illustrate his presentation, he used photos of representative houses, which John Spaulding digitized for our archives and for use in editing the television show.

In June, we plan to present a show about Bennet School, including a visit to the tunnels, swimming pool, bowling alley, and power plant. We are also working on a show about Russell Cheney, Manchester’s impressionist painter.

The Historical Society’s shows run on Saturdays at 8 p.m. Most shows are one hour long.

Other recent shows include:

- “Historic Libraries of Manchester,” with Barbara Pettijohn, chief reference librarian, and Doug McDonough, library director. We visit both Mary Cheney and Whiton libraries.

- “City of Village Charm,” in which Susan Barlow interviews people about what town location makes Manchester charming, and why it’s their favorite.

Some of our previous shows can be borrowed at Mary Cheney Library, or purchased at the Old Manchester Museum on Cedar Street.

Your comments on the shows are welcome. Call the Society at 647-9983, or visit the web site [www.ManchesterHistory.org](http://www.ManchesterHistory.org) and click the “contact us” button.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Spring-Summer 2004



**May 29**  
Saturday  
1 p.m.

***Walking Tour: Hollywood Section of Manchester***  
Guide: Mary Dunne  
Meet at Westminster Road and Porter Street, off East Center Street. On-street parking is available in the neighborhood.

**June 5**  
Saturday  
11 a.m.

***Walking Tour: Main Street Memories***  
Guide: Susan Barlow  
Meet at Bennet Middle School.

**June 5**  
Saturday

***Bus Tour of Waterbury-area Museums including Timexpo***  
(see News Notes)

**June 6**  
Sunday  
12-4 p.m.

***Machine Shop Clean-Up Day***  
Work will be done inside and outside the building  
(see related story, back page)

**June 12**  
Saturday  
10:30 a.m.-  
5:00 p.m.

***Manchester Heritage Day***  
Old Manchester Museum and Cheney Homestead will be open, and the Homestead is hosting a children’s scavenger hunt.

**June 26**  
Saturday  
1 p.m.

***Walking Tour: Union Village***  
Guides: Mary and Robert Dunne  
Meet at Whiton Library (parking available at Whiton Library and at Robertson School, on North School Street).

## The Tuttle Legacy to Society

Thanks to the generosity of Albert and his wife Mary (Reardon) Tuttle, the Society has received a substantial bequest. Although this is an unrestricted donation, the Board of Directors will determine how best to use the bequest and how to honor the memory of the donors.

Albert, who died in 1989, lived most of his life in town. He was a veteran of World War II and was a member of several community organizations, including Manchester Lodge of Masons No. 73, the British American Club, and Manchester Country Club. He was an accountant with the Mill All Company.

Mary, who died in 2002, was born in Manchester and graduated from Manchester High School in 1929. She worked for the State of Connecticut for many years, was past president of National Fire Girls, and a member of Manchester Country Club.

Both had an interest in history, and this was shown through their generous bequest to the Historical Society.



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Make checks payable to: ***Manchester Historical Society***

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***106 Hartford Road, Manchester, CT 06040***

### **Helpful Hands Needed For Cleanup Day At Machine Shop**

The Society needs able-bodied volunteers to help out at the Machine Shop, at 175 Pine Street, on Sunday June 6th from 12-4 p.m.

Work will be done inside and outside the building. Tasks include:

Outside: Yard work, picking up trash, cutting brush, mowing, raking.

Inside: Moving construction materials (nothing heavier than 25 lbs.), general house cleaning: window washing, bathroom cleaning, sweeping, vacuuming, dry mopping, etc.

Please bring work gloves, and face mask if you are sensitive to pollen or dust. Long pants are appropriate if working outside. Wear appropriate shoes.

This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the organization and get an inside look at the work we're doing to make the Machine Shop more accessible for events. Refreshments will be served.