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## A Message From the President

by Dennis Gleeson

One hundred years ago our country was in the midst of many changes. Horse-drawn wagons and buggies were being replaced by trucks and automobiles, and gas lamps were being replaced by electric lights. Fifty years ago the Manchester Historical Society was formed to preserve the heritage of our town. We try to do this through preserving artifacts and photos and documents as well as significant parts of our built environment.

As part of our preservation efforts we are about to embark on the restoration of our historic Woodbridge barn, which dates from the late 1700's. That work is scheduled to begin in September and be finished by January of next year. After over 200 years, the barn needs major help to preserve it for another 200 years and enable us to create a farm museum representing Manchester's long agricultural heritage. We still need major financial help from our members and the community to help us match a grant of \$78,370 we received from the State of Connecticut Historic Restoration Fund for this work.

Although the cost to operate the Society has increased over the years, we have kept our membership dues the same for many years. We are now faced with the necessity of increasing the dues as well as fees for other services we offer, including lectures and walking tours. New dues will be announced in the next newsletter.

We continue to rely on volunteers for much of the activities of the Society, including greeting visitors at the history center and the museum, as well as planning and carrying out events. If you can help us either on a regular basis or for specific events, please contact me or Eileen Sweeney.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Saturday, October 3, 4:30 p.m. ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING** at Manchester Country Club for election of officers and directors and annual report to membership on Society activities.

**Saturday, October 3, 5:30 p.m. ANNUAL SOCIETY DINNER** at Manchester Country Club followed by presentation by Cheney family members. See inside for details.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gala & Auction

Plans are underway for the 12th Annual Holiday Gala & Auction of the Manchester Historical Society. The festive event is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., at the Manchester History Center, 175 Pine Street. Diverse talents and many donations are needed to create a successful fundraiser for the Society and its programs. Your help is needed prior to and during the Gala to create baskets and wreaths, obtain unique items for the silent and live auctions, decorate for the season, and to greet both long-time and new friends. Early reservations for the Gala can be made by cash, check, or credit/debit card. We welcome you to join community volunteers in preparing for this year's Holiday Gala! Especially needed for the silent auction are large, empty baskets in good condition, and/or filled baskets with specialty products/gift cards from favorite businesses. In addition, the Society is looking for live auction items such as antiques, and activity packages that feature entertainment, recreation, dining, and lodging. Knitters and crocheters are encouraged to create scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves for the Holiday Giving Tree. Call 860-647-9983 or email [executivedirector@manchesterhistory.org](mailto:executivedirector@manchesterhistory.org) for more information on how to get involved by lending a hand as an event organizer, to solicit donations, to write thank you notes, or to decorate for the season.



Gala Auctioneers December 2014

Left to right: Ann Lucente, Irene O'Connor, Marsha Gunther  
Photo by Christiane Hellner-O'Brien



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## Genealogy Group News

The Genealogy Group consists of Society members interested in researching their own family history. All Historical Society members may attend for free. An individual membership can be purchased for \$15. The general public is welcome to attend for a donation of \$3 per meeting. Some have been doing genealogy for years while others are just beginning. All are welcome. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am at the History Center, 175 Pine Street in Manchester unless otherwise specified. The Program Coordinator is Dianne Bordeaux Lenti who is a longtime member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogical Council. Upcoming programs are listed on the upcoming events page at [www.manchesterhistory.org](http://www.manchesterhistory.org). If you have questions call Kris Miller at 860-528-3122.

**October 13** The meeting will be at the History Center. The speaker will be Linda Roghaar, the publisher of Genealogy House (A division of White River Press). She will speak on the power of narrative in writing a family history. The many options available to persons publishing their own histories will be discussed.

**November 10** The meeting will be at the History Center. The speaker is Kristen Keegan, an adjunct professor of History at Fairfield University. Her topic is: "in-depth Census Study." She has studied original copies of census records and will share information not always found in on-line census records.

*The Group does not meet in December.*

**January 12** The group will have a roundtable discussion on their own progress in genealogy research. People share their questions and problems. We learn from each other.

## Wanted: Host/ Docent Volunteers

The Society wants YOU! If you can spare a few hours a month please contact us at 860-647-9983 and talk with Dennis Gleeson. We will train you. It's easy and rewarding.

## We Will Miss ....

**Mary Ann Lawler** volunteered with the Historical Society for many years, along with her late husband Joseph. In addition, she worked for the Manchester Public Schools and the Senior Center.

## Correction

In our last newsletter, June 2015, we incorrectly listed one of our volunteers. It should have been Natalie Chirico who volunteered during 2014. We greatly appreciate Natalie's help and apologize for our error.

## WANTED! World War I items for display

Over the next few years we will be recognizing the 100th anniversary of the United States participation in World War I. We are seeking to display items pertaining to Manchester's contributions to the war, including photos, correspondence, memorabilia, artifacts and information related to Manchester's men and women in the military and on the homefront. If you have items you can loan to us please contact Dave Smith at 860-647-9742 or at [info@manchesterhistory.org](mailto:info@manchesterhistory.org).





## Walking The Beat

by John McParland

Walking the Main Street beat was one of the most sought after assignments for the most senior members of the Manchester Police Department. In 1964, I was a rookie cop anxious for action and excitement. Certainly I was not enamored with the thought of walking the beat enforcing parking regulations.

Captain George (Red) McCaughey was the Patrol Captain. His policy was that rookies should experience every facet of patrol including the walking beats that were the North End, Center Street, and Main Street.

Office Newt Taggart was badge number one and his seniority enabled him to choose his assignment whenever possible. Needless to say, he always chose the Main Street beat. Officer Bill Pearson was badge number two and was usually assigned the Center beat.

My day to walk Main Street with Newt as my instructor finally arrived. At 8 AM, we were transported to the corner of Main and Bissell Streets to begin the day. Our first stop was the Corner Soda Shop where Newt purchased a cigar and greeted the owner and a few customers. Just two doors down was the entrance to the State Theater where several men stood talking. Newt introduced Attorney Gerry Walsh who was a partner in the firm of Garrity, Walsh and Diana with offices above the State Theater. The other two men were Clarence Foley and Seddy Strong who were both sheriffs. Next stop was Bray's Jewelry Store which was our anchor spot. Billy Bray and his wife were like family. Located in the back of their store was a large blue chair which provided us with a break after hours of walking. We also stored rain coats and other items that were needed to assist us in the enforcement of parking limits such as the large chalk sticks. We continued down Main Street conversing with the merchants as well as those who worked in the area stores and offices. Walking beats create a positive police presents that is not intrusive, but can affect quality of life issues in a meaningful way.

Another responsibility was the safe crossing of children proceeding to and coming from St. James School on Park Street. The children were very fond of Newt, and they would gather around him as he crossed them. Many would demonstrate their prowess with their Duncan Yoyos as they were preparing for yoyo competitions at W.T. Grants which were usually held on Saturday mornings.

Communication in those days consisted of red call boxes strategically placed along Main Street. Should we need to contact headquarters we would access the phone inside the call box. In the event headquarters needed us, they would activate the large red globe light on top of the call box. It was not uncommon for a citizen to locate us in the event the light was on to inform us that we were needed.

Much has been written about Thursday night activities on Main Street, and how it was such a great social event. However, there is another piece most people are not aware of. In those days parking meters lined Main Street. The gutters often became the resting place for many dropped coins. Every Friday morning a group of retired men would walk up and down Main Street searching for these coins. The practice was referred to as "combing". My Godfather, Tom Beattie, who had emigrated from Ireland and was retired from Cheney Brothers, was one of the old timers who enjoyed this practice. One morning Tom joined me on my "rounds", and as we walked he continued to scan the gutter for coins. Some distance away another "comber" was coming in our direction.

Tom removed a coin from his pocket and placed it in the gutter. As the other man approached, Tom quickly walked over to the spot and picked up the coin making it look like a random find and announced "This must be my lucky day" placing the coin in his pocket. Tom thoroughly enjoyed playing tricks on his fellow "combers".

Many of these men were from Portadown, Northern Ireland. On most days they would end their morning sitting on benches in Center Park. Back in Ireland "the troubles" were in full swing, but here in Manchester "the troubles" did not exist. Talks would center on local politics or horse racing at Lincoln Downs or Narragansett Park. Among this group were the two Scott brothers who raised canaries as a hobby. It was common knowledge that my father and I also raised them. This provided us with some interesting conversations. I often witnessed a practice that is seldom seen today when these men would tip their hats as a lady passed by.

One of these individuals was an elderly gentleman named Fritz. I never knew his last name, but occasionally he and I would have some wonderful conversations. I had spent two years in Germany with the U.S. Army, and this gave Fritz and me something in common as he was born and raised in Germany. His apartment was located over the old Gas Company on the corner of Main Street and Brainard Place. One day Fritz asked me to visit his apartment as he had something very special to show me. He told me that he was a Field Officer in the German army (Major or higher). He showed me a photograph of himself in dress uniform complete with spiked helmet. He was a very proud man and spoke of his service to the Kaiser in WWI. He would often say what a great country America was and how fortunate we were to live here.

On various occasions, I would see Fritz and Tom Beattie sitting on a bench talking. My knowledge of Tom's service in the U.S. Army during WWI in France and Fritz's service in the German Army during the same war was very special to me. Many people passed by the park every day, but most never knew what I knew about the old timers sitting on those benches.

The years have passed and wonderful memories of those times stay with me. I knew so many great people up and down the street. I don't recall a store or office where I didn't know someone who worked there. Waves and smiles were not in short supply. I was very lucky to have walked the Main Street beat.

# Cheney Fire Station Restoration

by Dave Smith

Over the course of the past 10 months (with a break during the winter) work has been underway to restore and preserve the exterior of the former Cheney Fire Station at the corner of Pine Street and Hartford Road. The station was built in 1901 as a fire house by Cheney Brothers to aid in protecting the mills in the event of a fire. It served as headquarters for Hose and Ladder Company No. 1 of the South Manchester Fire Department until 1966, when the company was moved to a new station on McKee St.

The building sat empty for a number of years until 1979 when it was leased to the Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society. In 1983 it was opened as a museum and has remained a museum since then. It is an important part of and major contributing structure to the Cheney Brothers Landmark District.

Major renovations were made to the building interior in the early 1980's so that it could be used as a museum and open to the public. A new roof, windows and apparatus doors were installed between 2001 and 2007. These improvements were instrumental in protecting the structure and the museum collections. However, the exterior siding and trim were still original to the building and in need of major restoration.

The current restoration work has included removal of several layers of lead paint, replacement of deteriorated siding in some areas and complete repainting. The work has been funded by a grant from the State of Connecticut Historic Restoration Fund and administered by the Town Public Works Department, under the direction of Mark Carlino, Director of Public Works.

The museum reopened in August and is now open Friday and Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. until mid-November. It features displays of Connecticut fire history including antique apparatus, photos and an operating alarm system from before 1910. The museum is a mecca for kids of all ages and is a highlight of the Society's Annual School Tours (a partnership with Manchester elementary schools).



# Woodbridge Barn Restoration Update

*There is something about a barn that just makes people feel good. Maybe it reminds people of a simpler time even though farming wasn't simple. [barn owner quoted in CT Trust Barns Project]*

Work will begin by mid-September on the long awaited restoration of our 18th century barn at the Woodbridge Farmstead and is scheduled to be completed by January 2016. The work will restore the barn to its approximate appearance of 100 years ago and will straighten and strengthen the structure.

Over the course of its life the barn has developed a distinct lean to the east and has settled in several places due to rotting timbers. In addition, repairs and alterations over the years have included plywood siding, temporary cable stays, and asphalt shingle roofing. This project will correct these and other issues and the barn will be made as plumb as possible, solid footings will be constructed under the columns, windows and doors will be repaired, and a wood shingle roof installed.

After restoration the goal is to create farm museum exhibits in the barn, showcasing agricultural tools and dairy equipment used during the past two centuries at the Woodbridge farm and on other Manchester area farms as well. This will showcase a major part of Manchester's history that we have not been able to adequately present to the public and our school students.

Although the work has already been contracted, we still have to raise enough money to pay the \$219,000 cost of the project. To date we have received \$83,370 from two grants (State of Connecticut Historic Restoration Fund and the SBM Foundation). In addition we have received almost \$20,000 from individual donations. We are still seeking additional grants. However, we also need the support of all of our members and the community.

If you have not yet made a contribution to this project please do so this month. If you have already donated and would like to do so again, it will be greatly appreciated.



The Woodbridge milk delivery wagon leaving the barn with Arthur Woodbridge and the horse "Harry." Harry knew his milk route so well that he sometimes walked on to the next house even though Arthur was still chatting with his customer.



## A Summer at the Mills

by Corinne Gabriele - Intern

Over the past three months, I have been interning with the Manchester Historical Society. In the fall, I will be completing my final semester at the State University of New York at Potsdam, pursuing a degree in archaeology, with minors in museum studies and history. It has been wonderful working with such an ambitious historical society and I've gained a great deal of hands-on experience that will prepare me for the future!

I have really enjoyed working with curator Dave Smith at the Old Manchester Museum. With his help (and an amazing amount of patience), I got to learn the process of artifact acquisition and how to catalog them using the PastPerfect database. I also gained insight into the museum's preservation and storage system. Hoping to be employed as a museum curator someday, these skills and practices are something I'm thrilled to learn more about.

Although I'm not native to the town of Manchester, it didn't take long for me to get absorbed in its rich history. While I am still trying to find my niche, I think Manchester's diverse and abundant history is something I have really benefitted from. I am grateful for the opportunity to handle different types of objects, all from varied time periods.



*Pitkin bottle reconstruction*

My first project at the OMM was to reconstruct several Pitkin glass bottles that had been donated to the Society in broken condition. Each bottle was now in many pieces!

In total, eight bottles were re-constructed, seven Pitkin flasks and one shoe-blackening bottle. I'm very happy that not only will my project help contribute to the Pitkin display,

but the reconstruction process was also exciting for children on the school tours to see!



*Installing the barber chair*

My next task was to reorganize and document the contents of the museum's large map collection. Sorting the maps by type will now make them more accessible, not only for the curator, but for future researchers. I've also been able to help install a few objects for the up-coming "Russell's Barbershop" exhibit!

When I wasn't occupied with the collections at the Old Manchester Museum, I would work in the History Center. I loved interacting with all of the visitors that came through each day. Sitting and listening to their stories really brings so many of the photos and objects to life. When visitors had questions about people or places of Manchester, I quickly learned that directories and newspapers are invaluable resources to investigating the past.

I was also introduced to the importance of genealogy. I accompanied President Dennis Gleeson to Town Hall to inquire about birth and death certificates while researching a Manchester family's history.

Interning for the Manchester Historical Society has been such a well-rounded experience. I've had so many opportunities to observe varied aspects of museum work: curation practices, research, exhibit preparation, tours, fund-raising, etc. This internship has not only given me skills needed for future employment but it has also encouraged me to pursue my interest in bottles and glasswork as both a hobby and future academic research. I'm very grateful to have been given this opportunity and appreciate all of the help and support I have received over these past few months!

Check out the September 2015 issues of *Hartford* magazine and *New Haven Living* to see the Manchester History Center building featured as the backdrop for the ten-page cover stories, *Fabulous Finds For Fall*.

# Calendar of Events

Lectures usually take place at the Manchester History Center at 175 Pine St. Parking is available along Pleasant St. and in the lot along the Forest St. side of the building. Handicap parking is available in the small lot next to the History Center. The building is accessible. The cost for most lectures and walk tours is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Free for children under 16.

The Cheney Homestead and the Old Manchester Museum are both open the second Sunday of the month from 1 to 4. The research facility is available by appointment. Please call 860-647-9742.

• **Saturday, October 3, Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. and Annual Dinner at 5:30 p.m.** at the Manchester Country Club, celebrating the 50th anniversary of our founding. The annual membership meeting, with election of officers and annual reports, begins at 4:30; there is no cost to attend the meeting. At 5:30, the dinner begins with social time, then dinner at 6:00 and an illustrated talk by Cheney family members. Tickets for the Annual Dinner are \$35.

• **Saturday, October 10, at 1:00 p.m., The Wall that Heals and "Chat with the Past"** at the Manchester History Center. The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum will arrive at Manchester's Center Memorial Park on October 8, and in conjunction with its visit, the Historical Society invites all veterans and the public to a presentation by veteran Bill Johnson about a 1989 trip to remove landmines in Vietnam. His presentation includes TV footage that Fox News took as it covered the trip. Bill's talk will be followed by an informal cracker-barrel chat, where guests are invited to talk about their memories of Vietnam or other military experiences. The Wall that Heals will be in Manchester from October 8 to October 11, with opening ceremonies on Thursday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. The Wall will be open to the public 24 hours a day.

• **Sunday, October 11 and the second Sunday of each month**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., *Cheney Homestead and Old Manchester Museum* open to visitors. Free to members and by donation for nonmembers.

• **Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m., the Genealogy Group** meets at the History Center. Linda Roghaar of Genealogy House Publishing division of White River Press will talk about publishing your genealogy. The Genealogy Group consists of Historical Society members. Nonmembers are also welcome, \$3.00 fee.

• **Saturday, October 17, 38th annual walking tour of the Cheney Historic District with commentary by Dr. Chris Paulin** 1:00 p.m. Popular history walk starting at Fuss & O'Neill, 146 Hartford Road (plenty of parking in their lot west of the building). Find out about those huge brick buildings that remain from the days of the world-famous silk mills. Who worked there? Who owned the mills? Where did workers and owners live? This event is co-sponsored by Manchester Community College and the Manchester Historical Society. The walk takes about two hours with a distance of a mile or so. No rain date, so bring umbrellas if weather is iffy. Extreme weather cancels. The walk is free, but donations to the Manchester Historical Society are welcome.

• **Sunday, November 1, Hilliard Mills walk and tour, 1:00 p.m.:** Meet at 642 Hilliard Street for a walking tour and commentary about the historic buildings in the Hilliardville section of Manchester, including the country's oldest woolen mill. This section of town is named for the Hilliard family. Owner Peter Bonzani will present information and stories. We will tour building interiors and also walk outside about a half mile, encountering uneven and possibly wet terrain. Rain or shine, so please bring an umbrella if weather is wet.

• **Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m., illustrated talk by Tom Myers of Champlain College** -- "The Silk Weave of Synchronicity," recognizing and understanding coincidences that create positive employee experiences. Professor Myers is a member of the Cheney family and teaches International Business and Management. His May 2015 article in *AI Practioner* magazine "Lessons from the Ancestors" describes his study of the Cheney silk industry and business practices through "appreciative inquiry," reflecting on the Cheneys' innovative manufacturing "techniques and philosophies we value today." This talk will interest local historians as well as business owners.

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• **Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m., Open House:** throughout the historic district -- all are invited to visit the Cheney Homestead decorated for the holidays by the Manchester Garden Club, the Manchester History Center, and the Old Manchester Museum. The museum stores at the History Center and Old Manchester Museum will be open, with books on local history, copies of vintage maps, t-shirts with historic scenes of Manchester, mugs, notecards, and a limited-edition ceramic tree ornament in a Woodbridge Farmstead motif. The open houses are free -- donations appreciated.

• **Saturday, December 5 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Society's 12th Annual Gala** -- a fundraiser for the Society and its programs. With glamour, gifts, good fellowship, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, wine, and dessert and coffee. Live auction, music, and some surprises. The museum store will be open. \$30 for members; \$35 for nonmembers. Auction items include gift cards to local restaurants and businesses, framed artwork and vintage items. All are welcome to this fun evening. Parking at Silktown Roofing, 27 Pleasant St, along Pleasant St, off-street along the Forest St side of the building, and at Elm St extension. A parking attendant in the small lot north of the building will direct guests, including disabled people.

# Preservation Award Winners

by Susan Barlow

Three Manchester homeowners received awards for the extraordinary efforts they made to preserve their historic homes. The awards were presented by the Cheney Brothers National Historic Landmark District Commission on May 27th in a reception at Town Hall. Leslie Frey, chairperson of the awards committee, thanked the winners for their work as she made the presentations. Robert Shanbaum, chairperson of the Commission, spoke of the purpose of the awards – to recognize those with houses over 50 years old, who “have maintained their property in a manner that preserves its historic value and character.” The 2015 winners are:



1. Richard and Rita Borden for 646 Porter Street, a Victorian house that was moved from Spring Street to Porter Street before I-384 was built



2. Karen Golnik for 189 South Main Street, the Colonel Iraneous Brown house, believed to be the oldest house in Manchester, built in 1751



3. Paula and Anthony Viscogliosi for 50 Forest Street, the former Philip Cheney house, and which looks down on the Great Lawn on Hartford Road.

## Memory Book Program



### *Do Any of These Describe You?*

- You have photos crammed into drawers, shoeboxes, bins, envelopes, closets, and old albums.
- You've wanted to organize your photos for YEARS but just can't find the time or not sure how to do it.
- You would LOVE to protect and share your photos now and for future generations and create a memory book.

### *Then this program is for you!*

#### **First Session: Tuesday, September 22nd, 10 am to 1 pm Get Your Photos Organized Workshop**

Bring up to 1000 printed photos to the workshop and, using the ABC'S of photo organizing, you'll get started sorting your photos for archival storage, digitizing, and sharing in a memory book.

\*\*\*Please tell us your intent to attend by sending an email to [Caren@memorylanephotosolutions.com](mailto:Caren@memorylanephotosolutions.com)\*\*\*

#### **Second Session: Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 10am to 1pm Let's Build a Memory Book Workshop, Part 1**

In this session, you'll learn a quick and easy process to layout the pages of your Memory Book.

Choose the subject/theme of your book and bring up to 250 photos that you would like to use in your book. Materials, including album cover, album pages, paper, and photo safe double-sided tape, will

be available to purchase.

#### **Third Session: Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 10am to 1pm Let's Build a Memory Book Workshop, Part 2**

In this session, you'll crop your photos and put your Memory Book together. Tools will be provided for use during the workshop.

*Instructor: Caren Osborne is a Certified Personal Photo Organizer with APPO (Association of Personal Photo Organizers) and owner of Memory Lane Photo Solutions. Caren is passionate about educating individuals on the importance of preserving family memories and stories through photos. She has over 14 years of experience helping individuals organize and preserve their photo legacies and stories for their enjoyment and the enjoyment of their family and friends.*

**All three classes will be held at the Manchester History Center at 175 Pine Street.**

**There will be a charge for each class of \$20 or \$15 for Historical Society members.**

**Note that first session requires an additional materials fee of \$5.**



The Manchester Historical Society Invites You to the

# Annual Dinner

On Saturday, October 3, 2015

Manchester Country Club, 305 South Main Street, Manchester

**Dinner**, \$35.00 per person; celebrating the 50th anniversary of our founding on September 30, 1965 with social time at 5:30; then dinner at 6:00 and an after-dinner illustrated talk by Carol and Dexter Cheney. Complete the form below and send check as described below.

## Menu:

Fresh fruit cup ♦ Tossed garden salad

### Choice of entrée:

♦ Prime Rib ♦ Chicken Cordon Bleu ♦ Filet of Sole ♦ Vegetarian Tortellini

### Served with:

Vegetables ♦ Potatoes ♦ Rolls and butter ♦ Coffee and tea

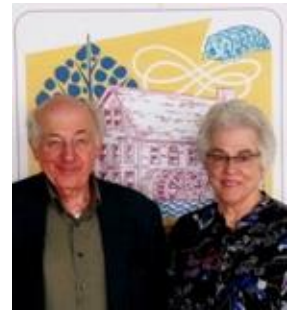
### Dessert:

Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

## Following dinner:

Carol and Dexter Cheney, great-grandchildren of Knight Dexter Cheney, will present an illustrated talk. Hear from family members about the great manufacturing concern that shaped Manchester's economy from 1838 to the 1950s, and that continues its historic, architectural, and cultural influences to this day.

Dexter and Carol Cheney at the Manchester History Center.



❖ **IMPORTANT! PRINT EACH GUEST'S NAME NEXT TO ENTRÉE CHOICE** ❖

❖ **Please put a big "X" in the entrée choice next to each guest's name** ❖

Print name of guest and select entrée	Chicken	Filet of Sole	Prime Rib	Vegetarian

Please include your e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ & phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion with check payable to **Manchester Historical Society** 175 Pine Street, Manchester, CT 06040 by September 24 (or bring in person). Please write **DINNER** on the outside of the envelope!

For information, phone 860-647-9983 – *Sorry, we cannot accept phone reservations*  
 ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS AND INFO on our web site [www.manchesterhistory.org](http://www.manchesterhistory.org)





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Name: (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Individual	\$45
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student (under age 18)	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Family	\$75
	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Individual	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Couple	\$400		

**I would like to make an additional contribution for**

<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester Historical Society Building Fund	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodbridge Farmstead Endowment	\$ _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cheney Homestead Endowment	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Keeney Schoolhouse Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted	\$ _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a matching gift form			

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

**Membership Dues and Donations to the Society are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**