

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RENEWAL

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THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
INCORPORATED

P. O. BOX. 5512 – HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT 06518

THE JONATHAN DICKERMAN HOUSE

Dear Society Members,

Let me begin by saying a sincere “thank you” for being a member of the Hamden Historical Society.

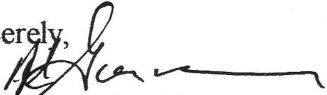
While a small organization, we are active, respected and involved in promoting and preserving Hamden’s past.

Our Society has supported the proposed Ivesville Historic District, the Elam Ives’ House nomination to the National Register, research at the Jepp Brook archaeological site and the Hamden History Library. We had a visible presence at Hamden’s Earth Day Celebration in April and at the Brooksvale Park Festival in October. Officers made presentations to the Hamden Women’s Club and to the Trailside Village residents; as well, we hosted a film and lecture by naturalist and educator, Flo McBride last May. Our educational outreach program involved hundreds of Hamden school children and the Dickerman House museum was open to the public during the summer.

We were blessed this past year with a bequest from the estate of Patricia Jane Waite; in effect, it creates a “rainy day” fund that will provide assets for capital improvements at the Dickerman House and Cider Mill Barn. Our membership dues and the Antique Show fundraiser support our operating expenses (as detailed in the Newsletter). This is where we need your continued support.

Please help us continue to move forward and renew your membership. Please return the enclosed renewal form by the end of June with your tax deductible gift.

Sincerely,

  
Al Gorman, President

203-288-0017

## Annual Financial Statement

January 2009 – December 2009

### Income

Interest Income	1,901
Membership Dues	2,265
Donations	365
Antique Show Contribution	2,300
Antique Show Sales (Kitchen profits)	737
Book Sales	460
Archivist Research	575
Library: Bradley Trust Fund	4,424
Rental	100
Arcadia Press (Royalty)	114
Gratuity (Presentations)	125
Gift (Special donation)	275
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,641</b>

### Expenses

Utilities	1,205
Lawn Service	1,405
Archivist Services	4,424
Archival Material	83
Memberships (Historical assoc.)	60
Printing (Newsletter/Dues envelopes)	244
Postage	205
P.O. Box Rental	72
Safety Deposit Box rental	70
J.D. House Insurance	3,213
J.D. Property Repairs	542
Hospitality	91
CT Annual Report (Sec. of State)	25
Garden Club (Plants)	75
Security (Inc. upgrade)	1,177
Ives House NR Nomination	250
Antique Show (Starter Expenses)	500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,641</b>

### Assets

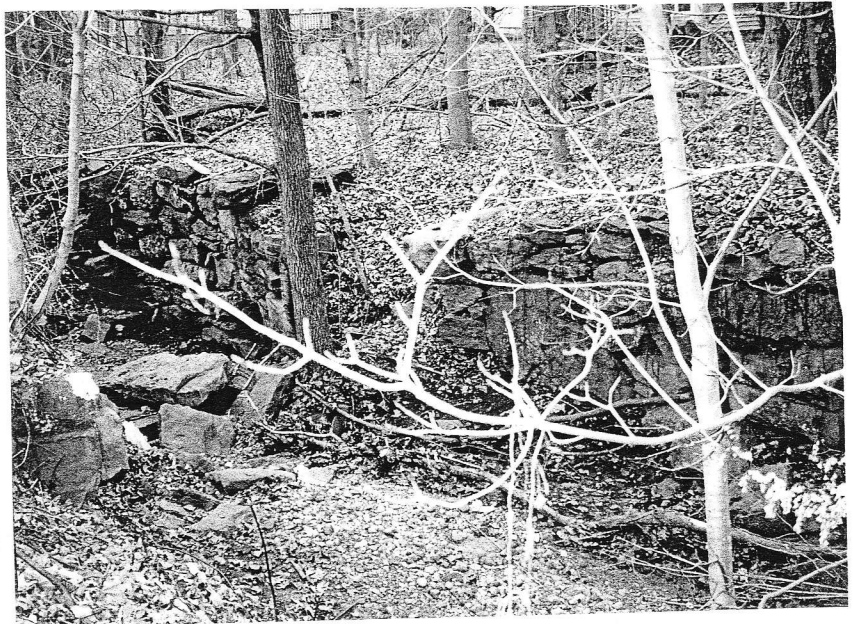
Checking account	3,635
Money Market	5,715
Certificate of Deposit (Inc. Bequest)	102,560
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$111,910</b>

## Farmington Canal Lock 14

The CT Trust for Historic Preservation announced that a HPTAG or Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant was awarded to the Hamden Historic Properties Commission and its co-sponsor, the Farmington Canal Commission. This grant will be used to conduct an archaeological survey of Lock 14 which is behind the Lockkeeper's House at 3908 Whitney Avenue. The survey will include identification of structural repairs, artifacts, and cultural resources; recommendations concerning the restoration of the stonework will be presented with maps and photos. Our society is a supporting partner in this project.

Farmington Canal Lock 13 off Brooksvale Avenue near the Cheshire town line was placed on the National register of Historic Places in 1982. A few years later, the entire Farmington Canal in Hamden was listed on the National Register. Our society has been involved with his recognition and preservation effort since 1978 with our members serving on what was called then, The Advisory Committee for the Restoration of the Farmington Canal.

The Lockkeeper's house, owned by the Roche family since the 1950's was saved from the demolition and then was leased by the Town of Hamden from the CT Historic Commission in 2002. Its renovations are now complete, and we are working with the Farmington Rails-to-Trails Association to open it as a small museum dedicated to the canal's history.



### **Financial Statement**

For your information, the Society's 2009 financial statement has been prepared by our Treasurer, Joe Pepe. On balance, income and expenses were approximately the same as 2008. There was a decline in some income areas e.g. Antiques Show due to the economy, but interest income was up due to the bequest. House related expenses included a new rear stone step and parking lot crack sealing. The Board greatly appreciates our Treasurer for his time, oversight, and sharp pencil.

### **Membership**

Spring time is the time for our members to renew their support for our Historical Society. Enclosed, you will find an envelope for your annual dues. Instead of a separate mailing, we have included the appeal letter and return envelope in the newsletter to save postage.

### **Summer Docents**

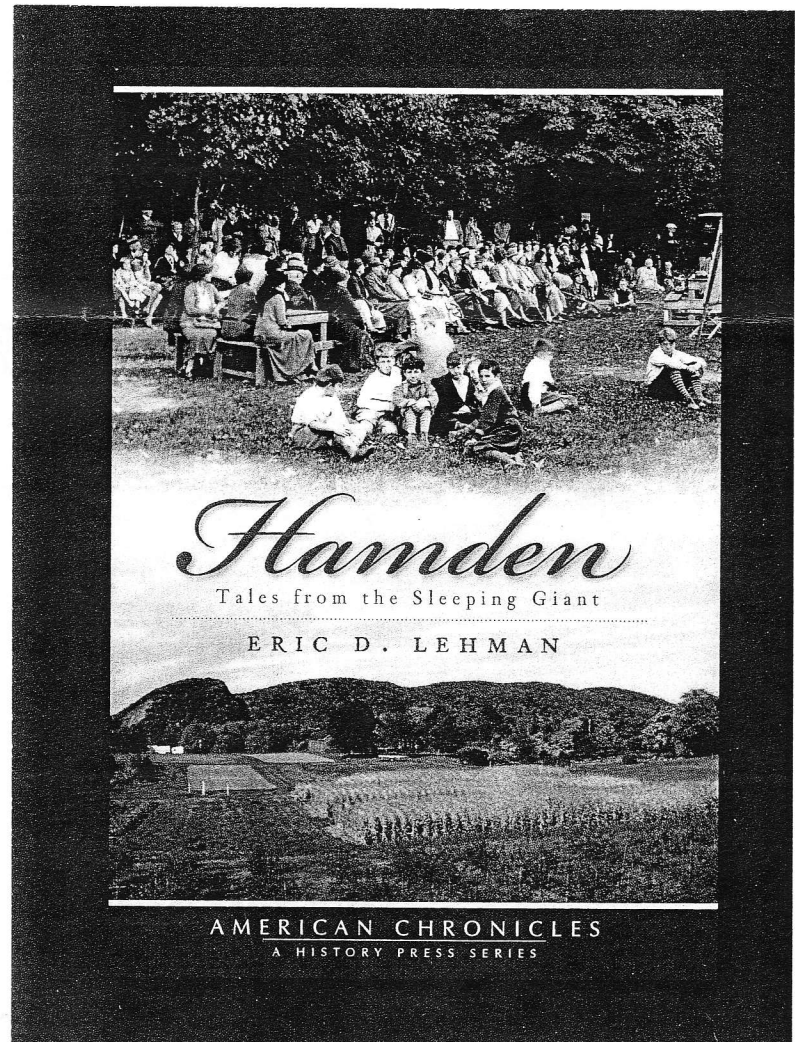
We would like to open our Dickerman House museum on weekends beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 4pm through the end of August. Please consider volunteering one afternoon, a Sunday or Saturday, to show off Hamden's only house museum to the visiting public. Call Al Gorman, 203-288-0017 to help.

### **Hamden: Tales from the Sleeping Giant**

A new publication by Hamden resident and Society member, Eric D. Lehman, takes the reader on a journey which uncovers the hidden stories of our town, from its Puritan beginnings to the home that we cherish today.

Eric Lehman teaches literature and creative writing at the University of Bridgeport. His essays, reviews, poems, and stories have been published in dozens of journals and magazines. His previous book, **Bridgeport: Tales from the Park City**, was released in 2009 by The History Press. Travel writing is his passion, whether he is hiking the Inca Trail in Peru or fly-fishing the Connecticut rivers. Already working on his next book, Eric, his wife, and two cats are proud to call Hamden home.

Our Society is pleased to host Eric for a lecture and presentation this June 10, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Senior Center at Miller Memorial Complex, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. Refreshments will be served and copies of the new book will be available for purchase (\$20) and may be autographed by Eric.



The program is free and open to the public. The Senior Center is handicap accessible; enter at the rear of the building and bring a friend. For information call 203-288-0017.

# ***NEWSLETTER***

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***SPRING EDITION 2010***

YOU ARE INVITED TO A LECTURE & PRESENTATION

## ***HAMDEN: TALES FROM THE SLEEPING GIANT***

BY HAMDEN'S NEWEST AUTHOR

**ERIC D. LEHMAN**

**7:00 PM Thursday, June 10, 2010**

HOSTED BY THE HAMDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

SENIOR CENTER AT MILLER MEMORIAL COMPLEX

2901 DIXWELL AVENUE, HAMDEN

Public Welcome No Charge