



February 2025 Newsletter

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members:

Each year, for the first two months of the year, our society works behind the scenes to spruce up our two museums and our collections for members and visitors to enjoy from March to December.

We think you will be pleased with the events we've planned. Some are old favorites; some are new, based on suggestions from members like you. You will see a full list of museum hours and upcoming events in this newsletter.

We hope to continue to have your support in 2025, and be the society you want for our town. Comments are always welcome. Thank you for being a member of Westbrook Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Marcy Fuller, President, Westbrook Historical Society

WESTBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS FOR MEMBERS

2025 OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AT THE DECEMBER 2024 ANNUAL MEETING:

- PRESIDENT Marcy Fuller
- VICE PRESIDENT John Lee
- TREASURER Darlene Jones
- SECRETARY Gail Colby
- And Sandra Forrest was appointed our ARCHIVIST.

THE **2025 HOURS FOR OUR TWO MUSEUMS** WILL BE:

- **WESTBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM ON THE TOWN GREEN:**
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH TO DECEMBER, 9:00 – NOON
- **DAVID BUSHNELL MEMORIAL HOUSE**, 121 South Main St: THE FIRST AND THIRD
SUNDAYS, MAY TO SEPTEMBER, 1:00 – 3:00
- **ALSO, VISITS AND TOURS FOR GROUPS CAN BE ARRANGED AT THE MUSEUMS**
by contacting us.

THE **2025 EVENTS** ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE.

HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH US

- We hope you'll stop in one of our museums this year. Maybe bring some new-to-Westbrook people with you?
- Our website and our FACEBOOK page continue to attract readers. We encourage you, as a member, to log into these to keep updated with news and fresh changes. You will continue to get newsletters, like this one, throughout the year.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WESTBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2025

(All events are open to public with no cost)

- **APRIL 30**, WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 3:30, **HERITAGE GARDEN TALK**. In conjunction with the Westbrook Garden Club, we will host a talk about heritage gardens, highlighting the new heritage garden at the David Bushnell Memorial House. The event will take place at the Carriage House of the David Bushnell Memorial House, 121 South Main Street.
- **MAY 24**, SATURDAY, 1:00 – 3:00, **WESTBROOK IN THE CIVIL WAR TALK followed by CEMETERY VISIT TO PLACE FLAGS AT GRAVESITES OF CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS** The talk will take place in the Carriage House of the David Bushnell Memorial House, at 121 South Main Street, in close walking distance of the Lower Cemetery.
- **MAY 26**, MONDAY: Our WHS Museum on the Town Green will be open during the **MEMORIAL DAY** ceremony.
- **JUNE 14**, SATURDAY 10:00 -3:00. BOTH OF OUR MUSEUMS WILL BE OPEN FOR **CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY** FOR HISTORY, ART, CULTURE, NATURE AND ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES: our WHS Museum on the Town Green and the David Bushnell Memorial House, 121 South Main Street.
- **AUGUST 23**, SATURDAY. **WESTBROOK ANNUAL MUSTER PARADE**. Our WHS Museum on the Town Green will be open for the Muster Parade crowds.
- **SEPTEMBER 13**, SATURDAY, 10:00 -3:00 **DAY ON THE GREEN**. Westbrook Historical Society's 44th annual Arts and Crafts Fair on the Town Green.
- **OCTOBER 9**, THURSDAY, 6:30-7:30. **REENACTMENT OF "PROFESSOR JIM" WILLIAMS** Kevin Johnson of the Connecticut State Library will portray "Professor Jim" Williams, a beloved and respected man who served at Trinity College as a janitor after escaping from enslavement, sailing the high seas, and serving in the War of 1812. At the Community Room in Westbrook Public Library.
- **NOVEMBER 11**, TUESDAY. Our WHS Museum on the Town Green will be open during the **VETERANS DAY** ceremony on the green.
- **DECEMBER 7**, SUNDAY, 4:00 -6:00. Our WHS Museum on Town Green will be open during the **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** on the green.