

HARWINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

Mail: PO Box 84, Harwinton, CT 06791

email: harwhistsoc@gmail.com

Sharing Memories of One-Room Schools

“If you are 79 or older, you might have attended a one-room school.”



Dr. Jennifer Golec, above, welcomes Marion Gunn Wilcox Painter, 103, to the Historical Society’s November 20th program “Remembering Harwinton’s One-Room Schoolhouses.”

Golec, who grew up in Harwinton, said her love of history and curiosity about the town’s 12 small district schools led her to research the topic. “If you are 79 or older, you might have attended a one-room school,” she told the 42 people in the audience at Town Hall.

In addition to Marion Painter, former one-room school students attending the program included Larry Connors (who told of gathering sticks on his way to school so he could start a fire in the school’s wood stove to warm up the room), Carl Anderson (who wonders why he was enrolled at Four Corners School while others living near him walked to Locust Road School) and Cora Oneglia Regis (who remembers it was nearly impossible to regulate the temperature in the classroom in the winter. Don Smith also shared his memories in a Power Point presentation prepared by Dr. Golec.

If anyone else was a student in one of Harwinton’s small district schools and would like to share the experience, please contact the Historical Society at harwhistsoc@gmail.com or call 860-482-7978.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 8 (SNOW DATE: JAN. 15) AT THE TOWN HALL BEGINNING AT 1 PM. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Honoring Veterans and Her Dad



Lucinda Lubus Johnson, above, sings the National Anthem at this year’s Veteran’s Day ceremony on the Town Green. This is the second year Johnson has volunteered to put her musical talent to work at the start of the local November 11 ceremonies. Veterans Day is a federal holiday to honor all veterans and thank them for their service.

Johnson grew up in Harwinton where her father, the late Louis Lubus was principal of the Consolidated School For nearly three decades. He was also an Army Veteran.

Flags representing veterans who died since the 2021 ceremony were distributed to family members who placed the flags at the base of Harwinton’s veterans memorial on the town green.

OFFICERS – 2022

President: Bonnie Andrews
Vice President: Nancy Lyons
Secretary: Elaine Sederquist
Treasurer: Harry Schuh

DIRECTORS
Term Ends 2022
Bruce Burnett
Martha Lecko

Term Ends 2023
Michael Orefice
Everett Lyons

Term Ends 2024
Carol Kearns
Robert Lecko

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Vacancy

CURATOR
Bonnie Andrews

BUILDING SUPERVISOR
Dennis Andrews

OTHERS
(non-board positions)
TOWN HISTORIAN
Susan McClen

AUDITOR
Marilyn Mitchell

Email:
harwhistsoc@gmail.com

Harwinton Historical Society
PO Box 84
Harwinton, CT 06791
860-482-7978

www.harwintonhsitory.org