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Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT

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Monday, June 6, 2011 Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT

Conference 9:30 am–3:45 pm

Awards of Merit Presentation & Reception 4:00 pm

Visit www.clho for more information

Directions to Connecticut Historical Society

One Elizabeth Street, Hartford, CT 06105

The Connecticut Historical Society is located in the West End of Hartford, at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Asylum Avenue. There is ample free parking available.

Visit www.chs.org for directions.

From I-84:

Take exit 46 (Sisson Avenue).
Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Sisson Avenue.
At second traffic light, turn left onto Farmington Avenue.
Take first right onto Girard Avenue.
At second intersection, turn right onto Elizabeth Street.
The Connecticut Historical Society is the second drive on the right (after the UConn School of Law.)

From Albany Avenue and points Northwest:

From Albany Avenue, turn right at Scarborough Street.
Scarborough Street becomes Whitney Street as you cross Asylum Avenue.
Continue on Whitney Street to the next intersection.
Turn left at traffic light onto Elizabeth Street.
Drive two blocks. The CHS is on the right in the third block (after the UConn School of Law.)

Conference at a Glance

- 9:30 **Registration & Coffee**
- 9:45 **Welcome & Introductions**
Liz Shapiro, Interim Director, CLHO
Kate Steinway, Executive Director, CHS
Bruce Reinholdt, President, CLHO
- 9:55 **CLHO Annual Business Meeting**
Bruce Reinholdt, President, CLHO
- 10:05 **"Commemorating the Civil War in Connecticut—
the Making of a Plan"**
Dr. Matthew Warshauer, Professor of History,
Central Connecticut State University
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 **"Outfitting Our Gallant Soldiers—Civil War Textiles
from the Connecticut Home Front"**
Lynne Bassett, Costume and Textile Historian,
Museum Consultant
- 12:15: **Lunch/Opportunity to view Civil War objects from CHS's
collection**
- 1:15 **The Civil War Online**
**"Putting your Exhibit Online
(When There Are No Other Options!)"**
Kathy Maher, Executive Director & Curator, Barnum Museum
**"Civil War Letters Online: Blogs, Wikis, and
Websites, Oh My"**
Stephen Bartkus, Curator, Gunn Memorial Library & Museum
Zack Bodnar, Student, Gunnery School
"Using 19th Century Documents in the Classroom"
Robert F. Welt, History Teacher, Fitch Middle School
- 2:15 **Break**
- 2:30 **The Civil War: Using the "Stuff" to Tell the Stories**
**"Rocks, Plaques, Cannon, & More: Using Your Civil War
Monuments to Tell Your Town's Civil War Stories"**
Mary Donahue, Senior Architectural Historian, Survey and
Grants Director, Commission on Culture & Tourism
**"He Deserted? —Sources for Researching the
Connecticut Civil War Soldier"**
Diana McCain, Florence S. Marcy Crofut, Head of the
Research Center, Connecticut Historical Society
Rich Malley, Head of Research & Collections,
Connecticut Historical Society
**"Shh, It's a Secret!—Recycling an Exhibition from
the Recent Past"**
Kathy Craughwell-Varda, Museum Consultant,
Greenwich Historical Society
- 4:00 **Awards of Merit Presentation & Reception**

Join Us...

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On Monday, June 6, the CLHO will hold its annual conference, *Bringing the Civil War Home*, at the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS). The CHS is located in the West End of Hartford and offers visitors ample free parking. Join your museum and library colleagues from across the state as together, we take an in-depth look at the various approaches used by museums, historical societies, and libraries to mark the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War.

Although no battles were fought on Connecticut soil, the state's roles in the Civil War were complex and now provoke much thought and discussion. Heritage organizations of all sizes are participating in the anniversary of the Civil War in a variety of ways. Learn what your peers are doing and ask questions that may help you develop your own commemoration.

CLHO's daylong conference focuses on thematic program techniques using ideas generated by Connecticut heritage organizations to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Even if your collection does not include Civil War materials, application of these techniques will inspire thought for other commemorations. The morning sessions feature keynote speakers who will focus on Connecticut's participation in the war effort. During the afternoon, you can learn about specific programs offered by history organizations and discuss ways to adapt these to your own site. See Conference at a Glance for a list of speakers or visit www.clho.org.

The day will conclude with the 2011 Awards of Merit presentation. The Awards of Merit recognize outstanding institutional and individual contributions that further the public's knowledge of Connecticut history. Join us in congratulating the 2011 Awards of Merit recipients at a reception immediately following the presentation.

The CLHO annual conference is designed to stimulate conversation, cooperation, and conviviality amongst paid and unpaid staff working in all sectors of Connecticut's heritage community. Bring ideas to swap, flyers or other materials promoting your Civil War programs to display, and a friend or two to share the ride.

Thanks to support from the Connecticut Humanities Council, the CLHO is able to keep its registration fee affordable. The fee is \$35.00 for CLHO members, \$45.00 for non-members. This includes morning refreshments, lunch, and the Awards of Merit presentation and reception.

REGISTRATION FORM Questions? Visit www.clho.org, email sandy@clho.org, or call (203)624-9186

Registration includes coffee, lunch, reception, and resource materials. To register for this conference, make your check payable to CLHO, and complete the form below. Please register by **May 31, 2011**

Enclose a check for:

\$35 for member \$45 for non-member

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