

Norwich Heritage Trust is a nonprofit Corporation formed to promote preservation and awareness of the city's heritage - architecture, streetscapes and neighborhoods - through education, design, planning and rehabilitation.

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## Project 99, restoration and preservation trade show, scheduled for February 6 at Ramada

**P**roject 99, a restoration and preservation trade show and symposium, will feature businesses specializing in period restorations, hardware, furnishings and building materials. Also featured at the February 6 event will be local and state professionals speaking on topics such as financing your renovation or restoration projects, researching your old house, and creating a period look both indoors and out.

The event, which will take place at the Ramada in Norwich, will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Numerous workshops will be held during the expo providing attendees with pointers and resources to help with their restoration projects. Information will also be available for homeowners, developers, and those seeking more information about area incentive packages for the reuse of older structures both residential and commercial.

Project 99 will focus on all period building styles found in the Norwich area, with particular emphasis on the Colonial, Federal, and Victorian eras. There will be a \$5 admission fee to the event. Advance tickets are available from the Norwich Heritage Trust office. Exhibit space is

still available. Members are urged to encourage exhibitors to sign up for a booth, as this is the major fund raising event of the year for our organization.

Last year, 500 attended Project 98, making it our most successful venture to date.

We hope to attract 500 paying visitors again, as well as increase the number of exhibitors.

Returning exhibitors include Old New England Salvage Co., MB Historic Decor, Wertheimer Assoc. and Lost Art Joinery. Both the Norwich Bulletin and WICH have once again agreed to be major sponsors.



*NHT's Patrice Champagne sold Chelsea Steamer mugs at Project 98, which drew more than 500 paying visitors.*

## Norwich Inn gala to celebrate Lincoln Banner

A gala to celebrate the homecoming and restoration of the Lincoln Banner has been scheduled for Friday, January 22, 1999 at the Norwich Inn. The black tie

event, organized by Tourism Director Meg Malmberg, will include a five-course dinner featuring popular dishes from the Lincoln era, as well as a Lincoln re-enactor, and an ensemble playing music of the era.

During the evening, Diedre Windsor from the American Textile Heritage Center in Massachusetts will describe the conservation process used on the banner. The highlight of the evening will be the first public showing of the restored banner. Tickets were first offered to those who contributed to the restoration of the Banner, followed by the general public. The event sold out within a few days.

Many Norwich Heritage Trust members contributed to the cost of the restoration, some individually, and some through our organization. Those contributing through NHT included David and Mary Walter, Patrice and William Champagne, Nina Barclay, Beverly Raymond, Luise Ernest, Cathy Chinigo, Judith Hamblen, Mary and Leland Loose, Nancy O'Neil, Arthur and Ann Lathrop, Gary and Rosemary Adams, and Rick and Linda Crootof.

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### ***President Lathrop urges members to attend ZBA & Blighted Buildings committees***

President Arthur Lathrop is now an alternate on the Norwich zoning Board of Appeals and regularly attends the Blighted Buildings Committee. He attends both meetings to fulfill his obligations, as well as to monitor the action on historic preservation issues.

He urges other Norwich Heritage Trust members to attend the meetings of both these committees which influence the future of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and streetscapes.

He welcomes input from NHT members on this issue.

### ***Norwich Historic Trust office relocated to Hearthside Farm***

Hearthside Farm, the new home of NHT Executive Director Luise Ernest, is also the new home for the Norwich Heritage Trust office. The phone number is unchanged at 892-5301. We now have a fax machine at this location at 887-4620. Luise can be reached both ways.

Hearthside Farm, abed and breakfast inn, was featured at the Eastern Connecticut Bed and Breakfast Tour on December 13.

NHT's former office space was provided by Judy Camp for many years, and then, when the building was sold, by Tom Underkoffler.

**NHT has \$4350.45 in the checking account.**

## East District Schoolhouse gets painted and restored windows and trim from Norwich Heritage Trust

The East District Schoolhouse in Norwich-town has been the site of a four-month project to restore the windows of the two hundred-year-old brick structure. Norwich Heritage Trust members have removed the windows, scraped and painted them inside and out, and glazed them, where necessary. They have also prepared and painted the exterior wood trim on the building, which is owned by the city of Norwich. The finished windows were rehung in November.

The project was initiated at the request of the city of Norwich.

Steve Szafran, Art Lathrop, William Champagne, Patrice Champagne, Ann Lathrop, and Leland Loose all worked on the project.

NHT member Robert Reed and WICH/WCTY donated NHT tee-shirts for workers to wear when doing special projects for Norwich Heritage Trust, such as the work on the East District School.

## *Norwich landmark quilt features 16 historic structures: raffle proceeds will support Norwich Heritage Trust work*

A king-size quilt featuring pictures of 16 historic homes of Norwich has been completed by four RSVP volunteers for Norwich Heritage Trust. The quilt, which took several hundred hours to complete will be raffled off to provide NHT with operating income.

The quilt's premier is scheduled for February 6 at Project 99 at the Ramada.

Susan Ponder, designer of the quilt, drew and colored the buildings on her computer, using Adobe Photoshop. Then she printed them on transfer paper and ironed them onto rectangles of fabric which the volunteers quilted. The rectangles were then arranged around a medallion featuring the Rose of New England in the center

of the quilt, which has a border of graduated blues. The buildings pictured in the quilt include the Lathrop Schoolhouse, the Sarah Knight house, the East District Schoolhouse, the Leffingwell house, City Hall, the Bill house; and the Lathrop house.

The RSVP volunteers include Norwich natives Jane Sienkowski and Pauline Gallagher, along with current Norwich residents Edna Simister and Susan Ponder.

This group plans to make pillows out of rectangles printed with the individual historic buildings. They will be on sale at Project 99, and a portion of the proceeds will go to Norwich Heritage Trust.

NHT needs volunteers to sell raffle tickets for the quilt. Please return the form below if you can help.

Cut this out and send it to Norwich Heritage Trust, Box 185, Norwich CT 06360 or call 892-5301

Yes, I will help sell raffle tickets for the quilt.

I do not mind selling tickets alone.

Please schedule another person to accompany me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_