

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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Celebrate Norwich, England's 900th birthday with NHT in July 1996 -\$2100 for 12 day trip!

Join Norwich Heritage Trust in Norwich, England for the town's 900th anniversary celebration, a three-day event with representatives from 26 towns named Norwich from around the world! All Norwich area residents are invited!

Leaving on July 6 from Boston, the tour of London, Norwich, and the surrounding area. will last 12 days and cost \$2100. Casterbridge Tours has arranged the itinerary. designed by NHT's Nina Barclay, who has designed and led European tours yearly for the Norwich Free Academy.

Our tour will be led by board member Mary Loose, historian and professor at Mitchell College in New London. Casterbridge Tours will provide a full-time escort for our tour to handle all the tour details and make sure all the arrangements run smoothly.

The cost -\$2100 - includes airfare, our own vehicle and guide (minibus or double-decker), our escort, double rooms, all breakfasts. some dinners, and all admission fees. One hundred dollars of the cost is a tax deductible donation to Norwich Heritage Trust.

Accommodations will include the following:

days 2-6 Sherbourne Forte Post House or similar superior tourist class three star British hotel; days 7-8 Norwich superior tourist class hotel; days 9-11 Waverly House Hotel - three stars (around the corner from the British Museum).

As part of the celebration, NHT will present a check from the Otis Library fund raising effort to help the Norwich, England library which burned last year. A \$550 deposit is due April 15.

More information about the trip is available from Mary Loose at 887-5428.

Itinerary

July 6 day 1 flight from Boston to London
July 7 day 2 Chawton (Jane Austen's home)/ Winchester/Sherbourne
July 8 day 3 Bath (Roman Baths, Bath Abbey, Georgian Bath, antique shops)
July 9 day 4 Glastonbury - King Arthur Country, Wells Cathedral, Wookey Hole
July 10 day 5 Stonehenge and Salisbury (Magna Carta)
July 11 day 6 Thomas Hardy cottage, Lulworth cove walk
July 12 day 7 Longleat and Stourhead (historic estate and gardens), Norwich
July 13 day 8 Norwich 900th anniversary parade, tour, and evening celebration
July 14 day 9 Norwich to London - free day to tour on own or go with guide
July 15 day 10 London - free day to tour on own or go with guide
July 16 day 11 London - free day to tour on own or go with guide
July 17 day 12 London to Boston

Humanities Council awards grant to NHT for walking tour for 5th graders

The Connecticut Humanities Council has awarded a \$1500 matching grant to Norwich Heritage Trust to develop a walking tour of the Jail Hill area of Norwich for the fifth grade students in Norwich's schools. NHT will provide \$1500 of its own funds for the match.

The area first settled by African Americans in Norwich in the late 18th century, Jail Hill overlooks what is currently downtown Norwich as well as the harbor.

The project was planned by NHT board member Mary Loose and Executive Director Peg Pollard, both of whom worked with Curriculum Director Suzanne Murphy of the Norwich Public Schools. They have established curriculum objectives appropriate to the age group.

History professor Stacy Close from Eastern

Trash and Treasure sale March 9 in NorwichtownMall

We are planning a repeat of our successful sale of last spring. The Norwichtown Mall is hoping to donate a storefront for our use for a one day sale during Community Awareness Day. We will have access to the store for a week before and after the sale to collect donations and to clean up. The Mall is unable to specify the location at press time. A committee member will call you about donating when the location is established.

This fund raiser will help refill our treasury, so please go through your houses and collect your unwanted items for our sale.

Building survey update planned for March, weather permitting

Betsy Peterson and Rosemary Adams have volunteered to drive to parts of Norwich included in our surveys of historic buildings. They will check the condition of the buildings from the exterior and note any changes made since the building was surveyed.

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to join this project. Please call our office at 892-5301 if you are available.

Connecticut State University has been hired to work on the project. It will include references to historic buildings and events in the Jail Hill area with maps and written accounts for the students and teachers to follow.

NHT board member Betsy Peterson will administer the work of the grant which will be completed by June 1.

Norwich Heritage Trust hopes to obtain another grant to modify the walking tour for adult groups, and to pay for printing costs, so both the adult and children's walking tour brochures can be distributed around the area.

Windows 95 winners Lorraine & Larry Eiden

Grand prize winners Lorraine and Larry Eiden of Norwich correctly identified all 16 mystery windows in NHT's Windows 95 contest, organized by NHT board member Rick CrootoL

The grand prize for the four-week contest in the Bulletin is a set of 10 tickets to a Norwich Navigators game, along with a pre-game picnic for the party of 10.

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NHT presents second lecture in Norwich Heritage Series Feb.22

If the walls could talk: unearthing the history of your old house

A presentation on identifying the style, history, and architectural details of old houses is Norwich Heritage Trust's contribution to the Norwich Heritage Series, sponsored by the Norwich Tourism Office.

"If the Walls Could Talk: Unearthing the History of Your Old House" will take place on February 22 at 7 p.m. at the Rose City Senior Center on Mahan Drive. Norwich historian Dale Plummer and architect Fred Biebesheimer will lead a one hour discussion on tracing the history of your old house.

In addition, they will help identify the style of your old house, as well as the architectural features which make up that style. Participants will be invited to present slides or photos of their houses, so the entire audience can participate in the identification process.

Norwich Heritage Trust board members Carolyn Rablen and William Champagne organized the event, which is free and open to the public.

All expenses except the honoraria to the presenters are covered by a grant from the R.S. Gernon Trust to the Norwich Tourism Office.

This is the second in a series of six programs offered between January and May. The first, "How to Start Tracing Your Family's Roots," was sponsored by Otis Library

March's programs will be on the Connecticut Irish, sponsored by St. Patrick's Cathedral (March 5 & 14), and Immigration in Connecticut and America, sponsored by Three Rivers Community Technical College (March 21).

The final two programs will be on Connecticut's inventions, sponsored by the Society of the Founders (April 16), and "The History of the Jews in Norwich," sponsored by Congregation Brothers of Joseph Synagogue (April 28).

May's programs will be a walking tour of Taftville, sponsored by Rene Dugas and Dale Plummer (May 11) and "Wives of the White House: Companions in Love," sponsored by the Norwich Savings Society (May 23).

Special thanks to those who donated prizes for Windows 95

Norwich Heritage Trust sends a special thank-you to those merchants in Norwich who donated prizes for our Windows 95 contest. The Norwich Navigators provided a weekly prize of two tickets to a Navigators game as well as the grand prize - tickets for 10 with a pre-game barbecue.

Ron Aliano donated four rounds of bumper boat rides and miniature golf rounds for two- one

set for each week of the contest.

Weeds, the Cultivated Florist, donated two \$25 gift certificates.

McDermott's and Gulliver's Gallery each gave a \$25 gift certificate.

NHT owes a special thanks to the Norwich Bulletin for publishing the contest which ran four consecutive weeks in December.

Yes, I am interested in the trip to England in July.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$550 (check made out to NHI) to reserve my place on the trip.

I am interested in hearing about the trip. Please call me.

Name _____

Street _____

Telephone _____

42 Cedar Street is part of a series of mid-19th houses where African Americans moved after the jail was built in the 1830s.