

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

Norwich Heritage Trust



53 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut

June 1995

Annual Meeting set for June 3

meet Connecticut's Main St. Program Coordinator and enjoy a pot luck supper at the home of Tom & Patty Bell

Main Street Program Outreach Coordinator Lisa Bumbera will be Norwich Heritage Trust's special guest at our Annual Meeting on June 3 at the home of Tom and Patty Bell. Members and guests will enjoy a pot luck supper and have an opportunity to visit with Ms. Bumbera.

Connecticut recently joined 37 states which participate in the National Main Street Program, a program to revitalize downtown areas. Norwich has signed up for this program which focuses on developing new downtown businesses.

Connecticut Light and Power Company, a subsidiary of Northeast Utilities, is sponsoring Connecticut's entry into the program with an estimated budget of \$75,000 this year.

At the meeting, we will elect members to the board and hear a report of the year's activities. We hope all members and friends will attend.

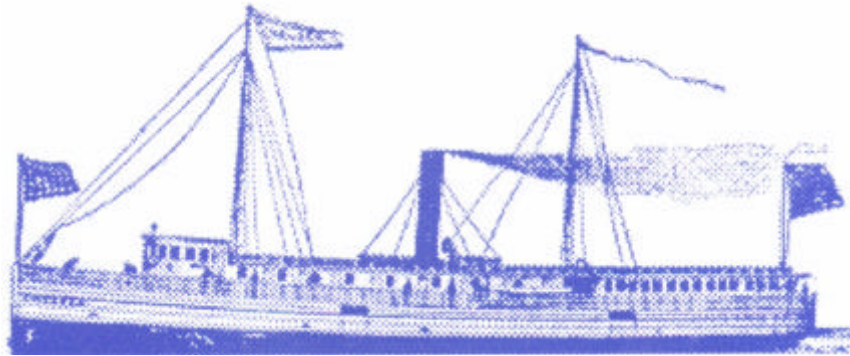
The National Main Street Center will provide technical assistance, training materials, and consulting services to participating towns. CL&P will support the salary of a full-time Connecticut coordinator and a part-time representative from the National Main Street Center.

Norwich Heritage Trust members will get to talk with Ms. Bumbera about the plans for our area at the Annual Meeting which will start at 7 p.m. at the Bell's House at 2 Elm Avenue on the Norwich town Green.

Norwich Heritage Trust will provide a roast and a ham, as well as coffee. Please call our office at 892-5301 to let us know you will be attending. Plan on bringing a salad, a vegetable, an hors

d'oeuvre, or a dessert. Also BYOB.

You can reply by mail by checking the appropriate box on the membership form and returning it by June 1.



Mugs depicting Norwich's Steamer Chelsea (as shown above) in 1899 are available from Norwich Heritage Trust for \$5. They will be offered at the Annual Meeting. Profits will support our organization.

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Upcoming Events

- **Renovating, restoring, and decorating your old house** will be the first topic of a series of seminars scheduled for February 22. The next newsletter will have details.
- **Researching your family tree** is scheduled for the fall. NHT is looking for members or friends who would volunteer to take the audience through a step-by-step process of tracing a family's genealogy. The speaker could use his/her own research as an example
- **Membership renewal time** is now. Please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter and send us your renewal. This will support our organization and save us the time Involved In calling to remind you. Thanks so much.

Member Survey

The board is preparing its program goals for 1995-96 and would like to hear from you I I before doing so. Please take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire and return it to I I our office. You can mail it in the envelope with your membership renewal form.

- What four activities would you like NHT to undertake in 1995-96?

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

- Would you be willing to help NHT with these activities?
- Do you have any resources (connections with a legislator, equipment, house/room availability) to help NHT with these activities?
- What suggestions do you have for Norwich Heritage Trust?

Name _____ Address _____

Return to Phone _____

Norwich Heritage Trust, Box 185, Norwich CT 06360

Trash & treasure sale takes in \$1400

Members contributed hundreds of items, organized the event, and helped out on the day of the sale in the Norwichtown Mall

WICH ran our public service ad daily and held telephone interviews with Executive Director Peg Pollard and President Linda Crootof to publicize the sale.

Members and friends donated a wide variety of "trash" and "treasures" to make this sale a success.

Our treasure tables held sterling silver Items, art objects, pewter pieces, line china, a hanging cupboard, Bavarian red ware, Delft china, porcelain Items, cut glass, a clock, and many other donations that helped us reach our \$1400 total.

Our "all new- never used" table Included household Items In the original packaging, unwanted wedding presents, glassware and Arabia plates from Town Liquor, Christmas ornaments, and many other new things.

Members and friends donated barely used draperies (dry cleaned and beautiful), a brass chandelier, a silk high hat, steak knives, tvs, chairs, and glass lamps. among other things.

Of course, we also had books and records which drew many buyers to our sale.

We hope to repeat this sale next year. We urge our members to put aside all their unwanted items so that we can have a successful sale next spring also.

\$5 Steamer Chelsea mugs arrived at the last minute. Sale of these continues.

Norwich Heritage Trust's new Steamer Chelsea mugs arrived just in time for the sale, but too late to be advertised.

The Mugs. white bodies with blue picture, feature an old engraving of the Steamer Chelsea, the principal boat of the Norwich and New York Propeller Company in 1899.

It was 150 feet long, had a 34-foot beam and carried a crew of 21. It could carry 600 tons. The boat made three round trips per week between Norwich and New York.

The Norwich and New York Propeller Company had Its own freight shed at the company's wharf which was located next to the railroad line In Norwich. The offices were located at the Prentice Wharf

In New York, the freight line was located at Pier 18 in the East River. From there transfers to points north, west, and south were made.

The profits from the sale of these mugs will go to Norwich Heritage Trust. Call the office at 892-5301 if you want to get one. They will be delivered to the Annual Meeting or we can arrange a convenient place for you to pick them up. We hope everyone will enjoy this memento depicting a part of Norwich's heritage.

Impact '95 resolution sent to legislators

After City Council President Harry Jackson signed the resolution supporting the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act of 1995 on April 5, Norwich Heritage Trust sent copies to our legislators as well as to Preservation Action.

Under this legislation, homeowners can get a credit up to \$50,000 on their taxes when they rehabilltate or buy a newly rehabilitated home

that meets the Secretary of the Interior's criteria for historic buildings.

Preservation Action is hoping to collect 500 resolutions such as ours, to present to lawmakers In support of this legislation which will be introduced in this session of Congress. Barbara Kennelly and Clay Shaw will Introduce the bill.

Please renew your membership today!

Norwich Heritage Trust has a balance of \$8863.27 in the checking account.