

December Community Representatives Report

Burlington - Janet Schwartz

- ◆ The annual Burlington Parks and Rec Carol sing will be held on December 6th at 7 p.m. on the town green.
- ◆ The Burlington Men's Club on Covey Road will hold an evening of acoustic music with Jim Pelliter on December 15th from 7-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person and is open to the public. Food and beverages will be available. Contact Alan Savoca at 860-670-3153 for information.
- ◆ Join the Lions Club and the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for a pasta dinner fundraiser for Tommy Martin. Serving times 2-4 pm, 4-6 pm, 6-8 pm. Adults \$15, 12 and under \$10, under 2 free. Buy tickets in advance or walk-ins welcome. For more information call Rob 860-965-6269, Colleen 860-916-7732, or Peter 860-673-1953.
- ◆ The Burlington Men's Club will hold a New Year's Day Breakfast on January 1st. Event is open to the public.
- ◆ The Burlington Community Fund will sponsor a panel discussion on the opioid crisis in the area on January 10th from 7-9 p.m. at Lewis Mills Auditorium. Panelists will include representatives from The Burlington Police, Burlington EMTs, The McCall Center, and others. A resource table will be available. There is no charge for attendance. Snow date will be January 17th.

Canaan/N. Canaan - Karen Kuhl & Wendy Eichman

- ◆ The following program will be held at The Lodge at Geer Village, 77 South Canaan Road, Canaan. It is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Deb Pelletier at 860-824-2625 or dpelletier@geercares.org
 - ◇ "Family Dynamics at Holiday Time...Or Anytime" will be presented by Dr. John Fitzgerald on December 13th ta 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- ◆ Pack 22 Cub Scouts will hold a free Pancake Breakfast with Santa on December 2nd at NCES from 8-11 a.m. Bring an unwrapped gift for a senior citizen at Geer or Beckley House. Call Nikki at 860-671-0592 for info.
- ◆ The Canaan VFW Post 6851 will hold a Breakfast with Santa on December 10th from 8-11 a.m. Bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots.
- ◆ Stadium System will be open on Sundays beginning from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Christmas Eve for all your shopping needs.

Cornwall - Dianne Heiny

- ◆ Please visit the Cornwall website at www.cornwallct.org and/or visit the Town of Cornwall's or the Cornwall Chronicle's Facebook pages for more information.
- ◆ The Toll House Gallery in West Cornwall will continue to showcase the work of Donald Bracken, Lennart Swede Ahlstrom and Scott Zuckerman in addition to the newly added collection by Susan Rand through December. The paintings will be on display Monday-Friday from 9-5 and Saturdays 10-4. Private showings are available.
- ◆ Susan Hellmann's exhibit "Simply Cornwall Extended and Expanded" will continue at the Souterrain Gallery through December.
- ◆ The West Cornwall Holiday Stroll will take place on December 9th from 1-6 p.m. on Route 128 in West Cornwall.

- ◆ The UCC's Annual Christmas Pageant will take place on December 9th at 7:30 p.m. on Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village.
- ◆ The Cornwall Historical Society will hold an opening of their off-season exhibit "Cornwall in T-Shirts: because you can't go naked" on December 16th from 4-6 p.m.
- ◆ The North Cornwall Meeting House on Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village will hold Christmas Eve Services at 5 and 8 p.m.

Falls Village - Wendy Eichman

- ◆ Rustling Wind Creamery, located at 148 Canaan Mountain Road in Falls Village, will be open daily through December 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Shop their holiday open house featuring specialty food items, holiday gifts and gift baskets.

Harwinton - Carol Kearns & Harry Schuh

- ◆ The 7th Annual Harwinton Hometown Holiday Celebration on December 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Harwinton Town Hall and Sports Complex.
- ◆ Harwinton Public Library will present the following programs:
 - ◇ 12 x 12 Art Exhibition runs through December 30th. Paintings, drawings, photographs, collages and designs by local artists - all available for purchase. Free admission, may be seen during regular library hours.
 - ◇ Holiday Open House and Craft Sale on December 2nd from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring homemade crafts and gifts, teacup auction and book cart sale.
 - ◇ Holiday Craft Sale through December 23rd during regular library hours. Handmade crafts and gifts donated by local residents. Book cart sale full of books for all ages.
- ◆ Harwinton Senior Center will Host the following programs (call 860-689-1951 for info):
 - ◇ Senior Center Lunch Bunch at the Painted Pony Restaurant in Bethlehem on December 6th.
 - ◇ The Annual Christmas Lunch will be held at the Cetner on December 20th at Noon. Entertainment to follow. \$13 per person.
 - ◇ New Year's Lunch at the Center on January 3rd at Noon. \$10 per person.
- ◆ The Harwinton Historical Society will hold "Ulysses S. Grant" on December 3rd from 2-4 p.m. Free & open to the public.

Litchfield - Edgar Auchincloss

- ◆ Be sure to put a visit to Litchfield at the top of your Holiday Shopping list. I'm pleased to report the opening of several new shops in the West Street corridor, both in the traditional retail block and also in the evolving new retail space in the newly renovated jail facility. Following the conclusion of a successful election season, Litchfield is poised to address the potential of a new Town Hall and additional affordable housing units, all of which are material enhancements to the community.

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Torrington - Lynn Gelormino

- ◆ The Christmas Village Toy Shower will take place on December 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the Coe Park Civic Center. Call WZBG at 860-567-3697 or stop in to make a pledge. The event will include a variety of music provided by local talented artists, including the choir from THS, children's activity stations and light refreshments.
- ◆ The Christmas Village Parade will take place on December 10th. The parade begins at the Armory at 12:30 p.m. The opening ceremony at Christmas Village, 150 Church Street, will be at 1 p.m. Christmas Village will be open daily 1-8:30 p.m., closing on Christmas Eve at noon. Free and open to the public.
- ◆ Torrington Park & Rec Holiday Decorating Contest will be judged on December 12th between 6-9 p.m. Categories are Commercial Christmas Display and Residential Decorated Doorway, Nativity and Christmas Display. Call 860-489-2274 for an entry form.
- ◆ downtown including horse drawn carriage rides and, of course, Santa.
- ◆ Whiting Mills, Artists, Artisans & Specialty Shops, located at 100 Whiting Street, will hold their 11th Annual Open Studios Event on December 2nd & 3rd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring over 30 resident artists, photographers, craftspeople, businesses and specialty shops plus 15 guest artists. There will be a wide variety of unique items for sale perfect for holiday giving. The grand opening of Deb Lill's 'Lill Curio Shop & Vintage Photography Studio' will take place. Whiting Mills' 3rd Sunday event will be December 17th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ RR Model and Hobby Supply will sponsor a workshop on autumn scenery on December 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Roger at 860-379-3383 for more information.

Winsted - Fran Delaney

- ◆ Christmas on Main Street event will be/was held on December 2nd, with a variety of activities downtown including horse drawn carriage rides and, of course, Santa.
- ◆ Whiting Mills Studios grand opening for Lill Curio Shop, vintage photography studio and gallery; featuring an eclectic mix of Victorian antiques and authentic Steampunk collectibles and vintage inspired hand crafted jewelry, artwork and prints on December 2nd and 3rd. Their annual Open Studios event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 30 resident artists, photographers, craftspeople, businesses and specialty shops plus 15 guest artists. There will be a wide variety of unique items for sale perfect for Holiday giving.
- ◆ December 9th from 10am to 12 noon, RR Model and Hobby Supply will sponsor a workshop on Autumn Scenery - Contact Roger at RR Hobby and Supply for more information.
- ◆ December 17th will be 3rd Sunday at Whiting Mills 11am – 4pm
- ◆ The Farmer's Market continues its winter schedule on December 16th at the Gaylord-Tiffany playground building from 10:00am-1:00pm, featuring produce, baked good, meats and health and animal care products
- ◆ Mark your calendar for the annual Bubbles and Truffles Chocolate and Wine Tasting. This year's event will be held on February 9th with location and details to follow. See Friends of Main Street website www.foms.org for updates and more information as it becomes available.