

Canaan Historical Society and Museum 2020 Annual Report

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 Virus we were unable to have the museum open for the season.

This year will mark the 60th anniversary of the Canaan Historical Society. The museum was established in August of 1961 on the second floor of the current building. Our historian has been here more than half of those years, and Reggie Barney has been a member even longer than Donna. We moved downstairs in 1978 when the library moved to its current location and the rest is history. Many changes and improvements have taken place. We have replaced two pillars on the front porch. The snowroller has been rebuilt, as well as the shelter that protects it from the elements. The middle room that once housed the kitchen has been turned into a history room. The previous outhouse has been turned into a schoolroom. In 2015, our Noyes Academy historical marker was installed. All of the windows in the building have been restored. We are currently working on the installation of storm windows to protect them for generations to come. Carol Bergeron and Donna Zani-Dunkerton have been working on the museum's inventory for several years. We currently have over 2200 artifacts in the main room alone. In 2019, all three rooms on the first floor were painted. The painters did an exceptional job. Most recently, some much needed repairs were made to the top of the chimney. It was capped to keep out the bats and will no longer leak. These are just a few of our many accomplishments. We are in hopes of opening our doors on the 4th of July weekend. Please stop by and help us celebrate our 60th season.

Respectfully submitted,

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