



KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEVEN HEARTH'S MUSEUM

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The beauty of Kent, Connecticut, has drawn people to this special place for nearly three centuries. Once called the “western frontier” by the colonial settlers, Kent still retains its quiet allure. People are drawn to this area for a variety of reasons, such as commerce, education, a place to live or a place to get away. Beyond the reasons why people are drawn to Kent, we all share the same appreciation for its tranquility and history.

As the new Executive Director, I am already enjoying learning about Kent, past and present. I am so impressed by the collections of Kent Historical Society (KHS), such as the post-cards, photographs, school yearbooks, and the original *Good Times Dispatch* that illuminate the town’s history. The collections also tell the story of the artists who came here with their families, such as George Laurence Nelson, a founding member of the Kent Art Association which still thrives today. Seven Hearths Museum is an amazing time capsule of life in Kent from the 18th century to 1978, when Nelson left the historic house to KHS.

In the coming year I plan to engage our supporters with expanded programs, updated exhibits at Seven Hearths Museum and opportunities to volunteer. I look forward to working with the community and meeting the people who understand the importance of local history. Education is at the center of Kent Historical Society’s mission. Future programs and events will aim to honor our past and to serve the community today, from new families and visitors to the neighbor next door.

In this season of giving, please consider a donation to the Kent Historical Society’s Annual Fund. Your donation is an important investment in preserving local history and exploring the past together. Kent Historical Society has so many stories to tell; your donation directly supports the care and preservation of the collections and making these collections accessible through programs and exhibits.

I hope to meet the friends and supporters of KHS at these programs, and the upcoming Holiday Town Party at the Community House, December 14th 5-8pm. Please make plans to visit Seven Hearths Museum this spring.

Donations are accepted by mailing a check in the provided envelope, clicking on the QR code to the left, or by giving securely online at kenthistoricalsociety.org/support.

Sincerely,

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