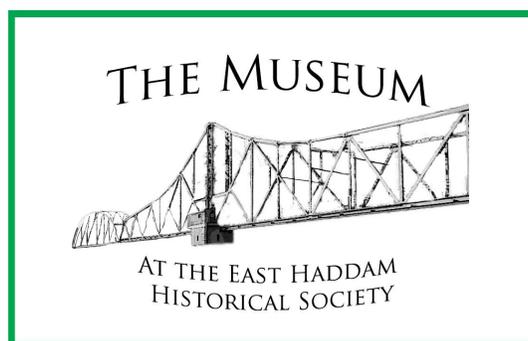


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## Welcome to the EHHS Monthly Newsletter!

We are excited to share our first monthly e-newsletter with you! In this issue we'll share summer events, new exhibits, and current projects. The museum is open Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00, May through October. Come visit us - we'd love to share our history and our museum with you! Click below to learn more about EHHS. We tell your story!

East Haddam Historical Society and Museum

### UPCOMING EVENT

**Monthly Lecture**  
**July 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

**"The Social, Cultural, and Diverse Impact of  
the Work of W. Langdon Kihn"**

Dr. Clifford Bragdon will be presenting a guest lecture on his uncle, the internationally recognized artist, W. Langdon Kihn, whose impact was felt far beyond his art. In addition to his brilliant paintings of western tribes, he increased awareness of medical issues impacting indigenous peoples and brought improvements to their health.

This event is open to the public and free to



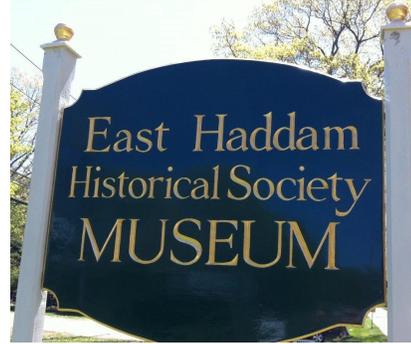
**EHHS members and children under 12. A \$5 donation is requested from non-members.**

**For information call 860-873-3944.**



## Did You Know?

Did you know a conversation between two women, Edith Carroll Davison and Lucille Goodspeed Narducci in 1962 started the idea of the East Haddam Historical Society (EHHS)? EHHS was housed in several locations before settling in its Town Street location in 2003. EHHS features special exhibits on the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the Moodus Drum and Fife Corps, the Moodus Cotton Mills, the Boardman Silver Works, actor William Gillette, the Moodus summer resorts, the story of Venture Smith, and much more.



In addition, the organization has been entrusted by two prominent East Haddam families to house, exhibit, and preserve internationally-recognized art collections by artist W. Langdon Kihn and sculptor Heinz Warneke. Come visit us and see our new exhibits!

[Learn More here](#)

## Venture for Freedom - Part 1



***"Sacred to the Memory of Venture Smith an African tho son of a King he was kidnapped & sold as a slave but by his industry he acquired Money to purchase his Freedom who died Sept 19th 1805 in ye 77th Year of his Age".***

So reads the inscription on Venture Smith's gravestone in the First Church Congregational Cemetery. Venture Smith, born Broteer Furro in 1729, was the son of a king of the tribe of Dukandarra in Guinea, West Africa.

Captured in his 7<sup>th</sup> year, he was sold for "4 gallons of rum and some calico" at Anomabo on Africa's Gold Coast to Robinson Mumford, the steward of a Rhode Island slave ship. He was renamed Venture, having been purchased by Mumford's own private venture. He grew up as a slave on Fishers Island, New York. How did Venture arrive in the East Haddam area? Stay tuned for more of the story in next month's

newsletter! Come visit the Venture Smith exhibit at the museum.

## Summer Series - Natural History of East Haddam

EHHS is pleased to announce its Natural History of East Haddam summer series, Tuesdays at 2 pm beginning July 19th! Learn about bears, snakes, bats, and more! Watch for registration and more details in the next newsletter.



## Become a Member!

Renew your membership or become a new member of EHHS!

Members enjoy free admission to our museum, monthly lectures, events or meetings, a gift of hand-drawn notecards, and the joy of knowing you are illuminating and preserving East Haddam history!

Individual memberships are \$20/year and household memberships are \$35/year. Click [here](#) to become a member or renew membership!