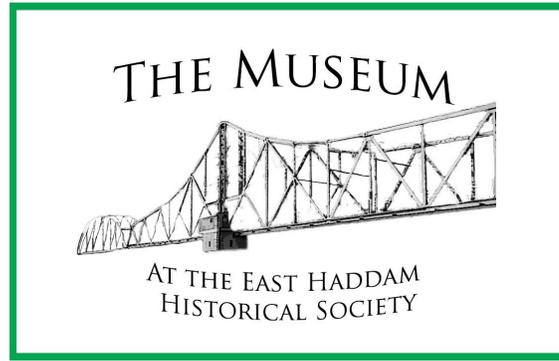




September 2022



Welcome to the EHHS September Newsletter!



In this issue we highlight an upcoming presentation on Tavern Life in Early Connecticut; the success of Venture Smith Day; and the digital military Wall of Honor at the Museum.

The museum is open Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 - 4:00, through the end of October. Come visit us - we'd love to share our history and our Museum with you! Click below to learn more about EHHS.

East Haddam Historical Society and Museum

Upcoming Presentation: October 1st at 5 PM



Tapping Into the Past: Tavern Life in Early Connecticut

Taverns in early Connecticut were more than just a place to drink. Travelers and locals alike saw taverns as a place to be entertained, spread news and gossip, have a good meal, and get a night's lodging.

Join EHHS in collaboration with the Rathun Library to learn about how taverns were an essential part of every Connecticut town. This lively program will be presented by Natalie Belanger, Adult Programs Manager and educator at the CT Historical Society. A reception with food and refreshments will follow the presentation at the East Haddam Historical Society and Museum.

The event is free for EHHS members, Friends of Rathbun members, and children under 12, with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

Date: October 1, 2022 at 5:00 PM -- Reception to follow
Location: East Haddam Historical Society and Museum
Address: 264 Town Street, East Haddam, CT
For more information, call 860-873-3944

26th Annual Venture Smith Day a Huge Success!

The 26th annual Venture Smith Day, held on September 10th, was a huge success. The event grows each year. More than 100 people attended the event, including 23 of Venture's descendants.



Speaker Amina Merritt, Esq., a descendant of Venture, hailed from Sacramento, California. Dr. Karl Stofko, East Haddam Town Historian, provided new information from his research about Venture's life and times. Thomas Thurston from Yale University, and Elizabeth Wood of the Stonington Historical Society offered fresh perspectives on Venture's quest for freedom.

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East Haddam's Wall of Honor at the Museum



East Haddam has a long and historic military past. EHHS is pleased to host the Wall of Honor digital presentation of our town's military sacrifices. The slide show features photos of those who served with years of service, rank, tours of duty, and more. The exhibit, curated by Forrest Anderson, features military artifacts from many eras. Come visit this new

exhibit at the Museum!

If you or a loved one served in the military and live/d in town you are eligible to have your service acknowledged in this memorial. For information or to submit photos, please contact a VFW Post 3336 Wall of Honor committee member: Forrest Anderson - 860-873-8712; Russ Schondorf - 860-873-9772; or John Jascot - 860-917-8172.

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!

As a nonprofit organization, EHHS depends on *your* donations to curate new exhibits, maintain existing collections, and offer exciting programs. We thank you in advance for your generosity! [Click here to donate.](#) Call 860-873-3944 with questions.

