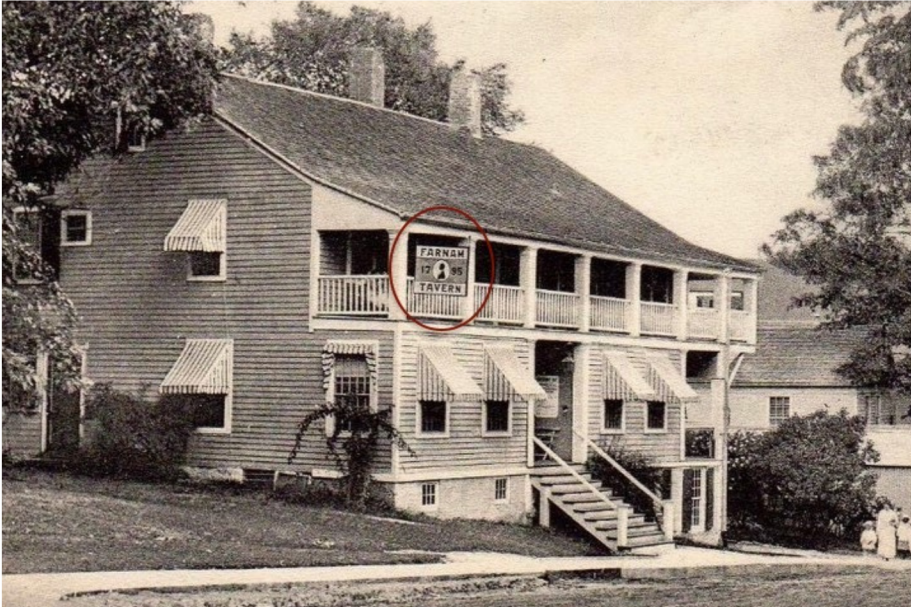




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In 1795, Peter Farnam turned his 1730 era farmhouse in Lakeville into a hotel. Today, it's the 8-unit Farnam Apartments.



Vintage sign was conserved and now hangs at Salisbury Town Hall.

HOW FARNAM TAVERN GOT TO TOWN HALL

Next time you go to Town Hall, look up to see a piece of local history that took a village to bring back. This sign hung for many years at the Farnam Tavern in Lakeville. In November 2021, it came up for sale at auction. Chris Brennan, Lou Bucceri and Katherine Chilcoat made an onsite visit to assess its condition and confirm its authenticity. The Salisbury Association's Historical Society, anxious to acquire this important town artifact, asked Chris Brennan to make the winning bid.

Once the sign was acquired, Sarah Morrison and Rich Reifsnnyder consulted with preservation expert Richard Chilcoat who recommended conservation before mounting. A conservator was found in Livingston, NY, John Lippert, who finished that work in December 2022.

Then, the question was, where to display it? The sign was too big and heavy to hang at the Academy Building. Collaborating with First Selectman Curtis Rand and Building Inspector Michael Carbone, they found a spot in Town Hall. On the south wall of the staircase leading to the second level, it would face another artifact of Town history, the Salisbury Bicentennial Quilt. William Trowbridge, a master ironworker in Sharon, got to work forging iron hardware for hangings. Lakeville carpenter Kevin Wiggins, assisted by Janet Manko, the "retired" editor and publisher of the Lakeville Journal, prepared the wall by reinforcing sheetrock before setting the iron hooks and completing installation. Ghi Sign Shop in Canaan created interpretive plaques. To help cover the cost of sign conservation and installation, The Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation provided a substantial grant. It takes a village!

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NEW BRIDGE ON YOAKUM PRESERVE

This February, the Salisbury Association Land Trust worked with Greenagers to build a bridge on the 241 acre Yoakum Preserve on Mt. Riga. Greenagers is a nonprofit that engages young people in meaningful work in environmental conservation on public lands. They built the bridge from a fallen tree on the preserve, at Burton Brook crossing to replace a stepping-rocks crossing that had washed away. The Salisbury Land Trust acquired the land from Alice Yoakum in 2020 to preserve scenic views, a habitat for protected species and a valuable resource for Salisbury's drinking water.



Working with SALT, Greenagers built a bridge from a fallen tree on Yoakum Preserve.



New preserve on Rte. 112 named for Elaine and Lou Hecht

NEW HIKING TRAIL ALMOST READY

Last Fall, the Salisbury Association Land Trust closed on a new preserve, 48 acres on Route 112. The Hecht Preserve was named after Lou and Elaine to honor their longtime contributions to the Salisbury Association and to our town. A new hiking trail is being readied there for this summer.



Salisbury Association Land Trust will sponsor a summer photo contest! Details upcoming on our website.

SAD FAREWELLS AND WARM WELCOMES

At our annual meeting on February 10, we said goodbye to Trustees Laura Carlson, Sarah Morrison, Rich Reifsynder and Linda Yowell and welcomed new Trustees Alexandra Lang, Libby Panzer, Lori Shepard, Howard Sobel, Jerry Stanton and Greg Wilmore.

From L - R—New Trustees Greg Wilmore, Jerry Stanton, Lori Shepard, Howard Sobel start work under the watchful eyes of Jane Lyman Holley, painted in 1830.





NEW CALENDAR FOR OUR COMMUNITY

So much is going on in our area that sometimes it's hard to keep track of it all. To help you keep up with offerings, we've created an online Community Calendar. Just go to our website and click "Current & Upcoming Events." You'll find a calendar of events sponsored by local nonprofits with dates, times and a link to event details. To request a listing, send info to info@salisburyassociation.org.



UPCOMING SALISBURY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

APRIL 20	Mushroom Talk with David Patton at Scoville Memorial Library • 4pm
APRIL 27	Donor Celebration Party, Town Grove • 5–7pm
MAY 5	E-birding with George Wallace, a career birder, Scoville Memorial Library • 4pm
MAY 7- 22	Student exhibits from the Troutbeck Symposium, Academy Building
MAY 11	Rattlesnake talk with herpetologist Hank Gruner at SML • 3pm
MAY 25-JULY 31	Exhibit "Imperiled Species in Our Community/The Biodiversity Crisis at Home", Academy Building
MAY 27	Look for us in the Salisbury Memorial Parade!
JUNE 9	Bird Walk with Shelley Harms and George Wallace • 8am
JUNE 29	Mushroom Walk with Dave Patton • 10am
JULY 4	Town Grove Celebration sponsored by the Salisbury Association
JULY 25	Annual Bat Talk & Bat Count, SML Buttons Garden • 7–8:30pm
AUG/SEPT	Exhibit "The Story of Our Corner Food Pantry", Academy Building
AUG 17	Historical Walk through Lakeville with Lou Bucceri • 10AM
SEPT 15 & 29	Historical Walk through Ames' Iron Works with Lou Bucceri • 11 AM
FALL, TBD	The Scoville Family: Talk by Dick Paddock, Scoville Memorial Library
FALL, TBD	Exhibit "The World Comes to Salisbury/A Look at the Holley Manufacturing Company in Historical Context", Academy Building

PAST AND FUTURE MERRIMENTS

In December, the Salisbury Association Community Events Committee hosted a free concert of Early Music by The Salisbury Four at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Mark your calendars for the concert on December 7 this year. As a new gift to the community, we'll also sponsor a free puppet show on December 14.

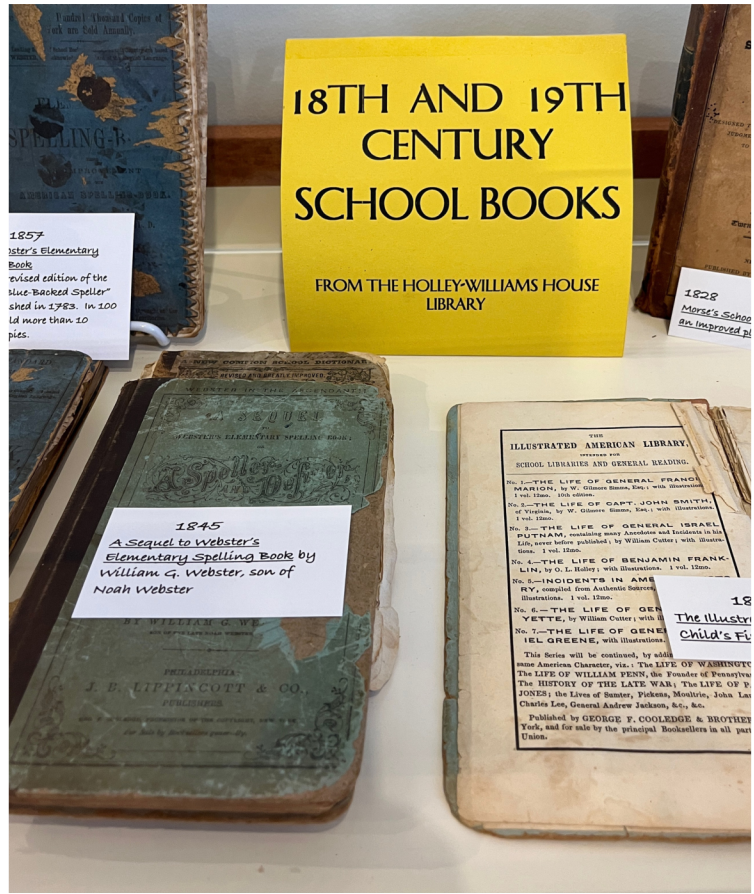
Our most popularly attended exhibit in 2023 was "Strengthening the Community through Affordable Housing in Salisbury" at the Academy Building in September and October.



ARTIFACTS FROM HOLLEY-WILLIAMS HOUSE ON DISPLAY

On display at the Academy Building are schoolbooks and fine examples of 19th century silver from the Holley-Williams House. When the House was sold in 2010, its collections were deaccessioned and many items were retained for the Salisbury Association collection. The schoolbooks from the 18th and 19th centuries belonged to members of the family who lived and were educated in what was then known as Furnace Village – today's Lakeville.

Also on view are rare silver artifacts including three pieces of tea service engraved with the names and dates of family members who owned it, beginning with John Milton Holley in 1829 and ending with John M. Holley's great granddaughter, Fanny Rudd Cantine in 1914. Thanks to Katherine Chilcoat and Sarah Morrison for curating these displays—and to Sarah for silver polishing!



TRAVELLING SHOW

After spending this Fall at the Academy Building, The Salisbury Association Historical Society's "What's In A Name" exhibit was installed in Noble Horizon's main lobby in November. In December, it went to Salisbury Central School and in March to Scoville Memorial Library. A booklet was created to feature highlights of the exhibit telling stories behind our local streets and places of interest. Stop by the Academy Building to pick up your free "What's in a Name" booklet.



FRESHENING OUR LOOK

Recently, we completed an exploratory to refresh and standardize the look of our communications, using modernized typefaces and colors found in and around the Academy Building. Our look is more contemporary but meant to convey the same warmth and tradition we've valued since 1902.

What's in a Name?

The Origins of Geographic and Street Names in Salisbury

Salisbury is a small town with a rich history. Much of that history is reflected in the names which have been given to the streets, natural features, and geographical locales. This exhibit is an overview of the origins of some of those names—from the most familiar and perhaps obvious to the most obscure and unusual. Our sources vary from solid documentation in town records, to newspaper accounts, early histories or journals, and even oral lore.

In no way can such an exhibit be comprehensive. Undoubtedly you will be curious about names of interest to you that you do not find here. But it is our hope that this exhibit might pique your curiosity and stimulate your own exploration.

We hope you enjoy this exhibit and will share your knowledge about "what's in a name" of the Salisbury places you know.



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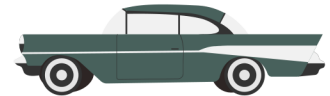
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