



SALISBURY ASSOCIATION



Lou Buccheri channels Heman Allen, a leader in the Revolutionary War, as he reads the Declaration of Independence.

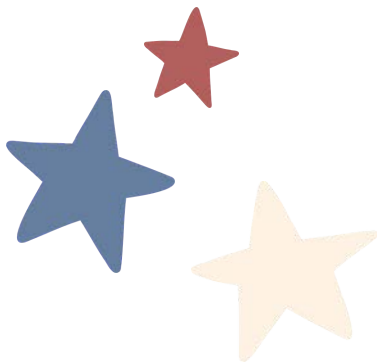


Event Organizers & Community Events Chairs Judy Gafney and Mary Taylor.

GRATEFUL FOR ANOTHER JULY 4TH SUCCESS AT THE GROVE

"Thanks to everyone who attended the July 4th celebration at the Grove, sponsored by the Salisbury Association. The huge crowd enjoyed Heman Allen (a.k.a Lou Buccheri in costume) reading the Declaration of Independence, followed by the Salisbury Band's delightful concert of patriotic and popular tunes. Lines formed at the EXTRAS tent to purchase hot dogs and refreshments. The Salisbury Association handed out bookmarks, brochures about Lakeville's history, and maps of its local hiking trails. Historic photos and flags decorated the area. Thanks to everyone who helped make the celebration so festive and memorable—the Salisbury Band, EXTRAS, Staff at Town Grove, and the Salisbury Association Community Events Committee. We are fortunate to be a part of this wonderful and supportive community."

Jeanette Weber, *President*
Letter to the Editor,
Lakeville Journal, July 10, 2024



Heman Allen (1740-1778) was a brother of Ethan Allen and lived in Salisbury for about 20 years. He was one of more than 25 Salisbury men who lost their lives in the Revolutionary War.

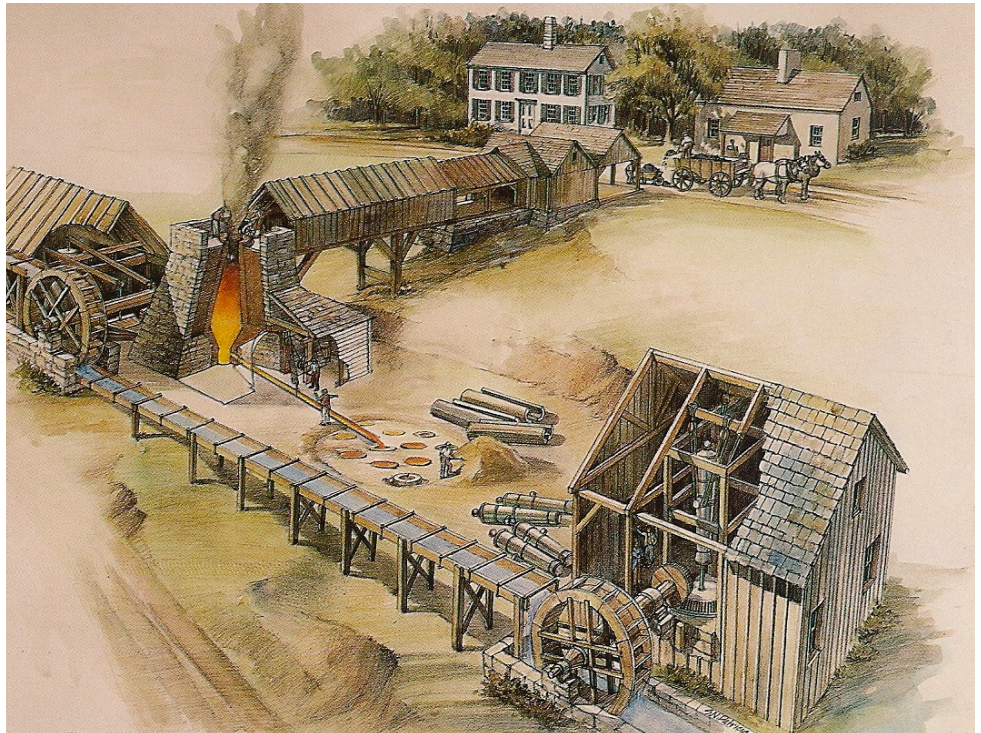


Top left: The Salisbury Band plays a rousing set of patriotic and favorite tunes. Bottom left: Executive Director Chris Abeel mans SA information booth. Bottom right: Emerita Trustee Sarah Morrison curated an al fresco display of historic photos of our area, including one of picnic on the lake, circa 1900.



DID YOU KNOW?

Following the shots fired at Lexington and Concord in 1775, Salisbury's citizens and the Salisbury Furnace played a pivotal role in the colonists' struggle for independence from England. The Salisbury Furnace became known as the Arsenal of the Revolution and was located near the Grove, just east of Factory Pond where the Holley Manufacturing Company buildings stand today. By the war's end, the Salisbury Furnace had turned out some 850 cannon, estimated to have been three-fourths of all those made in the colonies.





LAND TRUST

EXHIBIT SHOWS DRAMATIC DECLINE OF LOCAL BIODIVERSITY

The Salisbury Association Land Trust's summer's exhibit "Imperiled Species in Our Community: The Biodiversity Crisis at Home" told the story of the decline in biodiversity of animal species important to our local environment, including the American Kestrel (pictured). The exhibit, created by Lou and Elaine Hecht, was celebrated with a well-attended reception on June 1.



Creators Elaine and Lou Hecht at the reception.



L - R: Mark Piccirelli, Greg Wilmore, Diane Fitzmyer Murphy, Siran Pirani, Chris Gunderson. Not pictured: Barbara Hockstader, Carol Magowan and Rich Pirani who took the photo.

VOLUNTEER DAY AT HECHT PRESERVE

The Salisbury Association Land Trust relies on a dedicated group of volunteers to help manage and steward over 4000 acres of conserved property. April 27 was Volunteer Day at the Hecht Preserve. An enthusiastic crew finished a new trail that loops through the town Wack Forest and the Hecht Preserve.

TOM'S HILL LAND GRANT



Photo credit: Harry White

Governor Lamont announced a grant of \$1,592,000 toward the purchase and preservation of 297-acre Tom's Hill on Twin Lakes Road in Salisbury. Tom's Hill is a beautiful forested ridge that provides spectacular views, pure water to Lake Washing and the Housatonic River, and high quality habitat for wildlife including 13 state-listed species of plants and animals. It adjoins other protected land and is part of a large project involving

eight land conservation organizations and many individuals to protect the land formerly owned by Robert Boyett. The Salisbury Association has also received a generous grant from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council toward this project, along with pledges of support from The Nature Conservancy and the Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation. Once we own the land, we'll create a hiking trail for the public to enjoy.



LAND TRUST

HUNTING MUSHROOMS WITH DAVE PATON

This Spring, Dave Paton, a dedicated hunter of wild mushrooms for thirty years, led two hunts for local fungi sponsored by the Salisbury Association Land Trust. Attendance is limited. To avoid the waitlist for future hunts, look for our eblast invitation and sign up ASAP. If you don't get our emails, contact Lou Bucceri info@salisburyassociation.com to put your name on our list.



Dave Paton instructing young mushroom enthusiasts



Morel mushrooms gathered on walk with Dave Paton May 4

ANNUAL BAT TALK AND COUNT

On July 25, bat enthusiasts young and old gathered at the Scoville Memorial Library to hear CT DEEP wildlife biologist Devaughn Fraser share her expertise on the flying mammals that roost in attics in our area. Instructions and clickers were distributed and at sundown the group counted bats flying from the eaves of the Academy Building.



Looking for bats at dusk as they emerge from the Academy Building



The Salisbury Association Land Trust has created a map that pinpoints the locations of its preserves and trails open to the public. The map is free. Download from our website or stop by the Academy Building to pick up a hard copy.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

MEMORIAL DAY MARCH

Members of the Salisbury Association marched for the first time with veterans, bands, schools and other associations in our town's parade on Memorial Day, originally Decoration Day. The parade was instituted in 1889 to commemorate our town's casualties in the Civil War. Members who didn't march behind our new banner, brought up the rear in a 1935 Blue Chevy truck, which Howard Sobel managed to revive for the occasion.



Don't rain on my parade! say Trustees Alexandra Lange, Greg Wilmore, Jeanette Weber, Howard Sobel, Cynthia Walsh, Helen Ross and Judy Gafney.



1741 AWARD PRESENTED TO CORNER FOOD PANTRY

At the opening reception for the Corner Food Pantry exhibit on August 3, SA President Jeanette Weber presented the 1741 Award to Amanda Halle, Co-President of The Corner Food Pantry in recognition of the organization's dedication to offering nutritious food to people who are food insecure in the Tri-state region. The exhibit, which portrays the Food Pantry's history and unique challenges as it serves our community, is on display at the Academy Building through September 28.

*SA President Jeanette Weber (R) presents the 1741 Award to Amanda Halle, Co-President of The Corner Food Pantry.
Photo by Jaye Landon*

POCKET PARK PROGRESS

The Beautification Committee of the Salisbury Association is hard at work on a project to improve the look of our business district. They are removing invasives, trimming, pruning and planting the Pocket Park on Main Street. Stone steps and two stone benches will be installed thanks, in part, to the generosity of the Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation.

SALISBURY HUB MIDSUMMER'S EVE GATHERING

On July 10, members of the newly-formed Salisbury HUB and their children, gathered on the lawn of the White Hart Inn to toast summer and community. Founded in 2023, the Salisbury HUB brings together young people and families from local communities. Upcoming events sponsored by the Salisbury Association include a Dance Party on September 27 and a Holiday Puppet Show on December 14. Check our website for details.



TROUTBECK SYMPOSIUM EXHIBITS DISPLAYED

Videos, collages and erasure poems were among the works created by local students researching histories of communities of color and other marginalized groups in our area. The projects were presented at the Troutbeck Symposium May 1-3, then displayed in an exhibit at the Academy Building. Participants included middle and high school students from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, North Canaan Elementary School, Salisbury Central School and Salisbury School.

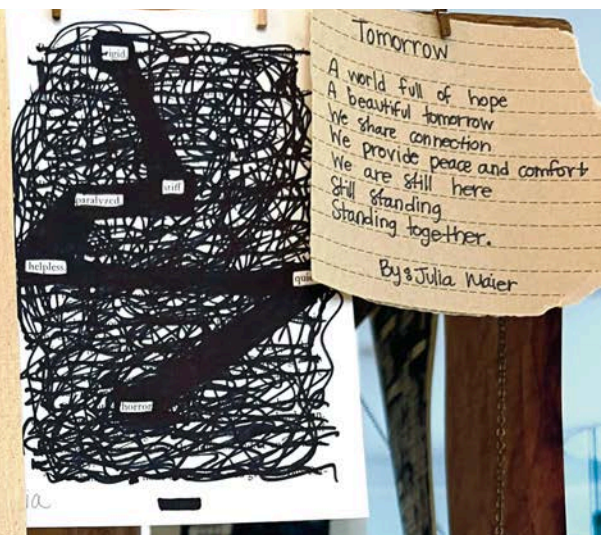
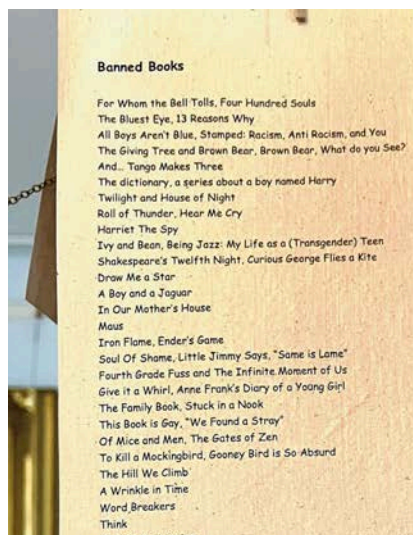
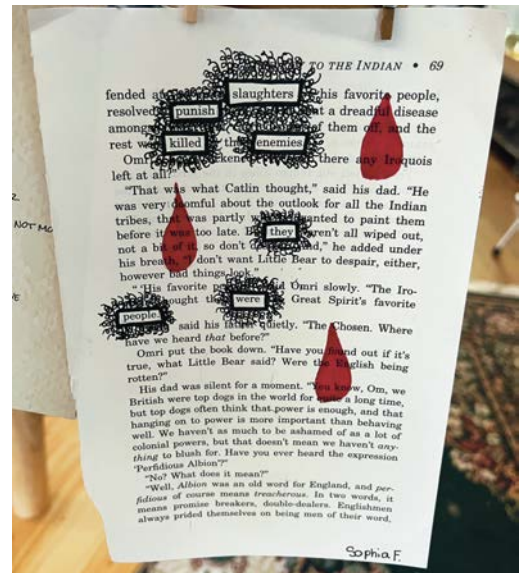


Exhibit included student artwork in a multitude of media including paintings, drawings, collages, video, and text. Pictured are erasure poems in which found text is blacked out to create a new work from what remains.

WHEN THE WORLD CAME TO SALISBURY

In 1876, local carpenter Joseph Bundy carved an elaborate walnut glass-fronted case, over seven feet tall, in which 222 knives made by the Holley Manufacturing Company were displayed at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. Almost a century and a half later, this collection is being conserved and the display reconfigured, to be the centerpiece of a new interpretive exhibit "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection." Conservation and design work is being done professionally by Fallon and Wilkinson, and Level FAS, two Connecticut firms with broad museum experience. This work is made possible through grants from the Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation and the Upper Housatonic Valley Regional Heritage Area. The exhibit opens October 5 and will kick off with a talk at the Scoville Memorial Library by Theodore O'Neill whose great-great-great grandfather Alexander Holley founded the company that made Holley Knives.




Museum quality conservation includes finding fabric that closely matches the original backing and is "Oddly Tested" for use in enclosed space with heritage artifacts.



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SHINE ON HISTORY DAY

On March 16, ten Salisbury Central middle schoolers, sponsored by the Salisbury Association, participated in Torrington Area Regional History Day competition. Two documentary projects finished second and third places in their category, qualifying their creators (Niki Clark, Cole Johnson, Michael Parris and Vincent Valcin) to advance to the state contest. All projects were exhibited in a show "Turning Points in History" displayed at the Academy Building in May.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Salisbury Association has oversight of Salisbury's thirteen cemeteries: five town owned and eight on private land. Town Historian Jean McMillen is responsible for inspecting them annually to see if work is needed in three areas: tree work, boundary maintenance, and stone repair.



In 1902, a dedicated group of Salisbury residents formed the Salisbury Association "To promote the best interests of the Town and to preserve and develop its natural attractions." **Today, we have three primary committees to carry out the mission.**

Salisbury Association Land Trust

- Conserves and preserves our town's rural character, beautiful landscape, and natural resources through conservation easements and land ownership.
- Maintains hiking trails on conserved properties.
- Sponsors programs and exhibits on nature, environment, and conservation

Salisbury Association Community Events Committee

- Organizes events for our community such as July 4th Celebration, Salisbury Fall Festival, Holiday Concert and exhibit receptions
- Honors individuals and organizations for community service with the 1741 Award.
- Through the Beautification Committee and Tree Committee, oversees planting of trees and flowers in the business district and along major roads.

Salisbury Association Historical Society

- Presents exhibits and programs about our Town's history.
- Preserves and displays historic artifacts, portraits, documents, maps, and books.
- Houses an extensive oral history project and archive of more than 3,600 photos.

UPCOMING SALISBURY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

THRU SEPT 28

"The Story of Our Corner Food Pantry" Exhibit, Academy Building

SEPT 7

An Interpretive Walk Through the Dark Hollow Preserve with Tom Key • 10 AM

SEPT 15 & 29

Historical Walk Through Ames' Iron Works with Lou Bucceri • 11 AM

SEPT 27

HUB Dance Party, Congregational Church • 7 - 10 PM

OCT 5

Talk by Theodore O'Neill, descendant of Holley Manufacturing Founder • 3 PM

OCT 5

Opening reception for exhibit: "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection" • 4 -6 PM

OCT II-13

67th Annual Salisbury Fall Festival

DEC 7

Victorian Christmas Concert, Congregational Church • 4 PM

DEC 14

Holiday Puppet Show, Congregational Church • 1 PM



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**Set a calendar date
for new winter
event: Holiday
Puppet Show,
December 14**



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