



## SALISBURY ASSOCIATION



Exhibit Opening Reception



Assembling the Holley Knife Case

# HOLLEY KNIFE COLLECTION RETURNS TO ACADEMY BUILDING

In August the treasured Holley pocketknife display returned to the Academy Building after a two-year absence for preservation and redesign. The display, housed in a hand-crafted black walnut and glass-covered case, originally was created for the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, which highlighted America's industrial expansion. Over time, the knife handles showed signs of deterioration and corrosion and the blades were tarnished.

The Salisbury Association Historical Society sought expert advice about the best preservation techniques. Fallon & Wilkinson of Baltic, CT was chosen to do the work, which required each of the 130 knives to be assessed and treated individually. The case was repaired and the lettering regilded. A new display arrangement was created by Level Fine Arts Service of Bolton, CT. Funding for the project was supported by grants from the Anne and Rollin Bates Foundation and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area.

The return of the refurbished collection was marked by the opening of an interpretive exhibit, "The World Comes to Salisbury: Celebrating the Holley Knife Collection." The exhibit explored topics such as the knife-making process, the Holley family, the rise and decline of the company, the advertising and selling of Holley knives, and the history of the collection through several moves and redesigns. A booklet based on the exhibit is available at the Academy Building.

The Holley Manufacturing Company, founded in 1844 by Alexander Hamilton Holley, was the first domestic maker of pocket cutlery in the United States. The company was a major employer in Lakeville for more than 100 years. Holley served as President of the company until his death in 1887. He was active in politics and was elected Governor of Connecticut in 1857.



# SAVE SALISBURY FROM INVASIVE PLANTS

Spring is a great time for gardening. It's also a time to help stem the spread of invasive plants in our community. Invasive Japanese barberry provides the ideal habitat for disease-carrying ticks; non-native plants aren't tasty for caterpillars which songbirds need to raise their young; invasives crowd out the plants that do support our precious wildlife.

What can gardeners do? In spring, pull or carefully spray herbaceous plants. Shrubs and trees are used for nesting, so best to wait until late summer or fall to remove woody plants.

For Japanese knotweed and phragmites: cut back the plant in spring, apply herbicides in the fall.

When invasive plants are removed, don't replace them with more invasives. Plant native shrubs and trees instead. Connecticut has banned the sale of the worst invasives, but they can still be ordered online. Unfortunately, some are still being sold by garden centers.

The Salisbury Association Land Trust is working to combat invasive species at our preserved properties and in our area:

- Vincent Preserve: removed invasive plants and planted a beautiful carpet of native shrubs and wildflowers.
- Dark Hollow and Pope Preserves: worked for several years to control Japanese barberry and Oriental Bittersweet.
- At both properties: hired licensed herbicide applicators to spray the barberry and bittersweet. Careful control by licensed applicators using proper procedures is allowed under the Forever Wild easements that protect these properties.
- Co-sponsored a training session on the removal of invasives with the Sharon Land Trust in March.
- "Go Native!" exhibit, created by Lou and Elaine Hecht, to open in June at the Academy Building. Presents useful information about identifying and removing invasives.
- "Invasive Plants in Your Backyard," a brochure published by CT River Coastal Conservation District, is available at the Academy Building and on the Salisbury Association website.

While it may not be possible to completely eliminate harmful invasives from our ecosystems, every invasive plant removed prevents it from spreading further.

Invasive Plants in Your Backyard! A Guide to Their Identification and Control is available at [bit.ly/4hWTJju](http://bit.ly/4hWTJju)



## INVASIVES

### HERBACEOUS PLANTS

- Garlic Mustard
- Goutweed
- Japanese Stiltgrass
- Mugwort
- Multiflora Rose
- Swallowwort



### WOODY PLANTS

- Bradford/Callery Pear
- Buckthorn
- Bush Honeysuckle
- Japanese Barberry
- Norway Maple
- Oriental Bittersweet
- Russian/Autumn Olive
- Winged Euonymus

## CONSERVATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

A collaboration of over 60 representatives from local and regional affordable housing and conservation organizations and officials from eight towns in the northwest corner met throughout 2024 to discuss ways they could collaborate in their own towns to further both affordable housing and conservation goals. To see the strategies identified, visit: [bit.ly/41lmdZA](http://bit.ly/41lmdZA)

Both the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission and the Salisbury Association Trustees have voted

to support this collaboration. In November the Salisbury Association passed a resolution in support.

**The Salisbury Association has donated \$5,000 to the Salisbury Affordable Housing Committee to plant trees at Sarum Village. The money comes from the Powell Fund which was established by Florence Taylor Powell in 1987 to preserve the scenic value of Salisbury by the planting of trees.**



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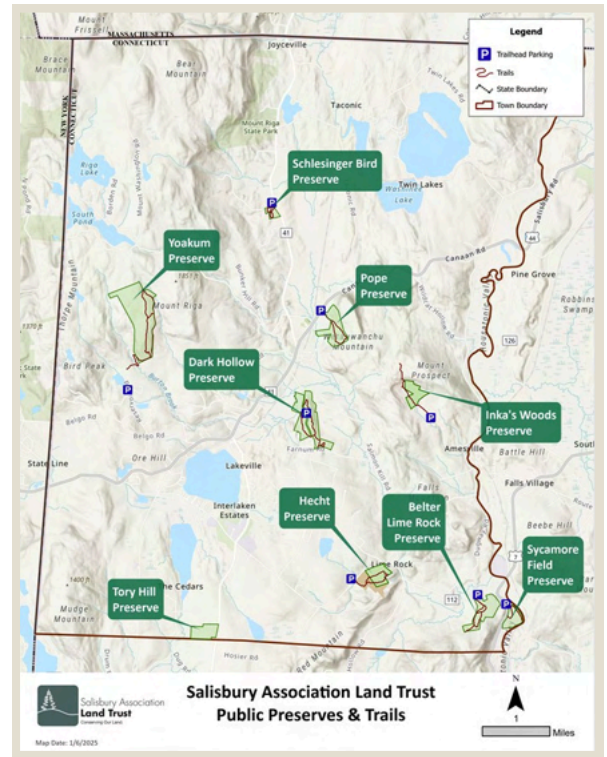
# SPRING HAS COME PLAN A HIKE

After several months of snow, ice, and cold weather—it's wonderful to get outside and enjoy a local hike. The Salisbury Association Land Trust has opened a new trail at the Hecht Preserve on Rte. 112. Other trails are available at Dark Hollow, Pope, Yoakum, Belter Lime Rock, Inka's Woods, Sycamore Field, and Schlesinger Bird Preserve. Maps of the trails are available in the Academy Building and on the Salisbury Association website.

Enjoy scenic views, woodlands, and open meadows. All provide a quiet place for the enjoyment of nature in our area.



Use this QR code  
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on our website



Map of preserves on SA website



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# FASCINATING EXHIBIT OF SAMPLERS

People braved a winter storm to attend the Salisbury Association's Historical Society opening reception for its current exhibit, "Birth, Death, and Alphabets: The Enduring Legacy of Schoolgirl Needleworks Before 1850." The exhibit is curated by Alexandra Peters, a resident of Sharon, and highlights samplers stitched by girls, mostly aged 5 to 16, between 1689 and 1850. Remarkable for their inventiveness and beauty, needlework samplers are historical documents written by girls on silk and linen with needles.

The samplers in the exhibit are part of Alexandra Lally Peters' 150 piece collection. She is a sampler collector and historian who researches every sampler she buys. She loves turning up intriguing information about the lives of the real girls who sat down in school to pierce their linen and silks with needles, two to three hundred years ago.

The exhibit will run until April 30.



Opening Reception



A recording of Alexandra's talk about the samplers and lives of the young women who made them before the Industrial Revolution is available on the Scoville Memorial Library YouTube channel: [bit.ly/4l9pgS6](https://bit.ly/4l9pgS6) or use the provided QR code.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# 1741 AWARD

Last fall Laura Carlson received the 1741 Award from Salisbury Association President Jeanette Weber in recognition of her 25 years as Executive Assistant for the Association. This award honors individuals for their service and dedication to our community.

Laura's extensive knowledge of the town, its history and people, kept the Salisbury Association humming. Although she retired, Laura volunteers weekly at the Academy Building.



Laura Carlson and Jeanette Weber

## HOLIDAY EVENTS



Puppet Show

Community Events sponsored a holiday concert by "The Salisbury Four" the first weekend in December. The following weekend, children, parents, and grandparents enjoyed a holiday puppet show, "A Christmas Carol" by the Puppet People and co-sponsored by the Friends of Scoville Memorial Library.

## FAREWELL AND WELCOME

At its Annual Meeting in February the Salisbury Association welcomed five new Trustees while having to say farewell to five Trustees leaving the Board due to term limits or other obligations. The Association is grateful to Diane Fitzmyer Murphy, Judy Gafney, Roger McKee, Helen Ross and Jeanette Weber for their many contributions to our success. Diane and Jeanette will continue their connection with us in Emeritus Trustee capacities. We were delighted to welcome the new Trustees: Jessica DeCarlo, Bobby Graham, Rhonan Mokriski, Isabel Sloane and George Wallace. With their enthusiasm and interest in our town they will be strong contributors to the Association's mission.



L-R Bobby Graham, Jessica DeCarlo, George Wallace, Isabel Sloane, Rhonan Mokriski

# UPCOMING SALISBURY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

APRIL 26

Donor reception at the Town Grove

THRU APRIL 30

**Exhibit:** "*Birth, Death & Alphabets*," needlework samplers from Alexandra Peters' collection. Academy Building

MAY 3

Mushroom walk with Dave Patton. 10am. Location TBD

MAY 6

Student exhibits from the Troutbeck Symposium at the Academy Building

MAY 26

Look for us in the Salisbury Memorial Day parade!

JUNE 7 - JULY 31

**Exhibit:** "Go Native!". Academy Building.



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EVENTS!

JUNE 8

Bird walk with George Wallace. 8am. Location: TDB. This event will be part of the Connecticut Trails Day, sponsored by the Connecticut Forest & Park Association.

JUNE 12

Talk and walk to Vincent Preserve with Michael LaScaleia of The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. 4pm. Scoville Memorial Library.

JUNE 14

Mushroom talk with Dave Patton. Time TBD. Scoville Memorial Library.

JULY 4

Independence Day Celebration at the Town Grove, sponsored by the Salisbury Association. All are invited.

JULY

Bat Talk and Bat Count. Time and location TBD.

AUG 2 - SEPT 30

**Exhibit:** Historical clothing from the Salisbury Association's collection. Academy Building.

OCT 4 - NOV 30

**Exhibit:** Lakeville Hose Company. Academy Building.

DECEMBER

Holiday Concert. Stay tuned for details.



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