

# The Hebron Historical Society



## End of Summer 2018



Historical Society of Glastonbury

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Sat., August 25 -**  
**HEBRON DAY** - Burnt Hill  
Park 10:30am - 3:00pm  
music, food, vendors, car  
show, local organizations  
including the HHS,  
many activities for kids.

**Sat., August 25 -**  
**PETERS HOUSE OPEN** to  
Visitors, Burnt Hill Park,  
10:30am - 3:30pm, Stop  
in to see Restoration  
progress of 1795 House.

**Sat., September 15 -**  
**COLONIAL DAY** - at  
Country Carpenters,  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
"Experience life in  
Hebron over 200 years  
ago as you see history  
first hand."

**Thurs., September 20**  
"Amazing Smith Sisters",  
7:00 pm, Old Town Hall,  
Diane Hoover, Speaker  
HHS Annual Meeting with  
Election of Officers and  
Directors

### Cows and Land Taken in Lieu of Taxes

Seven cows belonging to Julia and Abby Smith were confiscated by the Town of Glastonbury due to non-payment of taxes. The Town Assessor had increased assessments only on two widows and two spinsters. This did not sit well with the Smith Sisters. Julia and Abby Smith, not allowed to participate in local government, became vocal adherents of "no taxation without representation". By the way, the sisters, and there were five, lived on Main Street in Glastonbury between 1787 and 1886. Among them were an artist, a Bible translator, a horticulturist, a musician, and the youngest a public speaker. What else did they do?

Did they ever win back their cows? The Hebron Historical Society has invited Diane Hoover to answer that question and many more as she presents the story of Glastonbury's Amazing Smith Sisters. Mrs. Hoover is a retired middle school history teacher. She is busy as the Education Director of the Historical Society of Glastonbury, particularly in the hands-on education of local Colonial Life to Glastonbury's 5th graders.

We hope to see you at **Old Town Hall, Hebron Center, 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 20th** to hear about the "Amazing Smith Sisters: Hancy, Cyrintia, Laurilla, Julia & Abby". Although contributions are always appreciated, the program is free and open to the public. A brief Annual Meeting will precede the program. Details will follow on slate of officers/directors.