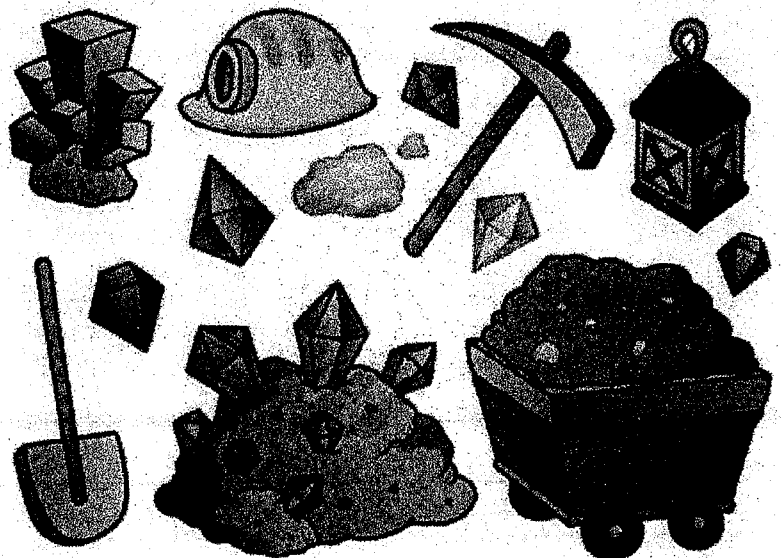


**EAST GRANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER**

“BURIED TREASURE” PROGRAM

**Monday March 25...7:00pm business meeting followed
by program. E Granby Senior/Community Center
Presented by Tom Benedict**

No, it's not gold in our hills, but copper ore and other minerals. East Granby lies astride a major geologic feature that has been subjected to mining from early days. Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine was chartered in 1705 as the first copper mine in the North American colonies and operated for 70 years (before becoming a prison). Tom Benedict, a lifelong rockhound, founding member of the Geological Society of CT. and member of the Bristol Gem & Mineral Club will show and tell about the copper and minerals mined and quarried from East Granby's "mountain" ridge.



EAST GRANBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBER'S MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Nancy Moody, President and was well attended by members and guests.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the of November 13, 2018 were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Phil reported that there are no issues meeting budget commitments. Phil noted that in the income area, fund raising went well and contribution are up \$600 above projections. The society's contribution of \$1,000 to the East Granby Center Cemetery, will be made soon and it was already an approved budget item.

President's Report: Nancy's brief report included, reminders to fill out the Survey forms for possible program suggestions for next year. Also start gathering items to be donated to our annual tag-sale on May 18. She also mentioned the meet and greet with former East Granby resident, author Keith Scribner, which took place at the East Granby Library on January 15.

The next program/meeting will be on Monday, March 25 with Tom Benedict to discuss Copper and other minerals of East Granby.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 pm followed by a "Tour of Pompei" presented by new member Sharon Wolf.

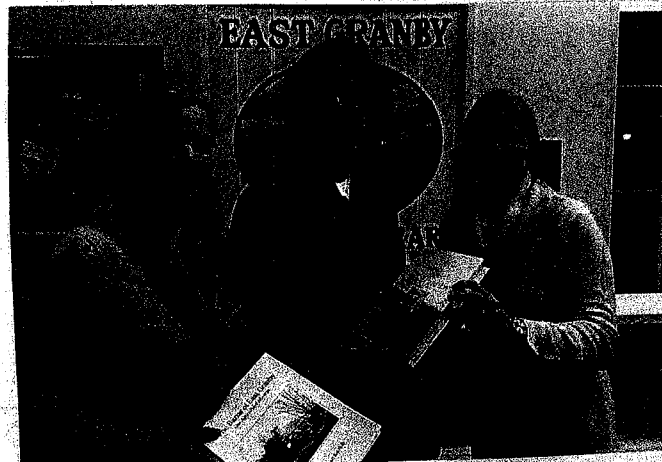
Respectfully submitted by,

Rick Woods, Secretary

SEEKING TAG SALE DONATIONS: We will hold our annual tag sale on Sat. May 18, 9:00-2:00, outside the Historical Society barn. (rain-date Sat. June 1) Please start gathering items you are willing to donate (no clothing or very large items). Drop-off times at the barn: Sat. May 4, Sat. May 11, Wed. May 15---10:00-12:00 each day Of course volunteers are needed to sort/price on these days as well as help out on sale day. Sign-up at the March meeting or contact Nancy Moody: 860-653-2866 or moodynancy@att.net

Successful author talk with Keith Scribner on Jan. 15!

Keith traveled from Oregon to promote his latest novel *Old Newgate Road* which is set in East Granby. He gave four talks in Connecticut during that week with East Granby's being his final one. The Historical Society and East Granby Library co-sponsored this event. There were 50 people who attended and Keith appreciated everyone's enthusiasm. He later said it was a wonderful evening and the best homecoming he could imagine. He enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. The publisher Alfred A. Knopf had generously donated a couple dozen copies of the book, which were given away that evening to randomly drawn names and all were then personally signed by Keith. We reciprocated by giving him a copy each of the East Granby town book and the society's *Barns of East Granby*.



Nancy Moody, Keith Scribner, Doreen Jacius

Another opportunity to fill out survey and provide some input.

Membership Survey 2018

We all realize how important the Historical Society is to our town's history. Help us, your Board, make this history continue for years to come. We are asking that you take a little of your time to give us your opinions regarding the following questions.

Attendance at meetings. Day of week _____

Time of Meeting _____

Program ideas. What program topics would be of interest to you? *Do you have a contact?*

How can our Historical Society be improved? _____

Would you attend a narrated house tour by mini bus of historical homes in East Granby? Yes__ No__ Maybe__ Fall__ Spring__

Barn Open Would you help out by being at the Barn for one of the Sunday afternoon openings from 2 - 4 pm in the summer? Yes__ No__ Maybe__

Would you be willing to hold an office or Board position in the future? ____

Signature optional _____

Kindly return this survey as soon as possible! **East Granby Historical Society,**
PO Box 188, East Granby, CT 06026

Many thanks from the Board of Directors

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Ruth Westervelt

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