

Dear Friends:

Each September, we reach out to our members to **THANK YOU** for your support, keep you informed about our activities, and graciously ask for your continued patronage. Since last September we gave out goodies at October's spooktacular Trick-or-Trunk event, greeted residents in the Town-sponsored Sip & Stroll, and candy for local kids while marching in the Lion's Club July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. We were thrilled to have revived our June Strawberry Festival in honor of past president Jim Ogden and featuring the music of Split Decision, after several years of pandemic-related absence. We opened the Hubbell House Museum on Sundays this past Summer. We also welcomed many new and seasoned visitors.

**NEW** this summer we premiered, Ball Pond: A Treasure Hidden in Plain Air hosted by Friends of Ball Pond. During our Sunday Open Houses we celebrated our fourth year participating in the Merwinsville Hotel Orb Scavenger Hunt by adding a Ball Pond spin. Visitors located crossword puzzle answers completing a crossword puzzle by providing clues to visitors who completed a Crossword Puzzle after viewing our display.

this holiday season, beginning Thanksgiving weekend and continuing weekends-only through December 10, we are showcasing vintage trains and antique dolls in the Parsonage, the expansive collection of a trustee and her husband. Even the oldest of us kids enjoys watching model trains chugging around the tracks, and we hope that this becomes an annual event we can offer each holiday season!

**SOON** to be released is our newly produced video on the history of Ball Pond: "A Treasure Hidden in Plain Air." We are grateful for the many photo submissions and stories shared by current and former Ball Pond area residents as well as the resources of the New Fairfield Historical Society used in its creation. Watch for information on its release!

**CONTINUING** behind the scenes, we are two years into our collections management project, documenting and inventorying all donated objects. We added 12 new shelving units (thank you supporters!) so we can systematically store artifacts in designated accessible locations and record relevant data using collections management software.

This year, PNF turned 15!!! That is 15 years of encouraging and fostering the preservation and celebration of New Fairfield's and Candlewood Lake's rich history. Help us commemorate by sending in a donation! Membership dues offset operating and upkeep costs and support a variety of programs and events. We depend on this annual membership drive for our main source of fundraising, and thank you in advance for your contribution.

We are proud to be part of a community that values the preservation and celebration of its local history, and hope you are too. Consider volunteering at events, with activities, or helping out with a special project from time to time by either donating a few hours regularly or whenever your schedule permits. Do reach out if you can be part of our history!

We are indeed having a good year! Our Board has grown to 12 trustees who meet the second Monday of every month at the Barn Gallery at 7:15 PM. All are welcome! If you can, please consider partnering with us by becoming a member, renewing your membership, and/or becoming an active volunteer. Join others who value what we can learn from the past. As always, 100% of your donation goes directly to sustain the work of Preserve New Fairfield, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of New Fairfield ([www.preservenewfairfield.org](http://www.preservenewfairfield.org)).

On behalf of the Preserve New Fairfield Board of Directors and Trustees, we thank you.



# Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. Membership Form

Please fill out the form below and send it with payment to Preserve New Fairfield, Inc., P.O. Box 8047, New Fairfield, CT 06812 or join online at [www.preservenewfairfield.org](http://www.preservenewfairfield.org) using PayPal.

## CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

Individual - **\$30.00**

Martha Post Fairchild Circle - **\$50.00**

*Martha Fairchild loved her hometown of New Fairfield and served it in many ways: School teacher – Lifetime member of the New Fairfield Congregational Church - Member of the School Board during the time Consolidated School was built - Original member of the New Fairfield Historical Society - Librarian for the New Fairfield Free Public Library for decades.*

George M. Nevius Circle - **\$75.00**

*George Nevius wore many hats. New Fairfield Town Clerk for 49 years - Original member of the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Company - Land developer - Member of the Sons of New Fairfield who established the New Fairfield Free Public Library.*

Homer Barnum Circle - **\$100.00**

*Patriot and Patriarch: Homer Barnum was born in New Fairfield in 1809. When the Civil War began he was 52 years old, but told the mustering officer he was 44 years of age. Five of his six sons also enlisted to support the Union.*

Lifetime Membership - **\$500.00**

**Yes!** Contact me about how I can become a volunteer using a skill, doing a task, staffing an event or more!

## MEMBER INFORMATION

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NAME

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ADDRESS

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STATE

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EMAIL ADDRESS (for invitations and updates)

PHONE

## PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.

## DONATE

I wish to make an additional donation to support Preserve New Fairfield, Inc. in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Drive 2024**