

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 spread sweet treats amongst local kids while marching in the Lion's Club July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in support of the New Fairfield community.

**NEW** this summer, we premiered Ball Pond: A Treasure Hidden in Plain Air, our documentary about the history of Ball Pond. We are grateful to the many local and beyond local individuals who provided photos and stories and to the New Fairfield Historical Society staff who were generous with access to their archives. We added our own Ball Pond spin to our participation in this year's Merwinsville Hotel Orb Scavenger Hunt. Hubbell House visitors located answers to crossword puzzle clues among the displayed Ball Pond facts for a culminating hint to locate one of four hidden orbs. We also gratefully accepted three pieces of wood 18th C furniture from the Gerow family donated by Frances Gerow French.

**RETURNING** for a second holiday season, beginning Thanksgiving weekend and continuing the following weekend, we will again showcase vintage trains, toys and antique dolls in the Parsonage, the expansive collection of a trustee and her husband. We also held the ever popular memorial Jim Ogden Strawberry Festival in June featuring straight from the oven flaky biscuits, macerated strawberries and clouds of fluffy whipped heavy cream. We are grateful to Split Decision for again providing musical accompaniment.

PNF's goal is to encourage and foster the preservation and celebration of New Fairfield's and Candlewood Lake's rich history. Help us continue these efforts 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 as 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!

Introducing second documentary has been exciting and a labor of love. Our 13 Trustees meet at the Barn Gallery at 7:15 PM the second Monday of each month. 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 Trustees, we thank you.

*Cathy & Sue*

Cathy McKenna and Sue Andres

Co-Presidents, Preserve New Fairfield, Inc.



# 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 use a skill, do a task, staff an event, present a program 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**