BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS 2010!

Holiday Walking Tour
December 27, 2009

Visit the eight historic churches in downtown New London’s National Register Historic District. Each church will host the tour to tell stories about the history and the architecture of these sacred spaces.
Sunday, December 27, 2009
1st Tour: 2:00
Tour begins at St. James Episcopal Church, Huntington Street entrance
Reservations Recommended: $15.

Our Sacred Spaces

These downtown churches are over 100 years old and a precious part of New London’s history. Raised and supported by citizens in the mid 19th century, they are woven into the very fabric of our lives today.

Sacred Spaces Forum
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Second Congregational Church, 45 Broad Street
9:00 am—1:00 pm—$25. includes light lunch

Transit New London . . . All Aboard
Public Forum: January 29, 2010

With log-jams on Rt. 95 and soaring gas prices, public transportation is the wave of the future. Few cities have New London’s advantages! Inter-state Ferries, Train, local and interstate busses, a grand historic train station, a 500 place parking garage—all right downtown!

Transit New London . . . All Aboard!
Friday, January 29, 2010
Radisson Hotel, Gov. Winthrop Blvd.
10:00—2:00 — $25. includes light lunch

Reservations for all events: Landmarks office: 860-442-0003 or use PayPal on our web site
www.newlondonlandmarks.org
Sacred places are a “natural” resource, central to the life of cities, towns and neighborhoods across this nation. Like other natural resources, they are ubiquitous and essential, nurturing and inspiring, available to all. Like other natural resources, they are also fragile and irreplaceable. Now that we know how vital sacred places are to the shared life of the community, we also know that the larger public shares a stake in their survival.

Sacred Places at Risk by Diane Cohen and A. Robert Jaeger

How can one assess the value of a 150-year-old granite church to the community? Imagine downtown New London without the grace and beauty of these structures. Imagine living without the extensive services they provide. From birth to death and all the years between, New London churches serve the community in countless ways.

Let’s give back to the churches this Holiday Season — attend some of the events listed in the calendar, join Landmarks for the Sacred Spaces Forum and learn about the various new ways churches can find to support their missions and their sacred spaces. What are the limitations of grants for maintenance of the solid, yet fragile, structures. How should the valuable, delicate, yet remarkably durable stained glass windows be cared for?

Transit New London ...All Aboard!

On Friday, January 29, 2010, New London Landmarks will hold a Forum, Transit New London ...All Aboard! to bring the latest information about transportation planning in New London to the public.

The Landmarks Forum is an opportunity to learn about some of the recommendations from the State's Transit Study, and provide a broader look at how Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is bringing significant economic development to communities throughout the country. Each city has its own specific needs and advantages, but those who have invested in creating transit hubs that are appropriate to the needs of their communities prosper.

What matters is that transit and the city co-exist in harmony…. concentrate offices, homes, and shops around rail nodes in attractive, well-designed, pedestrian-friendly communities.”

--Robert Cervero, The Transit Metropolis

Dr. John L. Renne, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning and Transportation Studies at the University of New Orleans will be the lead speaker. He is also the Managing Director of The TOD Group (www.theTODgroup.com), a company that specializes in Transit-Oriented Development. Dr. Renne has written extensively and has lectured around the globe on these issues. Dr. Renne is an author and co-editor of Transit-Oriented Development: Making It Happen, which is the first international book on the topic and includes chapters by top scholars in the field including Professor Robert Cervero (Berkeley).

The Forum will present an over-view of Transit Oriented Development (TOD) showing how well-considered plans for a transit center encourages greatly expanded residential and commercial development in the larger area around a transit center.

Additional speakers will look closely at New London’s potential as a transit hub and the challenges of short and long-term planning in our very condensed transit area.

What can or should New London do in the next few years to continue the enhancement of the transit area? What changes and improvements will make the most significant impact on passenger safety and convenience? A small panel of local citizens will bring their ideas forward, each from their perspectives as: A developer; A city planner; An architect; A member of City Council; A member of the Downtown business community.

New London’s Transit Center is a community asset. This Forum is planned to encourage all New London and regional citizens to learn about the many factors that can lead to economic development for the city.
Visit New London’s downtown churches in December

SATURDAY DEC. 5 — SATURDAY DEC. 12
Model Train Show — $5 Donation. Children under 12 free.  
Call for times/information.  Second Congregational, 45 Broad Street - 860-442-5749

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
Christmas in New Orleans  
Jazz Concert to benefit New Orleans and New London — 7:30 pm  
Habitat for Humanity.  $10 Adult - $5 Child - First Baptist Church, 268 State Street - 860-447-0388

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
Anglican Singers: Lessons & Carols for Advent  
Selections sung by the Anglican Singers interspersed with congregational hymns and scriptural readings — 5:00 pm  
St. James Episcopal Church, Corner Federal & Huntington Streets - 860-443-4989

Sunday Service and Christmas Cantata.  
10:00 am — Second Congregational, 45 Broad Street - 860-442-5749

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
St. Mary School Christmas Concert, “How Great Our Joy!”  
An evening of song and readings for the season, presented by our schoolchildren and school choir.  Free admission.  
6:00 pm — St. Mary Star of the Sea, 10 Huntington Street - 860-447-1431

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
Christmas Chorale  
The whole community is invited to join in Praise & Worship through Music & Song.  
7:30 pm — Apostolic Cathedral of Hope, 157 Green Street - 860-437-7500

Caroling Party  
Come for dinner then go caroling to local venues and return for coffee. Open to all. — 5:30 pm  
All Souls Unitarian/Universalist,  60 Huntington Street - 860-443-0316

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Flock Theater: Season of Light  
Oversized Shadow Puppets tell traditional Holiday Tales Donations. — 7:00 pm (All shows)  
First Church Congregational, Corner Union & State Streets - 860-443-8409

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
“Crèche Sunday” & Sunday School Pageant—The public is invited to bring in their family crèche and partake in the Sunday School’s Christmas Pageant. Sunday Service. 10:00 am — Second Congregational, 45 Broad Street - 860-442-5749

Sunday Mass  
St. Mary School Choir and school children will be participating.  A Pancake Breakfast will follow in the church hall. Nominal fee for breakfast. 9:30 am— St. Mary Star of the Sea, 10 Huntington Street - 860-447-1431

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

All Souls Unitarian/Universalist, 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm — 60 Huntington Street 860-443-0316
St. Mary Star of the Sea — 5:00 pm — Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Bilingual) Preceded by carol sing with St. Mary choirs and school children’s choir.  
10:00 pm Christmas Mass (English) Preceded by carol sing.  10 Huntington Street, 860-447-1431
Second Congregational Church — 5:00 pm  45 Broad Street, 860-442-5749
Huntington Street Baptist Church — 6:00 pm  29 Huntington Street, 860-443-4607
First Church Congregational — 7:00 pm  Corner of Union & State Streets, 860-443-8409
On a hilltop overlooking a beautiful river, with a deep harbor protected from the stormy Atlantic, John Winthrop, the Younger, established a new community, the Pequot Plantation. In the summer of 1645, he and the Rev. Mr. Peters laid out a burying ground and a lot intended as the first meeting house. Their first church services were held in Mr. Parke’s barn.

Since those days New London’s history is closely tied with the building of sacred spaces, beginning with this earliest meeting house, leading to the grand churches built in the mid and late 1800s when the city prospered from whaling, railroads and manufacturing.

Today these beautiful buildings reflect the hopes and dreams of thousands of people who arrived in New London to start a new life, and their descendants who have inherited their city, along with the challenges presented by 21st century life.

The Forum will consider these challenges and discuss the critical topic of maintenance for 100-year-old buildings, the care of stained glass windows, and fulfilling the needs of the community, as their missions adjust to life in this new century.

**Forum Leaders**

**Elizabeth Terry**, Educational Director; Partners for Sacred Places. Partners is a national, non-sectarian organization assisting religious organizations develop strategies to preserve their historic properties. They maintain an Information Clearinghouse, accessible from its website, which contains extensive building related resources. Many of the resources are available online. Partners also publishes resources related to property maintenance and fundraising.

**David Bahlman**, Director, State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office. He will present information on fund-raising and grant writing for religious structures. The SHPO office is part of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. The mission of the agency is to preserve and promote Connecticut’s cultural and tourism assets in order to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the State. Significant archaeological and historic sites are nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The staff coordinates with state and federal agencies during project planning to enhance the protection of archaeological and historic resources.

**Ronald Bovard**, President Bovard Studio, is a specialist in the maintenance and restoration of stained glass windows. “We use God’s Glorious light to support your congregations’ religious aspirations with inspirational and harmonious symbols and colors.” Bovard Studio began in 1971, with founder Ron Bovard working as an independent artist. By 2000 Bovard Studio expanded to over 70 craftspersons and staff who complete over 100 church projects per year. Bovard Studio has restored famous historic stained glass masterpieces by Louis Tiffany, Louis Sullivan, Charles Connick, Frederick Lamb and Xavier Zettier, and has created new windows in these and other historic styles.
Historic Plaque Application

If your New London home/building is at least 50 years old, it may qualify to receive an historic marker listing its date and original owner. The information gathered in this process aids in neighborhood preservation efforts.

Our volunteer title researchers study land, tax and water records, historic maps, and city directories to establish your building's first owner and date of its construction.

The researchers also welcome any oral history or copies of old documents relating to your building that you may have. Please allow at least 16 - 20 weeks for completion of the research and delivery of the durable, hand-lettered, sealed hardwood plaque.

PLAQUE ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________

NAME ___________________ ADDRESS _________________________________________

DAY PHONE ________________ E-MAIL ADDRESS _________________________________

LEGAL OWNER (IF DIFFERENT) ______________________________________________

APPROXIMATE DATE PURCHASED BY CURRENT OWNER _______ APPROXIMATE AGE OF PROPERTY _______

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: YES ☐ NO ☐

PRICE OF PLAQUE: $250.00 Non-member $235.00 Members

A non-refundable deposit of $100.00 is required with this application. Balance is due upon completion.

Membership Information

New London Landmarks membership drive begins in March with a membership year April 1st through March 31st. Benefits of membership include receiving copies of The Preservationist, postcards and mailings about special events and, most importantly, support for our work to preserve and protect New London’s historic urban landscape.

Individual: $25       Family: $35       Contributor: $50 - $75       Patron: $100 & above
Corporate: $200

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A Great Christmas Gift!
The popular Architectural Treasures poster has been reprinted and is available at the Landmarks office.
$10.00