
Founders News

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Connecticut's State Historian to Speak at Dinner

Walter Woodward, Connecticut State Historian, will be the speaker at this year's annual Court and Dinner of the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at the Town and County Club, 22 Woodland Street, Hartford.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Woodward moved to the United States at age 10. A graduate of the University of Florida, he was a Nashville-based songwriter and advertising executive before earning a Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut in 2001. He then taught history at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, returning to join the UConn faculty in 2004.

At the event, cocktails will be served starting at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45. Woodward's talk will follow.

He plans to discuss "Connecticut's Two Charters," which are the Fundamental Orders of 1639 and the Royal Charter of 1662; the latter is the one that ended up being hidden in the Charter Oak a quarter century later.

All Founders of Hartford members will want to be sure to attend this informative and enjoyable evening.



Walter Woodward

New Members Join Founders

At its most recent meeting, the Council of the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford approved several new members.

They are: Mark Reed Packard of South Glastonbury, Conn., descended from *John Talcott*; Julie Carol Hinds Griggs of Avon, Conn., descended from *John White*; and David Francis Condon III of Middleburg, Virginia, descended from *John Steele*.

Congratulations to our newest members!

Donations Made To Organizations

The Founders Council has voted to make contributions to several history-oriented organizations. At its December meeting, the Council voted to give \$500 to the Hartford Arts Council; \$200 of that will go toward the purchase of "name bricks" at Ancient Burying Ground's entrance, with the balance designated for the Ancient Burying Ground Association itself; \$500 to the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS); and \$200 for CHS History Day prizes.