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NICHOLS, CT 06611VISIT NIA at [www.nicholsct.org](http://www.nicholsct.org)**N I C H O L S  
N E W S L E T T E R**VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE  
BETTERMENT OF OUR NICHOLS COMMUNITY

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF THE NICHOLS FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT, NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**THE NIA EASTER EGG & SCAVENGER HUNTS**

The Easter Bunny was on hand to greet the hundreds of children and adults that participated in the annual NIA Easter Egg Hunt, held on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Children ages preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade participated in the Egg Hunt, while those in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above searched for well-hidden eggs in the Scavenger Hunt. Children who found special "golden eggs" received special prizes. It was a beautiful day for an egg and scavenger hunt!

The NIA extends a hearty thanks to **Sue Neil**, who graciously volunteers her time each year to make sure that the children enjoy this magical moment at Easter time. A special thank you also goes out to all of those who helped with this year's event; we truly appreciate your willingness to get involved!



Sue Neil and Scott Thornton



Morgan and Carly Burns



Eliza and Kenny Martin



Ethan Woolbert

**Volunteers are needed to help out with the annual spring cleanup of Five Pennies Park on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. This is a great way to give back to the NIA, so please join us. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.**

**NIA SUMMER CAMP!****August 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> & August 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

The NIA Summer Camp will be held this year for the younger kids – ages 3-7 ONLY and will be offered on a LIMITED BASIS. The 6's and 7's will be in sports camp and the younger kids will do art, crafts and games in the usual setting.

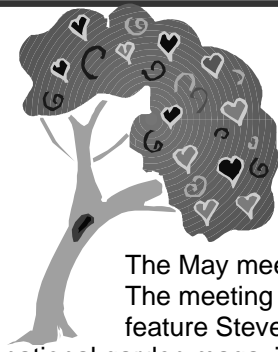
**NIA Summer Camp Registration Forms will be available for pick up at the Starkweather House. Starting May 15<sup>th</sup> you will find the forms on the porch where house use forms are located (Unity Road side).**

**Still needed:** Young adults who need to complete community service hours. The camp is a GREAT way to satisfy those requirements. Any Moms, Dads or relatives who would like to help out, let us know what you'd like to do and we will find the right job for you. Call Ailis Martin @ 386-0444 to get more information or volunteer.

**Summer Camp Registration is at NIA Starkweather House on:**

Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm – 8pm for Members  
and

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8pm for Non-Members



# NICHOLS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Nichols Garden Club is planning their annual Secret Garden Tour. Each year the tour features 5-7 gardens in the Trumbull area. The tour started as a way for members to showcase their gardens. Over the years the tour has blossomed and now strives to show gardens that have not been featured before. If you would like to have your garden on the tour, or know of a garden, please call Liz Franko 203-378-1329 or Lee Korzun 203-926-6083.

The May meeting of the Nichols Garden Club will take place on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 at the NIA house. The meeting will include the vote on the new slate of officers, the annual members' plant exchange and feature Steve Silk as the guest speaker. Steve Silk, a published photographer has been featured in many national garden magazines. Steve's slide presentation will be "Color in the Garden."

The annual Year End Celebration and Installation of Officers dinner will be at the Oronoque Country Club on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in joining the Nichols Garden Club for the 2006-2007 program year should contact Liz Franko 203-378-1329 or Judy Angell 203-377-1372.

## Nichols Trivial – the 1800's

### Did you know in the 1800's...

- 1800 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,291.
- 1820 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,232.
- 1836 Tait's Paper Mill was built. Alfred Bishop obtained a charter for the Housatonic Railroad. Pinewood Lake is constructed by James Bunnell.
- 1840 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,240 .
- 1852 on October 4th - the Nichols Farm School is established.
- 1862 Eliakim Beach's Tavern purchased by the Town of Trumbull to serve as the Town Hall
- 1865, August 15th - a Train wreck near the Pequonnock Mills at 11:20 am. 11 killed and 27 injured.
- 1860 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,474.
- 1872 the Blacksmith and Carriage Shop by Wesley Coan on Strobel Road is formed.
- 1873 Trumbull's 1st High School is established, the Beach Hill School, a private boarding school.
- 1880 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,325.
- 1882 Gabler's Cigar Factory built.
- 1884 Burroughs' Cider Mill built.
- 1888, the Blizzard of 1888 blankets Trumbull with several feet of snow.
- 1890 the Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,453.
- 1894 Elliott Beardsley ordered a clock manufactured in Boston to be offered to the church. The church refused the gift, he then placed it on his barn.
- 1895, June 4th (to 1926) the Bunny Fountain established. Trumbull Town School Committee came into existence when all district schools are consolidated.
- 1896, Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. purchased Pinewood Lake and surrounding acres to be used as reservoir.
- 1897, July 22nd, George M. Nichols is murdered in his home by Charles Boinay. Tungsten Mining and Milling Co. established.
- 1898, April 14th, Charles Boinay is executed at Wethersfield Prison for the murder of George Nichols.
- 1900 Census shows Trumbull's population at 1,587.

## NIA CONTACTS

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# SAVE DATE

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP  
 9AM-NOON  
 FIVE PENNNIES PARK

**Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION  
 FOR NIA MEMBERS  
 6-8pm  
 STARKWEATHER HOUSE

**Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION  
 FOR NON-MEMBERS  
 5-7pm  
 STARKWEATHER HOUSE

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 MEMORIAL DAY FLAG CHANGING  
 8am  
 NIA GREEN



## Annual NIA Memorial Day Flag Changing

Memorial Day at 8am the Annual Changing of the Flag Ceremony will be held at the NIA Green. The new flag will be raised ceremoniously and dedicated to the memory of the people of the Village of Nichols who served in the defense of this nation.

We plan to continue this tradition of officially recognizing the raising of a new flag each Memorial Day. If you would like to make a contribution towards the purchase of a new flag please contact the NIA.