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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

Spring Wine and Cheese

It's time once again for the NIA Spring Wine and Cheese. Please join us on Saturday, April 25th, starting at 7:00pm, at the NIA Starkweather House. Enjoy a night out, catch up with friends and meet other neighbors from the Nichols community, all while sampling some great wines. Admission is \$10.00/person for members and \$20.00/person for non-members.

Invite a neighbor or two who have not joined the NIA and bring them to the party. We will waive the guest fee if they decide to become NIA members at the party. This is a great way to grow our NIA family. All proceeds go to support NIA events including the Easter Egg Hunt, Kite Flying, Halloween Parade etc. This event is always a great success with many members and their guests attending.

We look forward to seeing you there and of course those great homemade hors d'oeuvres are always greatly appreciated! If you have any questions please call Sheila Bowen at 378-1860.

Play Ball!

Spring has arrived and the NIA ball fields are open for use. The NIA Board has updated the guidelines for field usage. Any request for the ball fields must be made through the ball field's chairperson and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requesting members are expected to pay a non-refundable field use fee of \$25.00 (\$20.00 for 5 or more requests), which will be used to offset the costs of maintaining the two fields.

There will be a maximum 2 hour limit per use. NIA members using the fields are required to comply with all applicable NIA rules and guidelines.

To make a request to use the NIA ball fields, please e-mail Lisa Devaney @ Lisa.Devaney@ge.com. Requests will not be approved without a completed field request form, which can be downloaded from our web site.

<http://www.nicholsct.org/docs/NIA%20Ball%20Field%20Request.pdf>

2009 NIA Membership News

NIA Membership for 2009 is currently **512** members. To all of our current members – THANK YOU!!!

Your membership in the NIA provides the support we need to maintain the Starkweather House and NIA grounds. Membership dues also support the many community activities offered by the NIA throughout the year.

OUR GOAL IS TO REACH 600 MEMBERS IN 2009, and your support is very important to us!

Please consider sending in your 2009 membership TODAY.

Please make your check out to the NIA, and mail this form and your check to:
Carrie O'Brien, Membership Chair, 14 Carriage Drive, Trumbull, CT 06611

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

e-mail _____

\$15.00__ (Individual) \$50.00__ (Family) \$100.00__ (Contributing) \$150.00__ (Sustaining)

Easter Egg Hunt and Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 4th, 11:00am

Rain or Shine

Pre-Registration

Wednesday, April 1st, 6:00-8:00pm

Starkweather House

Easter Egg Hunt participants need to bring six plastic eggs filled with individually wrapped candy to Pre-Registration. Scavenger Hunt contestants need to bring a few items to Pre-Registration.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this event!!

Egg Hunt: For preschooler to 3rd grade

Scavenger Hunt: For children in 3rd grade and above

Egg Decorating: Open to all ages. Bring your eggs to Pre-Registration. Be sure to label them with your child's name and age.

This Event is for NIA MEMBERS ONLY

There will be a membership table open on pre-registration day. Membership will be checked. There will be a non-member and guest fee of \$8.00.



NIA Teenagers Needed

The NIA is currently compiling an e-mail list of its teenage members for volunteering purposes. With this list, we can inform you of any upcoming NIA events with the specific dates and times where volunteers are needed

The next event in need of volunteers is the Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt. Help is needed at pre-registration: Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 – 8:00pm at the Starkweather House (next to the Bunny Fountain). Volunteers are also needed at the Egg Hunt (rain or shine): Saturday April 4, 10:00am – 1:00pm on the NIA Grounds

If you would like to volunteer for this or other events, please e-mail your name, contact info and when you can work to Mark Veikos at nmveikos@snet.net.

You will receive a confirmation e-mail to clarify when you will be working.

SAVE-A-DATE

Easter Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, April 4th

11:00am

NIA Grounds

Spring Wine & Cheese

Saturday, April 25th

7:00pm

NIA Starkweather House

Playground Clean Up

Saturday, May 16th

9:00am – Noon

5 Pennies Park

Summer Camp Signup

Wednesday, May 20th

6:00 – 8:00pm

Starkweather House

Memorial Day Flag Raising

Monday, May 25th

8:00am

Nichols Green

Knit Together at the NIA

Knit Together at the NIA has expanded ... Now Knit, Quilt, Needle Point and Crochet Together!

Welcome all fiber/fabric craft people!

Join us on the second Thursday of each month (no longer the fourth Thursday) at the Starkweather House from 6:30-8:30pm. There will be a \$2 fee collected at each monthly gathering.

All skill levels are welcome! Find inspiration, motivation, and a helping hand among kindred spirits.

For more information, please contact Kristin Faivre at 502-8189.

Nichols Garden Club

The Nichols Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30pm at the Starkweather NIA House, 1775 Huntington Turnpike.

Michael Zurow of the Connecticut Iris Society will present "*The Art of Growing and Caring for your Iris*". The refreshments will be provided by Carol Drew and Linda Sue.

For membership information, please contact Eileen Giarniero, 377-6363.