The American Clock & Watch Museum at 100 Maple Street will reopen for the 2007 season on Saturday, March 24th. Admission is free on that day from 10 AM to 5 PM. BFHA members are encouraged to stop in to see the clock which our group has adopted.

The BFHA will hold its Annual Meeting at the museum on Monday, March 26th. The museum will hold two Clock Identification Days on Saturday, March 31st from 1 – 4 PM, and April 2nd from 10 AM – 1 PM. For each paid admission, visitors may bring in one American clock or watch for identification and history of the item by the museum’s curator, Chris Bailey. Financial appraisals are not given.

The museum was formed to preserve the history, records and artifacts of the once-great American clock and watch industry. The collection has clocks dating from 1680 and watches dating from 1595. Although some items date to modern times, the majority of the collection dates from 1800 to 1940. The museum has some foreign clocks and watches in its collection, primarily to show technology and design features which were adopted by American makers or adapted by them to make the timekeepers more affordable to the working class. However, the collection is mainly comprised of American made items and most particularly those mass produced in Connecticut—the world’s great clock manufacturing area of the 19th century.

Visitors to the museum will find over 1,400 clocks and watches on display at the present time including “grandfather” clocks, shelf clocks, wall clocks, precision regulators, novelties, alarm clocks, tower/church clocks, jeweled watches, watch keys and fobs, non-jeweled or “dollar” watches, clock and watch making machinery and tools. A number of clocks are kept running and chiming.

Collectors may favor the rare and unusual, while other visitors will most enjoy those of great beauty or with melodious chimes. Others are thrilled to find “one just like grandmother had.” Adults and children alike enjoy the character watches, such as Mickey Mouse, Porky Pig, Buck Rogers, and clocks such as “ET”, Bugs Bunny and Felix the Cat. Whatever your fancy, there is sure to be a clock or watch that will “tickle” it!

For more information on the American Clock & Watch Museum, please visit their website at www.clockmuseum.org
Annual Dues

Dues are one of the major sources of our organization’s income.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed membership form.

Our membership runs from Jan 1 – Dec 31.

Federal Hill Flags

Have you notice all the Federal Hill Flags? You too can own one for yourself.

To Purchase a Federal Hill Flag, contact “Flag Fables” at www.flagfables.com and look at the handcrafted patriotic flags section. There is an additional charge for lettering.

Warner Theater Production Stars Jim Coscina

Word on the streets is that Brenda Coscina will be playing Holy Mary Mother of God to her son, Jim Coscina as he stars in the upcoming Western Connecticut State University production of “Godspell” at the Warner Theatre in Torrington between April 13th and 22nd.

Tickets may be obtained online at: www.warnertheatre.org

... or by asking Brenda if by some miracle her son might turn this newsletter into a free ticket.

DOUBT IT!

BFHA Adopts A Clock!

In December BFHA made a contribution to the American Clock & Watch Museum on Federal Hill as part of the museum’s Adopt-a-Clock program. BFHA has adopted the E. Ingraham & Co. “Grecian Mosaic” 8-day, spring-driven shelf clock with brass movement. This particular clock was part of the collection donated by Edward Ingraham when the Clock Museum opened in 1954. It is part of the exhibit on “Connecticut Clockmaking & the Industrial Revolution” on the main floor of the Ingraham Wing.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HILL
The Spirit of Federal Hill Awards will be presented at our March 26th meeting. We will be having our Annual Awards and Recognition event at the American Clock and Watch Museum. Plan to attend to find out this year’s winners! Congratulations to all who have been nominated. Special thanks goes out to Don Muller for spearheading our annual Awards and Recognition.

Photos represent some of our previous winners.

Have you got an hour or two you can spare a month? Ever think that you would like to see our organization more active? Is there an event or program you would like to see us execute?

Well, here is your chance. Give us a call and lend a hand to make the BFHA bigger and better than ever! We’re got a full calendar of events planned for 2007 and would love to have you join us in producing them.

We could even use a newsletter editor or designer. Got web site building skills? We could use that too! Give us a shout! We need you!

BFHA Sponsored Concerts on the Green

We’ll be ending the year in September with a Classical Concert at the Prospect United Methodist Church. Special thanks go out to Anita Casey, Brenda Coscina and Barbara Pond for organizing our concert series this year. Watch our website for more information.

www.bristolfederalhill.org

The mission of the Bristol Federal Hill Association is to enhance the quality of life on Federal Hill in Bristol by encouraging the preservation of the character of Federal Hill, promoting a shared sense of neighborhood by local residents and assisting property owners with appropriate historic preservation.
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March 24th
Progressive Dinner starting at 4:30 PM.
Please call Sue Roesch at 589-0801
to sign up to host a course and
for reservations.

April
Chamber Clean Up Day.
We will meet for breakfast
beforehand.

May 13th
Concert on the Green 4 PM
B.C. Performing Arts Group

June
Concert on the Green

July
Concert on the Green
July 29th
Barbeque on the Green 4 PM
(in place of monthly meeting)

Aug
Concert on the Green

Sept 15th
2nd Treasure Hunt Annual Tag Sale

Sept. 23rd
Mum Festival Parade

Oct 13th
Bus Trip to a Casino.

Oct. 27th
Pumpkin Festival.

Dec. 1st
Quota Club House Tour

Dec. 2nd
Christmas Parade in Reverse

Dec. 29th
Holiday Party
at Broadview Manor
41 Broadview Street 7 PM

Mark your Calendar for Up Coming Events!

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