

# The Old Saybrook Historical Society



CONNECTING THE PAST TO THE FUTURE

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## President's Message

Volunteering is an act of democracy at its best because it allows us to choose our individual priorities and preferences and to spend our time and efforts in support of those choices. This issue is dedicated to all of you who have chosen to volunteer for the OSHS.

Thank you for all your consistent and passionate commitment. The next year is the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Saybrook Colony and I'm sure we will be asking for your service again for some of the many events we have planned.

As an organization we are ever mindful of budgets and fundraising opportunities because, quite frankly, the bills need to get paid. You can imagine keeping an antique house, a state of the art library and archives and the gardens and grounds maintained is not inexpensive. But even with the need to stay focused on funding we never lose sight of the incredible gift of time and service our volunteers so generously give to us. Without these giving souls we would not be able to sustain the Society and our programs.

If you have time or interest in volunteering for us, there are many opportunities. We need gardeners, clerical staff, docents/guides, event volunteers and website wizards. Basically if you've got a skill or interest we need you! Your efforts can mean a world of difference as we continue to grow our programs.

In this coming year of the end of my term as President, I am looking forward to spending time with each and everyone of our volunteers so I may thank you personally for making my job easier.

Check out this issue for upcoming events and programs and I'll see you soon.

*Randi*

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