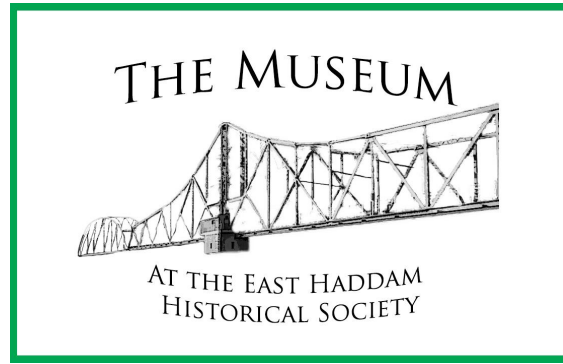




October 2022



Welcome to the EHHS October Newsletter!



You won't want to miss our upcoming events in November and December! Programs will feature local authors, a new book launch, and a music event.

The museum will be open for 3 more weekends through the end of October. If you've been meaning to visit, now is the time! Come visit us on Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00 - 4:00. We'd love to share our community's history and the Museum with you! Click below to learn more about EHHS.

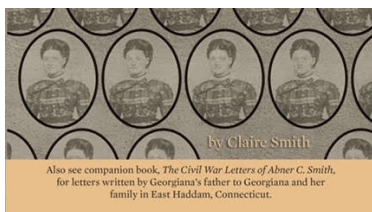
East Haddam Historical Society and Museum

Upcoming Presentations



November 5th at 5:00 PM
Author Claire Smith: Georgiana's Account of the Civil War through the 1930s in East Haddam

East Haddam author Claire Smith will launch her book *Georgiana, Like So Many*, the true story of an East Haddam/Moodus woman, Ella Georgiana Smith Cook



(1849-1930). Georgiana's lifetime spanned the first woman's rights movement, but, like so many women of her era, she stayed in the domestic sphere. Claire Smith is a descendant of Georgiana Smith Cook.

Through Georgiana's eyes, Claire will share stories about her mother's life in the Moodus mills, and will offer a firsthand account of the horrors of war from excerpts of her father's Civil War letters. Georgiana and her husband were eyewitnesses to the construction of three iconic images of East Haddam - the Goodspeed Opera House, the Swing Bridge, and Gillette's Castle.

Following the presentation, Claire will have copies of her books available for purchase. The event is free for EHHS members and children under 12, with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members.

Date: November 5, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Reception to follow

Location: East Haddam Historical Society and Museum

Address: 264 Town Street, East Haddam, CT

For more information, call 860-873-3944

November 13th at 3:00 PM

**Author Erik Hesselberg:
Night Boat to New York**

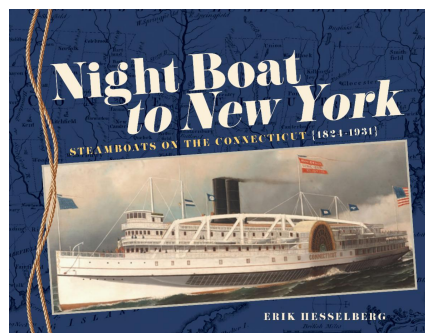
Erik Hesselberg's book *Night Boat to New York: Steamboats on the Connecticut, 1824-1931*, is a portrait of the vanished steamboat days—when stately sidewheelers plied between Hartford and New York City. Thirty-five large steamboats were in service on the Connecticut River in those years.

Steamboating brought people and goods—Colt's firearms and Essex's pianos—down river to New York for export to world markets. Mr. Hesselberg will discuss steamboat travel and events in East Haddam.

Author Erik Hesselberg has been writing about the Connecticut River for 20 years as an environmental reporter for the Middletown Press and executive editor of Shore Line Newspapers in Guilford. He was president of the Middlesex County Historical Society and developed the award-winning exhibit "A Vanished Port," on the Connecticut River's ties to the slave economy of the Caribbean islands. Click here to visit his blog, [**Voices On The River**](#). Erik lives in Haddam, CT.

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Save the Date! More information to follow!

November 20th - 3:00 PM: Garrett Groesbeck, *The Japanese Koto: A Traditional Instrument in the 21st Century*

Garrett Groesbeck is an ethnomusicologist, koto player, and PhD student at Wesleyan University. The koto, a 74-inch, 13-stringed instrument, has been popular from the earliest periods of Japanese musical history to the present day. Garrett lived and studied in Japan. He will discuss the instrument and will engage the audience in this ancient form of music.

December 7th - 7:00 PM: Dr. Karl Stofko with *Mysteries of East Haddam*

Mark your calendar for this popular event! Dr. Stofko will share intriguing stories from East Haddam's colorful past. This year's topics include:

- E. Louisa Mather: Poet and East Haddam's Only Suffragette
- Almost a Baroness: The Story of Eve Durand
- Dr. Abner Beebe: Revolutionary War Tory and the Story of His Mills Atop Chapman Falls

Become a Member!

Renew your membership or become a new member of EHHS!

Members enjoy free admission to our museum, monthly lectures, events or meetings, a gift of hand-drawn notecards, and the joy of knowing you are illuminating and preserving East Haddam history!

Individual memberships are \$20/year and household memberships are \$35/year. Click [here](#) to become a member or renew membership!

As a nonprofit organization, EHHS depends on *your* donations to curate new exhibits, maintain existing collections, and offer exciting programs. We thank you in advance for your generosity! [Click here to donate](#), scroll to the bottom of the Membership page. Call 860-873-3944 with questions.



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