



THE OLD SAYBROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING, PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE HISTORY OF OLD SAYBROOK

Abigail Adams in 1775 wrote to her husband John:

I must intreat you to be careful as you can consistent with the Duty you owe your Country. That consideration alone prevailed with me to consent to your departure in a time so perilous and so hazardous to your family." The roles of those who fought in the Revolutionary War and those Founders who formed our new nation must be remembered for their incredible heroism as we continue to strive for a more perfect union.



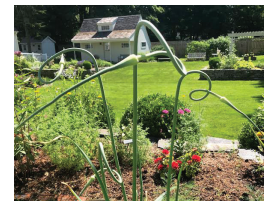
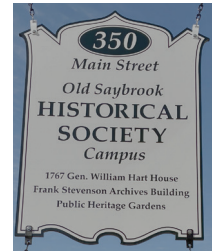
To our supporters:

History guided the decisions of our Founding Fathers as they devoted their lives to forming a new nation of which the major goal was to give its citizens the right to determine their future. They realized that their work remained unfinished and they envisioned and hoped that generations to come would learn key lessons from the past to serve the nation in the future.

It is with the knowledge of the importance of the work needed by citizens of self-government of understand and study our foundation that organizations, such as ours, exist and grow.

We do so by:

- preserving our campus through our stewardship to build a place to promote the study of history. The General William Hart House, built before the founding of our Country, is a symbol of the care and vision it takes to provide an entrance into the world of history and The Frank Stevenson Archives provides the place to continue the study of people and artifacts from the past which give us a foundation to understand today.
- protecting and promoting hundreds of artifacts, including historical collections, as well as, providing our lectures, publications and numerous partnerships that connect, teach and inspire us.
- Building and nurturing of our heritage gardens that have become a living laboratory teaching the importance of cherishing and learning from the marvelous natural world of our Country.



We are grateful for your support as we continue our civic duty as citizens of the nation built upon the Declaration of Independence.

Sincerely,

Our Officers and Trustees

2026 OSHS Annual Appeal "A gift of history"

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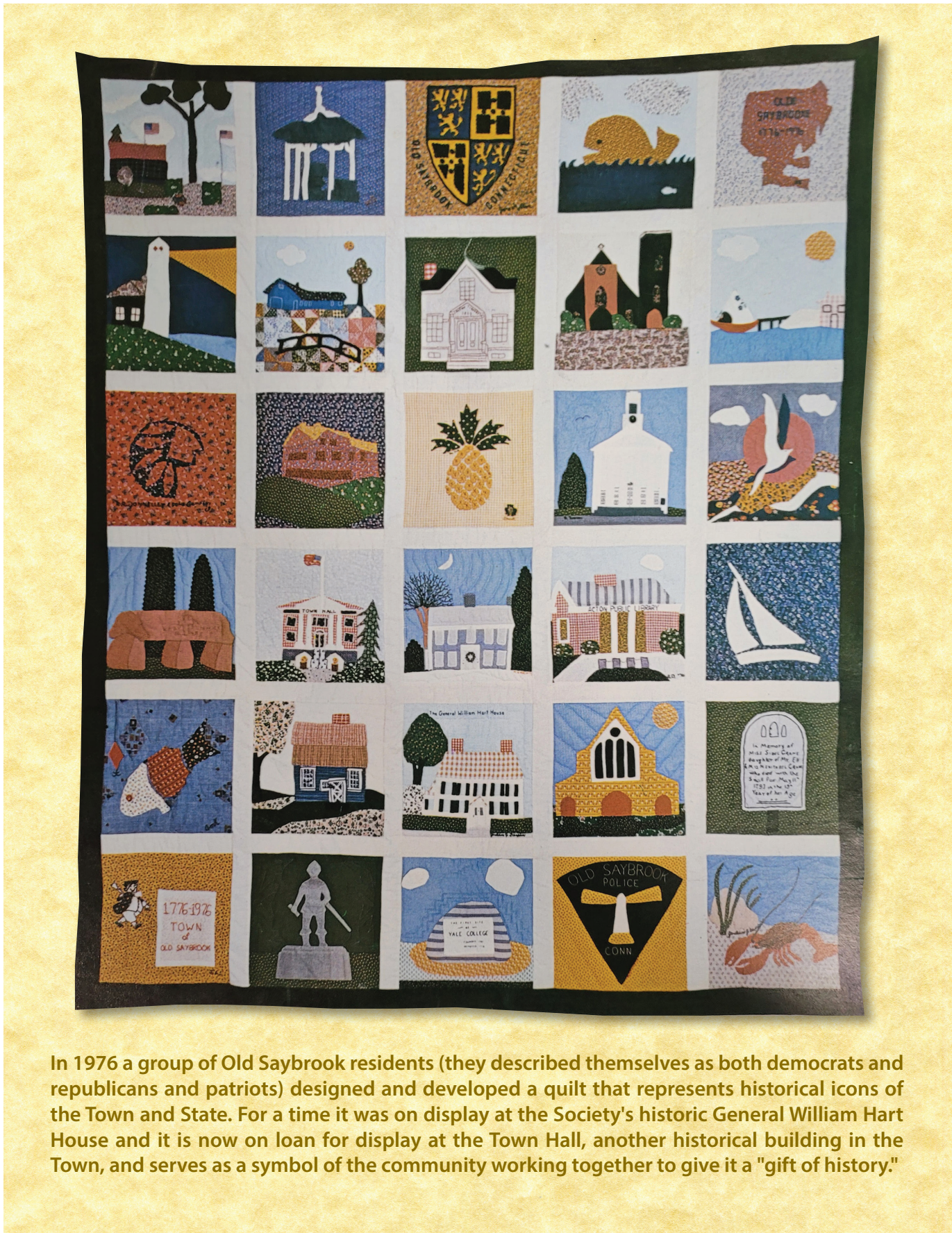
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In 1976 a group of Old Saybrook residents (they described themselves as both democrats and republicans and patriots) designed and developed a quilt that represents historical icons of the Town and State. For a time it was on display at the Society's historic General William Hart House and it is now on loan for display at the Town Hall, another historical building in the Town, and serves as a symbol of the community working together to give it a "gift of history."