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More of the Best of the Valley

March 29, 2018

## 'Queen' addresses loyal subjects at Seymour Historical Society

Shelton High School administrator offers glimpse into House of Tudor

**By Patricia Villers**

SEYMOUR - It was Queen Elizabeth I's father, Henry VIII, who was the first British monarch to demand he be addressed as "your majesty."

That was one of the interesting tidbits from 16th century England shared by historian Carolyn Ivanoff of Seymour Sunday at the Seymour Historical Society.

Ivanoff, a historian and Shelton High School administrator, gave a costumed presentation of the life of Queen Elizabeth I, the last monarch of the House of Tudor.

She was the second daughter of Anne Boleyn, and ruled



- Contributed Photo

England and Ireland from 1558-1603. Often called the Virgin Queen and Good Queen Bess, Elizabeth never married.

Historical Society board member Elsie Valeski joined Ivanoff at the start of the presentation, dressed as Queen Elizabeth's childhood governess and lifelong friend, Kat Ashley.

Ivanoff said Ashley was imprisoned twice over her loyal support of the Queen.

Ivanoff said Elizabeth wore regal, jewel-encrusted clothing. The Queen had 3,000 dresses and more than 80 wigs, and she invented the clothes closet. Ivanoff said closets didn't exist prior to her reign.

In 1588 Queen Elizabeth's British Navy defeated the Spanish Armada.

Ivanoff said that led to Britain becoming the world's greatest military power for the next 400 years.



## Correction

In a Valley-Voice newsletter story Monday about a recent presentation at Derby Neck Library we incorrectly stated the talk would also be given April 29 at Kellogg Environmental Center. The talk was held last year.

### St. Vincent De Paul brightens Easter for 60 Valley families

DERBY - St. Vincent de Paul held its annual Easter distribution Tuesday at its thrift shop and food bank, 237 Roosevelt Drive.

The nonprofit provided each of the 60 families with 6 bags of groceries, a ham, milk, potatoes, onions, and clementines.

Not only did the recipients receive food for an Easter dinner, they got bacon, eggs, butter and english muffins for an Easter breakfast, plus other fresh meats, cheese and vegetables.



The children received Easter Baskets and the adults received a bag of Easter Candy.

The Easter Bunny, (Joe Ungrady, one of our volunteers) visited and gave out lollipops to the families as they waited in line.

Manager Cindy Barbian, and volunteer Sam Kocurek handed out the Easter Baskets.

Director Remy Kocurek not only helped with the baskets, but she also gave the clients a gift card to a local grocery store so they can pick up the little extras.

With board members Maureen Wilkinson checking names and Jim Guarrera and his volunteer crew helped loading the cars with the groceries.

*Contributed by Cindy Barbian,  
Thrift shop manager*



## Seymour shop celebrates grand opening



### By Patricia Villers

SEYMOUR - Resident Mary Hyde, owner of The Country Cottage, celebrated a grand opening last week for her eclectic and unique gift shop.

The store is at 710 Derby Ave.

Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce President Bill Purcell welcomed Hyde to the Valley business community. He and several Chamber representatives helped cut a ceremonial red ribbon inside the store, along with Hyde's family and friends.

Merchandise includes furniture, hand-crafted wooden signs, home decor, estate jewelry, costume jewelry, seasonal items, clothing, hand-poured candles, and handmade, organic [Asheville Soaps](#).

The business in Asheville, N.C. is run by veterans, Hyde said, and 80 percent of the purchase price goes to charity.

Shop hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.





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