

'Beer Snob' visits Seymour Historical Society

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On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, visitors to the Seymour Historical Society were preparing for a history lesson on beer in Connecticut, by none other than the Beer Snob himself, Will Siss.

I try to attend all of the Seymour Historical Society programs, but this one was especially interesting to me. Some people might refer to me as a wine snob. Beer, however, is something that I have been curious to learn more about.

As Siss pointed out, the younger generation of drinkers, of which I consider myself to be a part, are getting more into the microbrews and the changing culture of beer. There is something about immersing yourself into the culture that makes beer taste better. But, that might just be me.

Siss gave a fascinating talk on the history of beer in Connecticut based on his book, *Connecticut Beer – A History Of Nutmeg State Brewing* (2015). After the talk, everyone followed him to the patio for snacks and a sampling of three Connecticut beers.

Siss gave us the full tasting experience. He said first you look at the beer to note its color and the amount of foam (head) on top, then you sniff the beer to see if it smells more hoppy versus sweet or fruity, and finally you take a sip to experience the taste. Cheers!

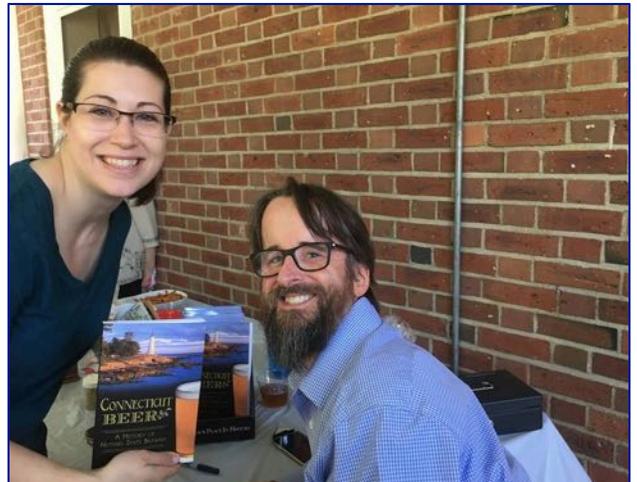
Siss has been writing the “Beer Snob” column in the Waterbury Republican-American since 2005. He also leads beer and beer-chocolate tasting presentations, writes humor pieces, plays in a band, and is a teacher. You can find out more about him on his website, BeerSnobWrites.com.

The variety of programs offered by the Seymour Historical Society amazes me.

The program committee has found speakers to talk about bee keeping, the Yale Bowl, the Naugatuck River and its troubled past, what it was like to be a woman years ago, Civil War medicine, limestone kilns in Connecticut, and so many more. Members estimate that they have put on almost 100 programs over the past 10 years, without any repeats. For a small society and museum, that is really impressive.

To learn more about the organization, go to SeymourHistoricalSociety.org.

Shelton resident Kayleigh Apicerno is a member of the Seymour Historical Society board.



Love is in the air in Seymour

Seymour resident [Joseph Luciano](#) captured a couple in an embrace at the Seymour Metro North train platform.

This is similar to another famous couple at a transit hub, *The Meeting Place* by English sculptor [Paul Day](#), located at St. Pancras Station in London.

The artist described the meaning of this work: "The clients said that it should reflect the romance that train travel used to have."

So, this couple shows us that this romanticism has not disappeared as they lovingly pose at the station...

Derby artist teaches water color painting at library



Valley Arts Council President Rich DiCarlo leads a step-by-step class in water color painting Monday at Derby Public Library. At upper right is DiCarlo's portrait of a woman that the class followed.



Class participants concentrate on their water color painting.

Photos by Patricia Villers

Ansonia offers interest-free housing repair loan program

ANSONIA - The City of Ansonia under leadership of Mayor David Cassetti has been awarded a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation and funding remains to serve approximately ten further households.

Does your roof leak? Are your steps crumbling? Are you facing a winter without heat due to a failing furnace? The City is seeking eligible low and moderate income homeowners and renters to apply for assistance with home repairs. The goal of the program is to keep people safe in their homes by providing funding when other means may not be available.

To be eligible, property owners must have an annual income that does not exceed \$44,750 for a one-person household or \$63,900 for a four-person household. Other requirements of eligibility are being up to date on municipal taxes and having 10% equity in the home. Loans are at 0% interest and are not due and payable until property is sold or homeowner is deceased.

Eligible activities include replacing failed furnaces, roofs, windows, doors, electrical, and septic system repairs. These funds can provide for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) modifications to homes as well, such as entrance ramps and bathroom modifications.

Applications may be obtained from Sheila O'Malley, Economic Development Director, somalley@ansoniac.org or by contacting the City's CDBG consultants Lisa Low & Associates at 203-888-5624.

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