



Jones works with Derby Historical Society docent Jody Bishel to uncover artifacts.

State Archaeologist conducts dig at Humphreys House in Ansonia

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Connecticut State Archaeologist Brian Jones, standing, led a dig last week in the yard behind the Gen. David Humphreys House, 37 Elm St., Ansonia.

Derby Historical Society docents and several volunteers helped Jones uncover some interesting relics.

I'm disappointed I wasn't able to witness the dig firsthand. I'm sure it was fascinating to discover artifacts buried on the property.

Jones said he would return to the Humphreys House in September, and *The Valley-Voice CT* will be there when he does.

Photos taken by Derby Historical Society docent Allegra Villers



About the Connecticut State Archaeologist

Dr. Brian D. Jones has held the position of Connecticut State Archaeologist since July 2014.

As State Archaeologist, Jones heads the Office of State Archaeology at the University of Connecticut.

Jones' responsibilities include cultural resource preservation and reviews of economic development proposals to assist municipal governments, responding to land manager and general public inquiries, state-wide site visits and field reviews, salvage archaeological field work and the collection of archaeological materials.

Jones is a Professor in UConn's Department of Anthropology, providing teaching and academic services in his area of expertise.

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Father's Day at the Shelton History Center

By Ralph Villers

SHELTON - An annual custom for myself on Father's Day is to attend the Vintage Vehicles Antique and Classic Car Show at the Shelton History Center. As one who is just old enough to remember many of these vehicles in my youth, I never tire of viewing the conveyances of my past.



Of course, old cars and memories are of importance. However, the Shelton History Center itself is a great place to visit for its hetitage.

The center on Ripton Road offers us a nice glimpse of 19th century with the 1822 Brownson House, the 1860 Walker Barn and the 1872 Trap Fall Schoolhouse showcasing a far more rural Shelton than we could never see, nor perhaps imagine in this hectic century.



As for me, today being a holiday befitting a dad (myself) that allowed entry for a mere dollar, the cars were the draw. Being born in the mid-1950s, I was attuned to American automobiles from an early age. Today's vehicles may be better engineered and safer, though back then cars weren't safer, they had artistic detailing and definitely more *style*. I noticed nany a vehicle from my youth, and here I showcase a few that really caught my atention. Thanks to the Shelton History Center for this fabu-lous annual Fathers' Day event.



Those who know me are quite aware that I often make myself part of the photo shoot.

To the left, I appear as a reflec-tion in the hubcap of an immac-ulate 1951 Chevrolet pickup

Taking a pic of a restored Ford Model A.



A beautiful 1995 Chevrolet Bel Air, two-tone paint and chrome

Even hood ornaments were artfully styled



Below was my favorite car, a 1960 Plymouth Valiant V-200 Suburban Station wagon. Indeed, it has styling that seems somewhat strange, or as a gentleman looking at it at the same time called it "*Butt Ugly*", a bit unkind (if accurate). Yet it was my favorite due to its Chrysler [Forward Look](#) polarizing styling, its rarity, its gorgeous seafoam green and white paint and how it takes me back to age five in Bayside, Queens, New York City in 1960...



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