



The Friends & Neighbors of Putnam Memorial State Park

"Connecticut's Valley Forge"



Bethel/Redding CT

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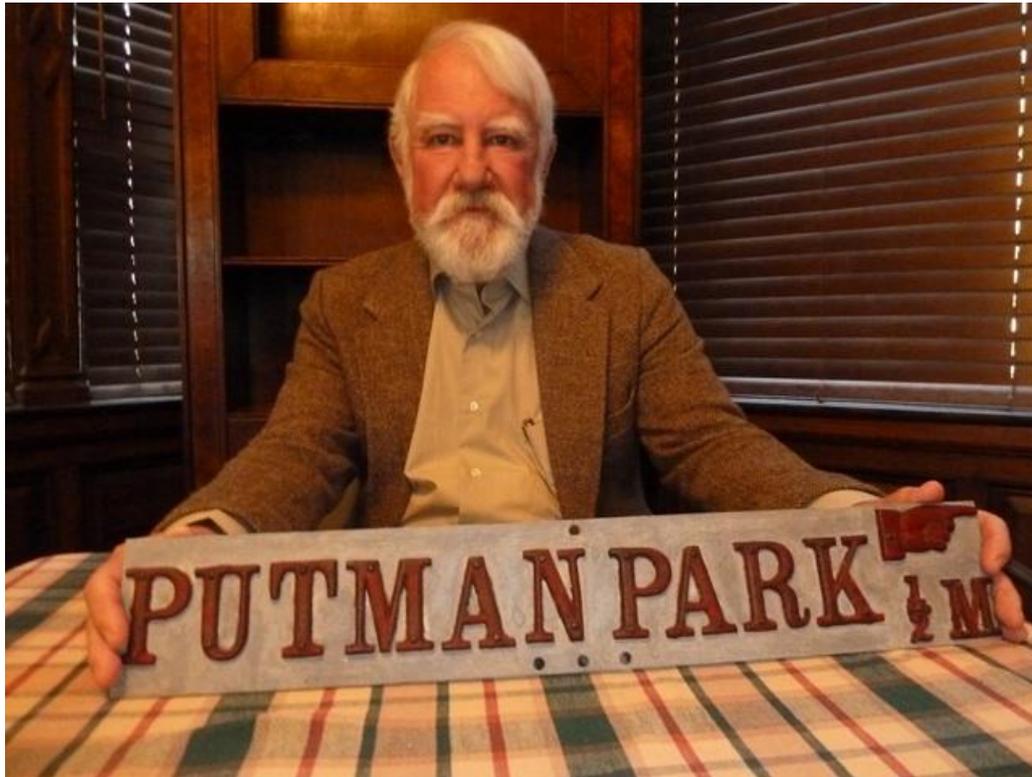
Note:

This month's very brief newsletter is going out to our internet list only (No hardcopies). Family medical needs superseded printing and mailing .

Dan Cruson , park historian, came upon an old park directional sign up in Washington CT. See below.

Our old friend and charter FAN member Dr. Stuart Reeve, an archaeologist with a Redding background, sends us the slate for the Redding Archaeology Series. Next page.

Long Ago Sign To Putman Park



Back a couple of Saturdays ago (Mar. 10th to be precise) I gave a talk and book signing at the Gunn Museum in Washington. A woman by the name of Ann smith Finn, brought a sign from her husband's collection of directional signs with the inscription "Putman Park 1/2 mile" and a hand pointing right. She did not know where the sign came from but I suspect that it was somewhere within a half mile radius of the park. Steve Bartkus from the Gunn Museum took a photo of me holding the sign complete with the misspelling and I told him that I was going to send you a copy for the FANS newsletter if you feel that you can use it.....feel free to air brush me out of it.

Redding Archaeology Lecture Series



Redding Archaeology; Open Spaces and University Excavations

Over the last few years, Redding's open space and planning policies have led to the preservation and study of important archaeological sites. Several college and university archaeological field schools have brought hundreds of students from around the world to unearth Redding's illustrious past.

You are invited to attend a lecture series describing Yale University's excavations in the 1800s industrial community of Poverty Hollow, Western Connecticut State University's work at the 1778-79 Revolutionary War Middle Encampment, and Norwalk Community College's research of 4,000 years of Native American occupations at Gallows Hill. Lectures will be presented on Saturday afternoons at the Redding Community Center

On March 24, 2012 at 3:00 pm, Dr. Roderick McIntosh and students from Yale University will speak about 2011 excavations of worker's houses associated with comb and button factories along the Aspetuck River in Poverty Hollow. The Yale field school was at sites on the land of David and Jo-an Brooks, and resulted from an earlier study of the Poverty Hollow community sponsored by local property owners.

On April 14, 2012 at 3:00 pm, Drs. Laurie Weinstein, Bethany Morrison and Cosimo Sgarlata of Western Connecticut State University will describe remains of winter encampments of the 1st Connecticut Brigade along Limekiln Road, made famous in the journal of Joseph Plumb Martin. The site was preserved through cooperative purchase by the Town of Redding and The Nature Conservancy, and will be protected as a Connecticut Archaeological Preserve.

On May 19, 2012 at Noon, Professor Ernest Wiegand of Norwalk Community College will describe results from more than a decade of excavations at Native American sites along Gallows Hill Road. Extensive Late Archaic sites are overlain by historic artifacts possibly associated with the Warrups family. The site was preserved from residential development through open space purchase by the Town of Redding and The Nature Conservancy.

