

# Connecticut Gravestone Symposium



**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**9 am – 4 pm**

**Presented by Connecticut Gravestone Network  
Hosted by Friends of Center Cemetery, Inc. East Hartford**

**East Hartford South Senior Center  
70 Canterbury St., East Hartford , Ct 06118**

## **Presentations:**

**9:30 am “ Welcome for new attendees ” By Ruth Brown**

A recap of old burial ground basics, maintenance dos and don'ts, ending with a story or two about some interesting genealogy connections from last years travels

**10: 45 am “ Restoring the Old Yard, Columbia, CT ” By Joan Hill**

A member of the Columbia Historical Society, Joan will tell of the 2014 restoration efforts carried out in the Old Yard (gravestones 1725-1850's). She will touch upon the carvers, especially the Collins family of Columbia, and new information gleaned from foot stones.

**11:45 – 12:45 Lunch Break - sandwiches delicious snacks and beverages via donation**

**1:00 pm “ Data Set In Stone ” By Kate Schnuck**

An Anthropological/Archaeological analysis of mortality rates from gravestones associated with the populations from the Georgian & Victorian eras within Fairfield County, Ct. Kate has a B.A. in Anthropology/Sociology; has begun to pursue a graduate degree at WCSU with the aim of writing educational books for all ages about the historical importance of gravestones and the data they contain!

**2:15 pm “ The graveyard is now a parking lot.” By David Oat**

Christ Church established 1752 in Norwich, Ct. had a graveyard located on the right side of the church. But, today this area is a parking lot. What happened to the graveyard and its tombstones? In 2012, an effort was made to uncover these lost colonial tombstones and their inscriptions. Local historian David Oat will discuss this ongoing recovery project.

## **Visit with our Vendors and Exhibitors**

T-shirts, memorabilia, books, cemetery history and maintenance  
with a touch of genealogy and archaeology,

**Try your hand at carving stone like they did in the colonial days.**

**Doors are open at 9:00am Coffee and Snacks available**

**Admission payable at the door**

\$10 general public - \$5 for CGN members

CGN dues - \$10 payable at the door.

For more information contact Ruthie

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Or call 860-643-5652

Directions: Senior Center is near the East Hartford Glastonbury town line,  
Maple Ave. -off Route 2 E - E bound use exit 5c – west bound use 5 b and reverse direction  
by turning left (at Wendy's) and left at light back up on hwy and use exit 5c..then follow signs