

CANAAN OLD HOME DAYS  
COMMITTEE REPORT

Once again, thanks to the continued support of the community, we had a very successful Old Home Days weekend. The committee worked hard throughout the year to prepare for a weekend of fun-filled, free activities for all to enjoy. It takes a lot of planning and a considerable amount of money to make this happen. Since some of the committee members have been asked about the cost of the weekend, we will share a few of our expenses with you through this report.

The weekend began on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> with the annual Lobster/Chicken BBQ and two free concerts at the Old Meeting House (cost \$200). Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> began with our annual parade. This year's theme was "The 50's & 60's". We had many wonderful floats and awarded several prizes. The parade was followed by free concerts (bands and parade expenses \$1,275), a clogging demo (\$100), and a puppet show for the kids (\$150). Throughout the day many other events were enjoyed such as the Soap Box Derby, Horseshoe Competition (\$200), crafts fair and ended with great dancing to a live band (\$400). Sunday brought the annual pancake breakfast and the road race (\$246) around the lake. Our annual rubberball tournament was well participated by many local teams (\$231). As the day progressed we had a tractor pull for the children and our annual Cow Flop Drop Contest (\$1,333). The kids really had a great time enjoying the "creatures" show (\$150) and concert by the Barney Family later in the afternoon. Many of these events were held under the tent (\$750) in case Mother Nature decided to pour down on us. This is just a selection of the wonderful events that we bring to the community for their enjoyment on this annual event. As you can see, it is a costly weekend. Our total expenses for this year's Old Home Days weekend were \$7,133. We appreciate the financial support that our sponsors give us, as well as that of the Town. Our two main sources of income for the weekend are the Crafts Fair and the Cow Flop Drop Contest.

We are always looking for new and exciting events to bring to you each year while working to keep our costs down to a minimum. If you have any ideas for us, we would certainly appreciate hearing from you.

Our committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the home of Georgia Tilton. If you can't join us but have ideas to share, you can call one of the committee members or drop us a note at P. O. Box 126.

Thanks again for helping to make this year's Old Home Days a huge success. We look forward to yet another great Old Home Day weekend this coming year. Join us for the fun on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Our parade theme will be "Looking Back 100 Years".

Respectfully submitted  
John Ricard & Georgia Tilton, Co-Chairs

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