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Stanley-Whitman House Announces Expanded Hours for Public Tours and Programs

Farmington, CT—Stanley-Whitman House, a ca. 1720 National Historic Landmark house and Farmington's first museum since 1935, is pleased to announce expanded hours for public tours and programs throughout the year. **Effective July 1, 2024**, the House will be open to visitors Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Guided tours, approximately 45 minutes in length, will commence on the hour, with the last tour of the day starting at 3:15 p.m.

New Hours of Operation:

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

• By Appointment: Tours for groups larger than five must be pre-arranged.

Holiday Closures: Stanley-Whitman House is closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Admission for Historic House Tours:

Members: Free

• Adults (ages 18-61): \$14

• Senior Citizens (ages 62+): \$12

AAA Members: \$12

• Students (Ages 6-17 and college students with valid ID): \$12

• Children (ages five and under, accompanied by a parent or adult): Free

Admission to the Spear Classroom Community Arts Gallery: Free

Group Tours: Group tours for six people or more are available by appointment. An adult must accompany all children aged 12 and younger.

Blue Star Museum: Stanley-Whitman House proudly participates in the Blue Star Museums program. We offer free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families, including the National Guard and Reserves.

NARM Association: Stanley-Whitman House is a member of the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association® network, offering reciprocal benefits to members at the Patron level or higher. This network includes 1,369 art museums, galleries, historical museums and societies, botanical gardens, children's museums, zoos, and more across the United States, Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico.

Location: Stanley-Whitman House is at 37 High Street in Farmington, off Main Street. For more information, call (860) 677-9222 or visit our website at www.s-wh.org.

About: Stanley-Whitman House is a historic and educational resource dedicated to the preservation, study, and interpretation of the history and culture of early Farmington, Connecticut. As a living history center and museum, we offer a dynamic array of programs, events, classes, and exhibits that encourage visitors of all ages to immerse themselves in history by engaging in colonial life and exploring the ideas that shaped our community.

Located in the historic village of Farmington, the museum is centered around a ca. 1720 National Historic Landmark house, furnished with period antiques to reflect the everyday activities of colonial life in Connecticut. The surrounding area features period-raised bed gardens, an apple orchard, and heritage stone walls.

The public service areas of the museum, constructed in 2004, include:

- A modern classroom.
- A period tavern room.
- A post-and-beam Welcome Center.
- A research library.
- An exhibit gallery.
- The Nancy Conklin History Gallery.
- A collection storage area.

The museum also manages Memento Mori, Farmington's ancient burial ground on Main Street, the Village Green at Routes 4 and 10 intersection, and Scott Swamp Cemetery on Route 6. Stanley-Whitman House is supported primarily by the contributions of its members and operates under the auspices of the Farmington Village Green and Library Association.

Associations and Networks: Stanley-Whitman House is part of <u>Connecticut's Historic</u>
<u>Gardens</u>, the <u>Farmington Valley CT Heritage Network</u>, the <u>Connecticut League of Museums</u>, the <u>New England Museum Association</u>, and the <u>American Alliance of Museums</u>.

Mission Statement: Stanley-Whitman House is committed to inspiring and educating individuals to positively impact their lives and communities through the preservation, study, and interpretation of early Farmington's history and culture.

Support and Membership: Stanley-Whitman House relies on the generous support of its members and community. Please visit our website www.s-wh.org/support for more information about becoming a member or supporting our museum.

Where history matters and everyone is welcome.