



Tolland Historical Society

Three Museums and much More



Slogan Contest

Create a catchy slogan to feature the Courthouse cupola, bell or bell tower.

- Open to Tolland residents of all ages.
- Please suggest a catchy slogan for the fundraising campaign.
- The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and a book of Tolland history written by a local author, and the runner-up will receive a \$25 gift card.

In 2020, the Tolland Historical Society is undertaking a major fundraising drive to restore the bell tower on the 1822 Old Tolland County Court House Museum.

The society must raise \$150,000 to restore the interior structure that cradles the bell as well as restoring and replacing some interior and exterior parts of the bell tower itself on the stately building that graces the historic Tolland Green. At the end of the project, the society will be able to once again ring the bell.

The existing courthouse replaced an earlier building built in 1785 to satisfy the state's requirement that the town provide a courthouse and a jail in order to be designated as the Tolland County seat.

All court sessions in Tolland County were held in the building until about 1890. From 1899 to 1985, the town's public library operated in the building. The Tolland Public Library Association gave the courthouse to the society in 2001, when it became the society's third museum. The first floor is home to the French Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut, and the top floor includes a beautiful courtroom that has been restored to look as it did in the 19th century

Send Entries to:

Entries should be emailed to society@tollandhistorical.org or mailed to Tolland Historical Society, P.O. Box 107, Tolland, CT 06084 no later than Feb. 21. Please include suggested slogan, name and email address or phone number.