


00:03:06 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://ct250.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/America-250--CT-Affiliate-Meeting-Agenda-01-08-2025.pdf>

00:04:38 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Please share your name, organization, and one idea that you have for the 250th at your organization.


00:08:28 NWCT Arts Council: Steph Burr, NWCT Arts Council, serving Litchfield County. Our area does not have a regional cultural council so we hope to serve as a convening force for historical societies and cultural organizations to help build collaborative efforts at the regional level.


00:09:43 Jeff (Hartford Bonanza + First Night Hartford: apologies, ready whenever

00:09:53 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "apologies, ready whe..." with 


00:10:40 Mila - Joselyn: Hi I'm Mila-Joselyn from Quinn & Hary. Our area for this year is targeting/highlighting diversity in marketing and tourism.

00:11:39 Ariana Williams: Ariana Williams, I am the Lead Educator with Discovering Amistad, we are working on developing new programming with other organizations to widen our reach.

00:12:02 Mila - Joselyn: Reacted to "Ariana Williams, I a..." with 


00:12:06 Mila - Joselyn: Reacted to "Steph Burr, NWCT Art..." with 

00:12:33 Susan Huizenga WPAA-TV (Wallingford): Susan Huizenga Volunteer Executive Director WPAA-TV and Community Media Center History with a Wallingford Focus including Moses Yale Beach Revealed more [wpaa.tv/myb](http://wpaa.tv/myb)

00:13:15 Mila - Joselyn: Reacted to "Susan Huizenga Volun..." with 

00:14:54 Marie McDaniel: Marie Basile McDaniel- Professor at Southern Connecticut State University, and board member at the Darling House.

00:15:07 Hamish: Hamish Lutris, working with the Winchester Historic Commission. We're doing a lot of the same things- grave restoration projects with scouting, a few lecture series on various local themes and events.


00:15:13 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "Hamish Lutris, worki..." with 


00:15:28 Alice Ridgway, Litchfield A250 Chair: Litchfield has a number of partners so far as a coordinating committee so lots of moving parts! We are excited about

a system of support we are rolling out in Feb. that will offer TA and Coaching around event planning to help our many partners get their plans moving!


00:15:30 Kathy Craughwell-Varda: Kathy Craughwell-Varda, director Conservation ConneCTion, manage Museum Makeover America CT 250 grant which is due 1/22. Work with CT State Historical Records Advisory Board on periodic in-person and virtual America 250 CT Archives programs. Next one is a Zoom meeting on 1/14, register here - <https://ctconservationconnection.org/archives-250-programs>


00:15:34 Tammi Flynn • Florence Griswold Museum: Hello! I'm Tammi Flynn, Director of Communications at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme. We are partnering with contemporary artists for an intervention in the historic Griswold House. Also adding to the scholarship of our History Blog that we will use in various ways. And I'm sure our curators have more ideas!

00:16:42 Alice Ridgway, Litchfield A250 Chair: Reacted to "Hamish Lutris, worki..." with 

00:17:01 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "Marie Basile McDanie..." with 

00:17:11 Anne Staebner: Blue Slope Country Museum in Franklin is just beginning women's farming work that changed during the war with the men away. And women in agriculture right now in our community and surrounding communities

00:17:13 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "Litchfield has a num..." with 

00:17:18 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "Kathy Craughwell-Var..." with 

00:17:58 Kathy Craughwell-Varda: Also curator at Greenwich Historical Society we have a exhibition up currently, Greenwich During the Revolutionary War: A Frontier Town on the Front Line, open until 6/29. 3-part lecture series begins 1/18 with an in-person lecture by Scott Stephenson from the Museum of the American Revolution. Register here <https://greenwichhistory.org/event/remembering-americas-revolution-on-its-250th-birthday/>

00:18:09 Natalie Belanger | Connecticut Museum: Natalie Belanger, I'm the Public Programs Manager at the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History in Hartford. One thing we are planning is an exhibition that looks at immigration and the city of Hartford that

explores ideas about citizenship, belonging, and democracy. There will be programming that explores those themes -- exactly what that will be is still being figured out!

00:19:04 Deb Mathiasen, Cultural Coalition: Deb Mathiasen, Cultural Coalition serving southeast and northeast CT. Helping arts, culture and creative businesses to connect, collaborate and communicate. Whatever helps affiliates and municipalities in Eastern CT to commemorate the 250th

00:25:26 Tony (Capture Visual Marketing): Capture Visual Marketing is proud to partner with organizations like DAR, SAR, and local historic societies to commemorate America's 250th anniversary. We showcase significant spaces—such as historic homes, buildings, and cemeteries—through 3D, VR, and AR experiences, making them accessible to anyone, anywhere. Recent projects include digitizing the Palisado Cemetery in Windsor, highlighting Revolutionary-era figures and patriots, and helping preserve these stories for future generations.

00:29:28 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: I think I caught everyone, but if I missed you, please feel free to raise your hand!

00:33:15 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: <https://ct250.org/events/2025-conference/>

00:33:26 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://ct250.org/events/2025-conference/2025-america-250-ct-conference/>

00:35:22 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://ct250.org/get-involved/affiliate-program/affiliate-resources/>

00:38:04 Alice Ridgway, Litchfield A250 Chair: (I don't see her screen)

00:38:22 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: We aren't sharing a screen, but the link to the website are up above!

00:38:27 Alice Ridgway, Litchfield A250 Chair: Reacted to "We aren't sharing a ..." with 😊


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00:40:32 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://ct250.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Am250-CT-Strategy-Screen.pdf>

00:42:29 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://ct250.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Planning-Guide-IDEA.pdf>


00:44:34 Rachel Gonzalez - CTH: <https://forms.gle/xvgPKS7HGta5cVU56> - Social Media Form

00:53:13 Avi: Temple Beth Israel Preservation Society is exploring partnering with Friends of Assisi Food Bank.

00:53:24 Cyndi Tolosa - America 250 | CT: Reacted to "Temple Beth Israel P.." with 

00:53:56 Avi: How about an email distro list?

00:54:26 Samantha Fargione - Weston History & Culture Center: Yes please email the link

00:55:00 Alice Ridgway, Litchfield A250 Chair: Reacted to "How about an email d..." with 

00:56:23 Jennifer Matos, Museum of CT History: Thank you, Cyndi and Rachel!

00:56:24 Tammi Flynn • Florence Griswold Museum: Thank you!