

**Weston Historical Society
The Coley Homestead
Weston, CT 06883**

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**Santa Visits the Weston Historical Society's Coley House for a
Victorian Farmhouse Christmas**

Enjoy an old-fashioned Victorian Farmhouse Christmas when Santa Claus visits the Coley House at the Weston Historical Society on Sunday, Dec. 18th.

Santa and his helper will be at the historical society's 1841 farmhouse from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. located at 104 Weston Road. The Coley house has been specially decorated by the Weston Garden Club to reflect Christmas's of the past. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures of children. Cookies will be served. Photos with Santa are free.

Also on Sunday December 18th, the society's new exhibit "Memories of World War II – Celebrating Weston's Contributions to the War" will be on display in the museum and archive building. The exhibition displays a wide range of personal memorabilia that ties Weston residents, past and present, directly to the conflict. Among them are:

- Family photos of relatives and friends directly and indirectly linked to current residents
- Ribbons and medals, including two purple hearts
- Rifles, a samurai sword, mine-sweeper and weaponry from both European and Pacific Theaters

In addition, there are several large military artifacts; including a U.S. U.S. military Harley-Davidson motor-cycle with sidecar, a mine-sweeper, a 50-caliber machine gun and communication station.

Cost of the World War II exhibit is \$3 per individual and \$8 for families for society members, \$5 per individual and \$10 for families for non-members.

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For further information, or to arrange a special family or guided group tour of the exhibit, please call our executive director, Susan Gunn Bromley, at 203-226-1804 and/or visit our website at www.westonhistoricalsociety.org.