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## **True Tales of Horror and Death**

### *One Night Only—Tour the Scene of Much Mayhem and Terror*

(October 7, 2011) Stamford, CT—Satisfy your appetite for Halloween-season horror this year with a spooky tour of an authentic site that’s seen more than its share of colonial privations, on Friday, October 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hoyt Barnum House at 713 Bedford Street, Stamford. The Stamford Historical Society is opening the House, built in 1699, for period-explicit tours for thrill-seekers ages 12 and up. Interpreters will share stories of the horrific lives of Stamford founders in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Hear what horrors haunted people daily. Find out which cures were worse than the illnesses they were prescribed to treat, and which childhood diseases caused the greatest disfigurement of its survivors.

“After hearing graphic tales of pain, pus, scarring, choking, crushing, burning, and witchcraft, you won’t talk about the ‘good old days anymore,’” predicts Historical Society Chairman, Pam Coleman. “You’re invited to come and be shocked by the grisly injuries and bloody deaths that were the frequent companions of our ancestors in the 1700s, including those who lived in this little red house next to the police station.”

This graphic program is intended for ages 12 and up. Tickets are \$8 a person; \$6 for members. If you join the Historical Society that night, your entrance to the Hoyt Barnum House will be free. Tours are given on the hour and half hour. For reservations call 203-329-1183.

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The Stamford Historical Society is an educational and research institution whose primary functions are to collect, preserve, conserve, interpret, and exhibit materials relating to Stamford, Connecticut and the surrounding area. As the City of Stamford’s history center, the Society is dedicated to providing opportunities for the community to understand and experience the past through the presentation of exhibits and displays, lectures, demonstrations, special events and participatory programs. For more information, visit our website at [www.stamfordhistory.org](http://www.stamfordhistory.org).



