

Parting with 2012, Looking Ahead...

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Toward the end of this year, Cathy Ogden, the Oral History Project Chairman of nearly twenty years, resigned, fulfilled, we hope, by her outstanding contribution to the project. Her leadership has brought us to what we are today, a community resource of more than 850 interviews and 137 books, all highlighting the people, places, and events of Greenwich. In a recent article in the *Greenwich Citizen*, Cathy made mention of her favorite interviews. Among these are the stories of the following narrators:

- Louis Imbrogno on racing pigeons, a dying art, he tells us;
- Gertrude Howland, on replanting Greenwich Avenue trees after the devastation of Dutch Elm disease;
- Mainiero Margenot, a daughter of immigrants, about her dream to get an education;
- Alver W. Napper, Sr. who tells of his experiences as a Black man in Greenwich;
- Frank Nicholson, on growing up on Lewis Street in the 1920s;
- Madelyn and Horton O'Neil, about their interesting property in Cos Cob – with its own amphitheater.

Each of these suggests the depth and breadth of the project's collection. Whether drawing back a curtain on the Greenwich of yesterday, or opening our eyes to the challenges many of our neighbors have faced, or painting a vivid picture of local color, the project's interviews provide a chance to sit back and enjoy a piece of history as told through the voices of our town's residents.

In 2013, we will dip into many of these fascinating stories. In the meantime, we at the Oral History Project wish you and your families the very best this holiday season.