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**Fairfield Historical Society Exhibits Doll Collection to Benefit  
Make-A-Wish Foundation and Emerge, Inc.**

FAIRFIELD (March 2-3) – The Fairfield Historical Society will exhibit “Dolls at Home and Abroad” as part of the Southport Congregational Church’s Annual Quilt Show. The exhibit will focus on antique and vintage dolls, doll furniture, and doll carriages. Highlights of the show include exquisite bisque dolls, camel back steamer trunks to hold doll wardrobes, and a walnut dresser dating to 1845.

The Historical Society’s collection includes examples of dolls spanning about 100 years from the 1840s through the 1930s. The exhibited doll furniture includes handsomely crafted dressers, beds, steamer trunks and a host of doll accessories. Several doll carriages will also be on display, dating from the 1850s to the 1920s, many thought to be used by Fairfield residents.

The exhibit will be accessible through the fifth annual quilt show hosted by the Southport Congregational Church at 524 Pequot Avenue in Southport. The show will be open to the public on March 2 and will run through March 3. Doors open at 10AM and the cost of admission is \$5.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Emerge, Inc. of Stratford, Ct.

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Picture 1	Dollstove(2).jpg	A one hundred-year-old bisque-head doll is shown with a doll-sized cast-iron cookstove. The stove, which replicates actual cookstoves of its time, and includes many cooking implements, belonged to the Gorman Family of Greenfield Hill.
Picture 2	Effanbeedolls(2).jpg	Two dolls from the Historic Dolls series made by the Effanbee Company in the 1930s are dressed in fashions of the 1700s and 1800s; these dolls originally belonged to Margaret Rudkin, founder of Pepperidge Farm. A cannonball bed and a dresser, both beautifully crafted of walnut, are outstanding examples of doll furniture from the Fairfield Historical Society's collection.

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