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Happy American Thanksgiving CCINW Members!!

A safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend to all of you. Take time to reflect, enjoy the rewards of all your hard work and give yourself a little 'down' time. Here's a little history on the holiday, thanks to Wikipedia!

1621 Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims at Plymouth

The modern Thanksgiving holiday traces its origins from a 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Plantation, where the Plymouth settlers held a harvest feast after a successful growing season. It is this iconic event that is generally referred to as the "First Thanksgiving."

[Squanto](#), a Patuxet Native American who resided with the [Wampanoag](#) tribe, taught the [Pilgrims](#) how to catch eel and grow corn and served as an interpreter for them (Squanto had learned English as a slave in Europe and travels in England). The Pilgrims set apart a day to celebrate at Plymouth immediately after their first harvest, in 1621. At the time, this was not regarded as a Thanksgiving observance; harvest festivals existed in English and Wampanoag tradition alike. Several colonists gave personal accounts of the 1621 feast in [Plymouth, Massachusetts](#). The [Pilgrims](#), most of whom were [Separatists](#), are not to be confused with [Puritans](#) who established their own [Massachusetts Bay Colony](#) nearby (current day [Boston](#)) in 1628 and had very different religious beliefs.

The Pilgrims held an even greater Thanksgiving celebration in 1623, after a switch from communal farming to privatized farming finally resulted in a larger harvest. Irregular Thanksgivings continued after favorable events and days of fasting after unfavorable ones. In the Plymouth tradition, a thanksgiving day was a church observance, rather than a feast day. Gradually, an annual Thanksgiving after the harvest developed in the mid-17th century. This did not occur on any set day or necessarily on the same day in different colonies in America.

The [Massachusetts Bay Colony](#) (consisting mainly of [Puritan](#) Christians) celebrated Thanksgiving for the first time in 1630, and frequently thereafter until about 1680, when it became an annual festival in that colony; and Connecticut as early as 1639 and annually after 1647, except in 1675. The Dutch in [New Netherland](#) appointed a day for giving thanks in 1644 and occasionally thereafter.

[Charlestown, Massachusetts](#) held the first recorded Thanksgiving observance June 29, 1671 by proclamation of the town's governing council.

During the 18th century individual colonies commonly observed days of thanksgiving throughout each year. We might not recognize a traditional Thanksgiving Day from that period, as it was not a day marked by plentiful food and drink as is today's custom, but rather a day set aside for prayer and [fasting](#).

Later in the 1700s individual colonies would periodically designate a day of thanksgiving in honor of a military victory, an adoption of a state constitution or an exceptionally bountiful crop. Such a Thanksgiving Day celebration was held in December 1777 by the colonies nationwide, commemorating the surrender of British General [Burgoyne](#) at [Saratoga](#).



CCINW and Facebook

We now have a members only Group on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, search for CCINW and request to join the group. Once your membership has been verified you will be accepted to the group. This is another great forum for discussion and membership interaction. We will keep upcoming events listed here along with photos of past

Membership Renewal Time!

The end of the year is fast approaching and so soon you will be hearing from us about renewing your CCINW membership. Expect to hear from us through email and phone calls in the near future.

Association events. Only members will have access to this group and so we can be free to discuss challenges and successes with each other. As with all our professional interactions, it is expected that all members mind their p's and q's when posting thoughts and questions and experiences. Let's get to know each other and strengthen our association with each other and our industry.

Coming soon is a CCINW 'Fan Page' for the general public. This page will feature tips and hints for homeowners.

As you may have noticed we have been 'interviewing' the board members and reporting our findings over the past few months. As we run out of board members we will be turning to the general members for 'Getting to Know You' interviews. Look for your interview questions in your inbox in the next little while. Feel free to add photo's of yourself, your family, your staff or whatever you feel represents you, so that we can all get a virtual 'look' at each other.



What Do You Know?

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- B) By Electricity
- C) By Foot
- D) By Gas

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