



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

Sheffield Historical Society
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Our 25th Anniversary Year!

This coming year marks a quarter-century that the Historical Society has devoted to the study, retrieval, and presentation of the history of our Town of Sheffield. Your board of directors and committee chairpersons are working busily on plans to make this year truly memorable. With the participation of old and new members we'll try to build on the legacy!

The Early American Crafts Festival....Saturday, August 31, 10am-5pm

We have been hard at work to expand last year's successful fall festival in conjunction with the craftspeople of historic Eastfield Village. Already more than 15 crafts artisans will join us in demonstrating their art; we'll have kids' activities, great food and music, and lots of fun. We need volunteers to hang posters, set up and clean up, assist with parking, tickettaking, and foodservice.

We have a wish list too - old clothes (shirts, pants, pillowcases) for scarecrow making; gas grills and microwave ovens, portable tables, paperplates and cups. Can you help? Please call Boyd Hutchison, 229-3280, Fred Gordon, 229-2593, Virginia Drury, 229-2687, Bill Preston, 229-2077.

Committee Volunteers Needed

Several committees need your enthusiastic participation! The program, education, accessions, publicity, and refreshments units can use your effort. We also need a newsletter editor. If not you, who?

Dan Raymond Open House....Friday, August 9, 1:30-4pm; Saturday, 11am-4pm

The Dan Raymond House will exhibit fashions and hats from years gone by with appropriate plain & fancy accessories. Stop in for a visit.

The Antiques Show....Congratulations to All!

We are happy to announce that the Antiques Show netted about \$4000 for the Historical Society. Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard to achieve this success. Bill Preston, our past president, tips his hat to his fellow foodworkers, planners, bedmakers, and helpers. A special thanks to Chris Coenen, our member and liason with the Berkshire School and its beautiful facilities, and to Bernice Bornstein, who did a knockout job in promoting the show.

Our First Fall Meeting....Lecture by John James, Friday, September 13

We will inaugurate our regular monthly meetings at ~~Bushnell~~^{Dewey} Hall with an overview on Berkshire and Shaker architecture by John James, an architect and longstanding SHS member with special interest in historic and traditional edificery. John's talk will set the stage for local field trips and excursions planned for this coming year!

You will also be tempted by our well-known refreshments after the lecture. If you would like to assist the refreshment committee, and exchange sweet memories of the Crafts Fair, please call Janny Van Houwelingen at 229-2593. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Membership Renewals....It's That Time of Year

We're enclosing envelopes for members to re-enlist another year! You might consider becoming a life-member, or even making a tax-deductible contribution. The SHS - in this inflationary era - is one of the great values accessible to all. Come join us anew.

To: Board Members, Officers, Directors, Committees, Members

We will have a Board meeting on Thursday, August 8 at 7pm at the Family History Center. On the agenda is Crafts Fair status, setting board meeting schedules for the coming year, hiring of a part-time administrative director, and sundry new business.