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DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the coming of this June's meeting, I will be completing my three year term as President. It has been a period of growth and consolidation. We have increased the size of our property by adding the Hatter's Shop. We have seen our endowment grow considerably due to careful management and a favorable economic climate. We have seen the membership of the Society climb well over the two hundred mark and we have watched our Antiques Show become one of the premier events of the season. Obviously, this is not the work of one person but of a large group of dedicated volunteers. Working tirelessly at the Dan Raymond House or various activities, they are the ones that make the Society go. I thank them all for their support and help.

While I see the membership of the Society as a vibrant and caring group, I am concerned that more people have not been willing to get involved at the executive levels of the organization. There has been a dynamic corps of officers over the past fourteen years but we need to have more of our new members become part of this company. From experience, I can say that it is not a time consuming task but the rewards are multitude. The coming years will need to see new faces at the helm of the society and I encourage everyone to get involved.

DAN RAYMOND HOUSE NEWS

It's June again and here at the Dan Raymond House we look forward to the summer activities.

Starting the season on June 4th, the students of the 8th grade of Mt. Everett Regional School will make their annual visit to the House in conjunction with their historical field trip in Sheffield. Each year we have the privilege of exposing a new group of young people to the "treasure" of the Sheffield Historical Society - the Dan Raymond House. It's really wonderfully satisfying to think we might be helping to create some new history buffs and perhaps adding some future members of the society (down the road apiece, of course). Also in June, we expect one or two of the lower grades to visit. Can't start them too early!

Milt Barnum has been shaping up the barns for the season. The carriage and cutter are in order and the farm tools in place for the viewing by visitors to events on the grounds this summer.

INSIDE NEWS-

During the winter new bookshelves have been added to the library by utilizing the space in the former coat closet.

At the moment, Jonathan Hubbard's 18th century cupboard is out being restored but will be back on the premises sometime in June. This cupboard had been languishing in the Town Library until last Fall when we acquired it.

For those of you who love "miniatures", a new exhibit has been set up in the keeping room. Included are furniture, books, wood carvings, ceramics, baskets, etc. Also some unique items such as a lighthouse, complete with its light are on view. You will be surprised at some of the fine workmanship on display. Do come and see it.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER-

During July and August, the House will be open both Friday and Saturday from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

While the Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show is going on, the House will be open Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st, 1:00 to 4:30. Before or after the show, bring your friends to see the "sponsor's" house.

The Sheffield Historical Society picnic will be held on the grounds of the DRH on Sunday, August 2 at 5:00 PM. Bring a covered dish and your place setting and sharpen up your croquet eye. Peter Coenen and Loring Boardman are set to defend their title. At this time, we also plan to take note of the 200th Anniversary of the Constitution by presenting a suitable program.

As always through the year, our thanks go to Milt Barnum and Bill Browne, steadfast members of the DRH Committee, for the many tasks they perform to help keep the house functioning. You name it, they do it!

ANTIQUES SHOW

This year's version of the Antiques Show is set to go on June 19, 20 and 21. The Preview Party will have the added bonus of catering by Crosby's of Lenox. It is hoped that this change will free up more people to work on Saturday and Sunday as well as allow members to fully enjoy the Party Friday night. Preview tickets can be reserved by calling Jim Miller at 229-8668 or 229-8777.

If you haven't called to volunteer your time at the Antiques Show, please call Marion Whitman at 229-2129 as soon as possible. There are a few spots remaining to be filled.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

June 12 - Annual Meeting at 6:30 PM at Dewey Hall . This will be a covered dish supper. The Society will provide desserts and beverages. Remember to bring a place setting.

June 19,20,21 - Sheffield Historical Society Antiques Show
Preview Party, Friday 6-9 PM; tickets are \$20
in advance
Saturday 11-7:30 PM
Sunday 12-6 PM

July 25 - Tag Sale at the Legion 10-4

August 2 - Picnic at the Dan Raymond House - bring a covered dish and a place setting; 5:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting begins our fiscal year. You may pay your dues to Jim Miller at the meeting or send them in to the Society. Dues are \$3 for a single and \$5 for a family.

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