



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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From the President

At this writing, planning for the June Antiques Show has long been underway. The contract with Sideli and Sideli was inked in December and Chris Coenen early this year negotiated a return to the popular fourth weekend in June for the show. Virginia's food committee has been meeting regularly to plan new ideas and Robert Dean and Joan Sawyer have volunteered to gather labor for the food and myriad other committees whose work is yet to start.

This show has been our primary source of funding for furnishing the Dan Raymond House, carriage house and law office. Great financial strides have evolved from our beginning in those first flea markets put together by Carl Proper in a hay field. But we have reached a plateau in our earnings from the show. The only way we have to improve our profit is through increased attendance at the Friday evening Preview Party. Membership support of that event over the years has been disappointing. In order to stimulate attendance by all Society members, the Executive Committee at its March meeting took two steps. They appealed to the membership to attend and they voted a price reduction for tickets purchased in advance by members from \$25. to \$10. Best yet, every penny of the \$10. goes to the Society. As President I am setting a goal for the Society of selling 100 tickets to members which will translate to \$1000. for us. Please? Search your soul and your budget for this worthy cause, support your Executive Committee, and enjoy, at the same time, a pleasant evening. Let's make this show the most profitable yet. Please contact Roger Drury for tickets.

The usefulness of the Sally Scanlan Library in the Dan Raymond House will be enhanced by an offer we have received from a member to catalog and organize the books in a more systematic arrangement. We are grateful for Elizabeth Daly's work in getting started and appreciate the recent offer to continue the job. Recent additions to the library are two Sheffield books: Family Reflections, by Ruth (Barnum) Leffingwell, and Sheffield Cemetery Inscriptions by Cynthia (Tryon) Hoogs. We also have the new Massachusetts history From Colony to Commonwealth by Judith Freeman Clark.

For the month of April the library will also be used for the fan exhibition, which has already attracted many enthusiastic visitors. The library is for browsing as well as for lending, so come and enjoy it.

April 11, 1988

Dear Members & Friends,

Once again - our Annual Antique Show is almost here!
June 25th and 26th.

Your cooperation in the past has made this affair more
successful each year. We are looking forward to an even
better Show this year.

We have begun scheduling volunteers for the Show.
Please indicate below, or by phone, how you will help this
year.

We are asking for two hours minimum contribution of time
from each member. Please let us know your preference of service
and time availability.

THANKS!

Bob Dean & Joan Sawyer
Volunteer Service Chairmen

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Prefer to work SAT.(25th) _____
SUN.(26th) _____

Service preferred _____

You may mail to: Sheffield Historical Society, or phone Bob at
229-2608 or Joan at 229-2908. We need folks to help serve food,
direct parking, cashiers, dining room host/hostesses, etc.

SAVE THIS DATE!

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL SPONSOR A TOUR
OF SHEFFIELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1988.
JAMES MILLER AND MARION WHITMAN WILL CHAIR
THIS EVENT AND ASK YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR
TO SET THE DATE ASIDE NOW. MORE INFO LATER!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee has recommended and received approval for the following implementation of the Education outreach of our organization:

1. Increase the scholarship at Mt. Everett from \$500 to \$1000.
2. Arrange and pay for a field trip of historic interest for our members.
3. Continue to pay for the local history project for 8th graders at Mt. Everett.
4. Donated \$400.00 for the Sally Scanlon Library at the Dan Raymond House.
5. Donated \$400.00 to the Bushnell-Sage Sheffield Town Library. Part of this was spent to have the OLD HOUSE JOURNAL in the library.

Several new projects are under consideration and will be announced as they progress.

Marion E. Whitman, Chairman

Listen up all you friends who like to take short, interesting trips. Would a ride up to Manchester, Vermont help heal your winter blues? If we have enough interest, we may be getting a trip up to Hildene, Robert Todd Lincoln's home. From there a nice treat would be lunch at the old Equinox in town or some other place of your choice. There is no end to the amount of shops to visit. Some people might enjoy spending the rest of the afternoon at the "jelly mill." Think about it and we will discuss it at the May meeting.

- Dates to remember:
- May 13 Dorothy Marosy speaks on herbs
 - June 10 Dinner and Annual Meeting
 - June 24,25,26 Our antiques show at Berkshire School
 - July 24, 5PM Picnic at the DRH. Bring place setting and a "dish to pass."

WHERE WILL S"H"S" BE IN 1998?

A Sheffield Historical Society without a set of long-range goals could easily become like a ship without chart or compass, always on the move but never arriving. To save the S.H.S. from that fate a so-called 10-year Goals Committee was formed in January, made up of Lillian Preiss, Marion Whitman, Catherine and James Miller, Chris Coenen, and Roger Drury. The committee will weigh the Society's achievements up to now and recommend what it should try to accomplish by 1998.

Members of the Society are invited to register their opinions by filling in and returning the questionnaire which accompanies this newsletter. A substantial response will help the committee and the Society

1. to know what are the strong and weak aspects of our present program;
2. to define the goals towards which we should be aiming;
3. to take into account the skills and enthusiasms of the S.H.S. members. On them, in the end, our program will stand or fall.

Please hand your completed questionnaire to any committee member at our May meeting, May 13, or mail it promptly to the Sheffield Historical Society, P. O. Box 1733, Sheffield, MA 01257.

DRH NEWS

On March 24 we served our annual colonial meal to 12 Mt. Everett students and their able and inspiring teachers, William Gilooly and Paul Menin. After all had partaken of the "country breakfast" which included pancakes cooked over the open fire and topped with maple syrup from Art Chase's sugar house, A "what's it" guessing game took place-- always a challenge for the young people and sometimes their wiser teachers.

During the Month of April we are proud to present an exhibit of fans old and new. Some of them are of 19th Century vintage. A great many are on loan from the Berkshire Historical Society and the remainder are from our members and friends.

We who put the exhibit together were surprised and pleased at the quality and variety of these lovely fans. Our "opening" took place March 27; it was so gratifying to see the goodly number of visitors. A highlight was a demonstration of the "Language of the Fan." In earlier times words were not needed; the various subtle and meaningful motions a lady made with her fan "told all."

Do come and enjoy this exhibit. Fridays 1:30 to 4 PM" or by appointment.