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SPRING AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES

FROM THE DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

MARCH 16. A SELECTED GROUP OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS FROM MT. EVERETT REGIONAL SCHOOL AND THEIR TEACHERS, BILL GILLOOLY AND PAUL MENIN WERE SERVED A COLONIAL BREAKFAST, THE MEAL PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE. MUCH OF THE FOOD WAS COOKED OVER THE KEEPING ROOM FIRE. THIS EVENT IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR THE SOCIETY AND THE D.R.H. COMMITTEE. EACH SUCCESSIVE YEAR BRINGS DIFFERENT STUDENTS TO THE HEARTH AND WE ARE HAPPY TO MEET ALL OF THEM AND INTRODUCE THEM TO SOME DOMESTIC ASPECTS OF AMERICAN HISTORY.

APRIL 23. A NEW EXHIBIT OF TOYS AND GAMES OPENED AT THE D.R.H., AND IT ENJOYED A GOODLY NUMBER OF VISITORS WHO CAME TO VIEW THE DISPLAYS AND BRING BACK HAPPY MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD. A "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO EXHIBITED.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 9, ANNUAL MEETING, DEWEY HALL, 6:30. BRING A COVERED DISH LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE SIX. BRING YOUR OWN PLACE SETTING. DESSERT AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

JUNE 14, TRIP TO HILLSTEAD AND STANLEY-WHITMAN HOUSE MUSEUM, FARMINGTON, CT, LED BY MILTON BARNUM. MEET AT D.R.H., 9:00 A.M. SEE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, BELOW.

JUNE 21. THE S.H.S. DREAM TEAM WILL MAKE BEDS AT BERKSHIRE SCHOOL FOR THE ANTIQUES SHOW, 6:00 P.M.

JUNE 23, 6:00 TO 9:00 P.M., PREVIEW PARTY FOR OUR ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW, BERKSHIRE SCHOOL, \$10.00 FOR MEMBERS, \$25 FOR THE PUBLIC.

JUNE 24 AND 25, S.H.S., ANTIQUES SHOW, BERKSHIRE SCHOOL.

JULY 23, 4:00. IT'S THE ANNUAL PICNIC OF THE SOCIETY ON THE GROUNDS OF THE D.R.H. JOIN US FOR A VICTORIAN GARDEN PICNIC. BRING A COVERED DISH, YOUR PLACE SETTING AND A FRIEND WHO MAY BE A POTENTIAL MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY. HELP TO MAKE THIS A NOSTALGIC TIME BY DRESSING FOR THE OCCASION IN PERHAPS A FLOWERED BONNET OR GARDEN HAT FOR THE LADIES AND A STRAW HAT OR "BOATER" FOR THE MEN, OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE ATTIRE YOU WISH. DRESS UP OR DOWN OR DRESS AS USUAL, BUT BE SURE TO COME! WE CAN REMINISCE AND MAYBE EVEN SING A FEW OF THE OLD SONGS WE KNOW. ANYBODY FOR CROQUET?

AUGUST 10, 11, AND 12, D.R.H. OPEN HOUSE, 11:00 TO 3:00 EACH DAY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHEFFIELD ANTIQUES SHOW. THE D.R.H. COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT EXHIBITS, CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS AND SERVE LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, DEWEY HALL, ON THE GREEN.

SEPTEMBER 13, TRIP TO SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY LED BY ROBERT LEDLI. SEE EDUCATION NEWS BELOW.

SOCIETY PLANTS TREE

IN CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY THIS YEAR THE SOCIETY HAS PLANTED A 12 FOOT MAPLE TREE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE WESTERN APPROACH TO THE COVERED BRIDGE. IT IS TO REPLACE A TREE FROM THAT LOCATION WHICH HAD TO BE REMOVED A YEAR AGO WHEN THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RIP-RAPPED THE BANKS OF THE HOUSATONIC. WE HOPE IT WILL THRIVE AND GROW AND BRING BEAUTY TO THE SURROUNDINGS OF OUR OLD BRIDGE.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR

SINCE JANUARY 1, 1989, THE FOLLOWING ARTIFACTS HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE SOCIETY:

1. A TIRE REGROOVING TOOL DONATED BY ALBERT TROCCHI
2. THE HUBBARD FAMILY GENEALOGY DONATED BY DAVID HUBBARD
3. A COPY OF A PORTION OF THE 1800 CENSUS DONATED BY HOWARD CROCKETT
4. A SURVEY OF BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE PROPERTY SIGNED BY JOHN ASHLEY DONATED BY THE MOTT FAMILY
5. GLASS INKWELL
6. SIEVE
7. CREEPERS
8. WATERING JAR FOR POULTRY
9. "THE RESHAPING OF EVERYDAY LIFE IN AMERICA 1790-1840"
10. CARVING KNIVES, CARVING FORKS AND SHARPENERS DONATED BY ARTHUR CHASE
11. "HOME MADE" A COOKBOOK, DONATED BY ELIZABETH SCOTT

12. AREA RUG DONATED BY JOAN SAWYER
13. DWIGHT BOARDMAN'S LEDGER, DONATED BY LORING AND AGNES BOARDMAN
14. SEVERAL BOOKS WERE PURCHASED BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE SALLY SCANLAN LIBRARY.

ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW

BERKSHIRE SCHOOL ARENA WILL AGAIN BE THE SITE OF THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW FRIDAY, JUNE 23 THROUGH SUNDAY JUNE 25. KICKING OFF THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE A GALA PREVIEW PARTY ON FRIDAY EVENING WHICH WILL FEATURE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, A BUFFET CATERED BY CROSBY'S OF LENOX, AND A CHANCE TO LEISURELY INSPECT THE THOUSANDS OF ANTIQUES BEING OFFERED BY LEADING DEALERS OF THE NORTHEAST WITHOUT THE HUSTLE AND PUSHING USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CROWDS OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. EVERY ANTIQUE WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING FRIDAY EVENING. WHILE TICKETS WILL BE \$25.00 AT THE DOOR TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, MEMBERS' PRICE IS JUST \$10.00 IF PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. CALL OR SEND YOUR MONEY TO ROGER DRURY, TREASURER, SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BOX 1733, SHEFFIELD, MA 01257. OR IF YOU WISH, BRING YOUR PAYMENT WITH YOU TO THE JUNE MEETING. TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, DONATIONS IN ANY AMOUNT WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

VIRGINIA DRURY, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOOD COMMITTEE FOR THE SHOW IS REQUESTING CONTRIBUTIONS OF "TEATIME SNACKS". TASTY .25 AND .50 TEATIME SNACKS, SARAN-WRAPPED, FOR AFTERNOON NIBBLING AT THE ANTIQUES SHOW ARE NEEDED. SHE SUGGESTS BROWNIES, HERMITS, COOKIES, CUPCAKES OR CAKES. A CAKE BAKED IN A 13" x 9" PYREX CUTS NICELY INTO 32 PIECES OF JUST THE RIGHT SIZE. JUST MAKE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE, WRAP THE PIECES INDIVIDUALLY FACE DOWN ON A SARAN-WRAP SQUARE. CONSIDER MAKING THEM EARLY AND FREEZING THEM TO MAKE IT EASIER ON YOURSELF. BRING YOUR BATCH EITHER ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, JUNE 24 OR 25.

LILLIAN PREISS HONORED

LILLIAN PREISS, A FOUNDER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY WAS HONORED BY THE STATE HISTORICAL COMMISSION WITH A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT PRESERVATION AWARD FOR "DEVOTING SO MANY YEARS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN SHEFFIELD." ONLY FOUR LIFETIME AWARDS WERE GIVEN STATEWIDE. HER WORK IN SHEFFIELD IS WELL KNOWN, AND INCLUDED PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN RAISING MONEY FOR PRESERVATION OF THE COVERED BRIDGE, AUTHORIZING "SHEFFIELD FRONTIER TOWN" AND HOLDING VARIOUS OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SOCIETY AND THE SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

IN ADDITION TO ITS CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS, LOCAL HISTORY TRIPS FOR MT. EVERETT STUDENTS AND SPONSORING GIRLS' STATE PARTICIPANTS, THE COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TWO ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

THE GROUP WILL ORGANIZE TWO FIELD TRIPS FOR MEMBERS THAT WILL TAKE US TO THE HEART OF OUR NATIONAL HISTORY. THE FIRST IS WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 AND WILL BE A VISIT TO FARMINGTON, CT TO VIEW HILLSTEAD AND THE STANLEY-WHITMAN HOUSE MUSEUM UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MILTON BARNUM. MEMBERS INTERESTED IN GOING ARE ASKED TO COME TO THE D.R.H. BY 9:00 A.M. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY AUTOMOBILE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL MILTON AT 229-2569 OR MARION WHITMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, AT 229-2129. THERE WILL BE A SMALL CHARGE FOR ADMISSION TO THE MUSEUMS. THE SECOND JOURNEY WILL BE TO HISTORIC SARATOGA, NY, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ROBERT LEDLIE WHO IS A MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE SARATOGA SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY. SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, THE COST FOR THIS BUS TRIP IS \$15.00. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING MARION. MORE INFORMATION ON BOTH OUTINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JUNE MEETING.

THE SECOND MAJOR PROJECT OF THE COMMITTEE IS THE CREATION OF A VIDEO HISTORY OF SHEFFIELD. A CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH CLIFF AERIE OF MONTEREY WHO IS A NATIONALLY KNOWN PRODUCER OF FILMS AND VIDEOS TO PRODUCE A PRODUCT THAT WILL BE A VALUABLE EDUCATIONAL TOOL FOR BOTH THE SOCIETY AND TEACHERS OF THE AREA WHO MAY WISH TO MAKE USE OF IT IN SCHOOL. AMANDA MORGAN WILL CHAIR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT AND WORK CLOSELY WITH AERIE. CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, IN ADDITION TO MARION AND AMANDA ARE WILLIAM BROWNE, LILLIAN PREISS, AND JAMES MILLER (EX OFFICIO).

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