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## FUTURE PROGRAMS :

### February 11th: ANTIQUES FOR THE TABLE

Sheila Chefetz, owner of the Country Dining Room Antiques in Gt. Barrington, will speak to us about the art of using antiques for the table. She has written a book that represents her lifelong interest in antiques and many years experience in creating entertaining dining experiences. She lectures frequently on the art of dining with antiques, and her book ANTIQUES FOR THE TABLE was published by Viking Studio Books in 1993. Ms. Chefetz will have autographed copies of her book available following the meeting..

### March 11th: NEW WORLD DUTCH BARNs

A talk with slides on the preservation of Dutch barns. Lou Caputza is a board member of a group dedicated to preserving Dutch barns. He is also a member of our Society. His enthusiasm is contagious. Be sure to not miss this one.

### APRIL 8th: BERKSHIRE COUNTY AUTHORS

Hilary Russell, head of the English Dept. of Berkshire School, will present a program on Berkshire authors. Also, a group of students from Undermountain School and their teacher Jo Ann Callahan will tell us about their project of producing a Sheffield History coloring book. Our SHS Education Fund contributed \$150.00 to cover their expenses.

### MAY 13th: HISTORY OF QUILTS

Award-winning quilter Marsha Schulte will teach you some things you probably never knew about the American art form of quilting. Marsha is a teacher well known throughout the area for her quilting classes. Another program you will not want to miss.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

It is a pleasure to be involved in planning our 1994 Antiques Show during this dramatic winter weather. Remember green grass? Flowering lilac and mountain laurel? Sandals and short-sleeved shirts? All this snow and cold will be a distant memory on June 25th and 26th!

We are looking forward to an excellent show with our new managers, Donald and Joyce Coffman. They have some innovative ideas for us to consider, one of which is the possibility of SHS members hosting show dealers. This would involve providing a guest room for one or two nights, and maybe a cup of coffee in the morning - nothing more. The dealers would pay for their room with a check to the Historical Society. If you would like to offer your hospitality and by doing so make a significant contribution to our income from the show - please fill in the coupon in this newsletter.

Do come to the meeting on February 11th - it promises to be a fascinating program. In fact, so do all the programs in the following months. Our Program Committee has been working hard this year - with great success.

### **WINTERFEST**

As you may have read in the local papers, WINTERFEST 1994 will take place during the week of February 21st (President's Day). The Southern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce has arranged an array of festivities and entertainment, and Wednesday the 23rd will be Sheffield's special day. The Dan Raymond House and the Family History Center will both be open from 10 to 5, and a demonstration of early crafts (candlemaking, spinning, quilting) will take place at the Dan Raymond House from 3 to 5.

We look forward to seeing you there, and at the other area events!

### **THE STEEPLE FUND**

The Historical Society encourages its members and friends to contribute to the Old Parish Church Steeple Fund. One of Sheffield's most important historic buildings, the church holds a special place in our hearts, whether we are members of the congregation or not. We were all dismayed by the sight of the exposed steeple structure this Fall. The fact the repairs have been made does not mean the fundraising is over. Let's all try to help if we can.

AT the **History Center** we are collecting information on **Sheffield Men in the Civil War** for our spring exhibit. You may leave anything you might have on your ancestor---letters, diaries, pictures, etc-- at the Center. We are open Monday and Friday. 1:30--4:00.



Nov. 1862

"Went home about Thanksgiving and the people of Sheffield sent back by me 500 lbs. of poultry and other Thanksgiving edibles"

from the diary of A. N. Cowles  
49th Mass. Co. E..

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### ANTIQUES SHOW HOSPITALITY

I can offer \_\_\_\_\_ room(s) to dealers at the Antique Show for the nights of Friday, June 24 \_\_\_\_\_, Saturday, June 25 \_\_\_\_\_, and/or Sunday, June 26th \_\_\_\_\_.

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_

(You will be contacted for more information as show plans develop)