



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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CALENDAR

May 7: 2 to 5 PM OPENING OF THE CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT at the Family History Center. An exhibition of photographs, newspapers, letters, and artifacts belonging to Sheffield soldiers will be on exhibit. Anyone who would like to learn more about the "War of Rebellion," as it was called, will not want to miss this exhibit curated by Betty Chapin.

May 13: AMERICAN QUILTS will be the topic of the program. Marsha Schulte, quilting teacher and designer, will speak on the history of quilting. She will illustrate her talk with samples of quilts and quilt blocks from her own collection. 7:30 PM at Dewey Hall.

June 10: ANNUAL MEETING; 6:30 p.m., Dewey Memorial Hall. Potluck supper. Bring your own place setting, please. We will supply beverages and dessert. (If you don't cook, come anyway; your contribution can be a monetary one, to help cover the costs of coffee, tea, milk, and so on.) See "Notes from the President" for more information about this meeting.

June 25 and 26: THE ANTIQUES SHOW!

Saturday: Preview 8 to 10 a.m.

Show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday: Show 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of elected officers for the 1994-95 year. We'll be voting on this slate at the Annual Meeting.

President: Virginia Drury

Vice-President: Fred Gordon

Secretary: Esther Kininmonth

Treasurer (1 year, to fill out term): Grace Arzt

Trustee: Lou Caputzal, Harry Conklin (2 years, to fill a term)

WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES RAISING FUNDS

As you may have read in the local papers, the Sheffield Historic Commission is working to raise funds to restore the town clock in the steeple of Old Parish Church. Many people probably assume that the church maintains the clock, but that's not the case. It was a gift to the town from the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps in 1903 as a memorial to George Root, composer of many well-known Civil War songs, and the town has been responsible for it since then. The Commission is planning to hold a fundraising event on July 2nd, on the town green. Table spaces are available for anyone who wants to sell arts and crafts, food, or other items. Bill Preston is the contact person for this (229-2077).

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT:

During discussions at Board meetings this past year, there have been many instances when we wished we had a clearer "mission" as a Society. We've passed the 20-year mark and we need to review our purpose and goals: What is the primary purpose of the Sheffield Historical Society? What are the appropriate ways of achieving our mission? What direction should we be headed during the next 20 years? Obviously these are not easy questions to answer, so the Board turned to Roger Drury, whose wisdom has always been so valuable to us. Roger and his committee have wrestled with these questions and have prepared a Mission Statement. And at the annual meeting on June 10, we'll be asking you what you think (all members will receive a copy of the proposed statement before that meeting). This means that the Annual Meeting will be even more important than usual, since in addition to voting on a slate of officers for 1994-95, we'll be voting on a statement of purpose for the indefinite future! So please do attend the meeting if you possibly can -- we'd like to have a good discussion about these issues.

Two weeks after the Annual Meeting, it'll be time for the Antiques Show! We expect this year's show to be new and exciting--and a good fundraiser--and as always we rely on you to make that happen. We'll be calling! And even if you can't volunteer, we do hope you'll be able to attend the preview and/or the show. See you there!

Kathie Ness

WE WILL BE CALLING SOON!

The steering committee for the Antiques Show is hard at work, so you know you can expect to get a phone call soon, asking for help in one way or another -- in the cafe, at the admissions desk, at the preview, and so on. This is always such a fun event that everyone turns out -- and we're counting on you to do so once again. The more hands the merrier!

We'll also be getting in touch with those who have so generously offered a guest room.

PREVIEW TICKETS

As you know, this year's preview for the Antiques Show will be a festive Champagne Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., before the show opens on Saturday. We'll be selling the Preview tickets for \$15 apiece, and we hope many members will purchase them. Twelve of those fifteen dollars go straight to the Society, so the Preview is an important fundraising element for us. Even if you don't want to go anywhere at 8:00 on a Saturday morning, you can make a contribution by buying a ticket! And you can always enjoy the show later in the day, since the Preview tickets are good for the entire duration of the show. They'll be available at the May and June meetings, and from Kathie Ness (229-3368).

HELP WANTED

Donald and Joyce Coffman, managers of the Antiques Show, say they will need a crew of "porters" --helpers to work with them setting up and breaking down the show. Any able-bodied individuals who are interested in earning some extra money should contact the Coffmans at 528-9282.

SUMMER HOURS AT THE DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

We are hoping to be able to open the Dan Raymond House to the public on Saturdays this summer. In order to do this, we need to find two individuals who would like to be trained as docents in June, and then to work at the house -- receiving visitors and conducting tours -- in July and August. This would be a great summer job for a qualified student or for anyone else who's interested in historic places. If you, or your child or grandchild, or your neighbor might be a good candidate, please let us know. We'll be advertising the job in area papers, too. For information, call Kathie Ness 229-3368.

ANNUAL DUES

Our calendar year is from June to June. When preparing to pay your annual dues, please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If this is not the official post office mail address, please correct and return to us. A reminder: dues are \$3.00 per individual or \$5.00 per family. They may be paid to P.O. Box 1733 or paid at a meeting.

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Please detach and return to Virginia Drury - 742 Barnum Street, Sheffield 01257

YES! I WANT TO HELP AT THE ANTIQUE SHOW

Preparing food for Preview and/or Cafe _____

Selling food at Preview and/or Cafe _____

Selling tickets at front door _____

Directing traffic in parking areas _____

Acting as guards at side entrances (a sit-down job) _____

Painting roadside signs _____

Making up dorm beds at Berkshire School _____

I can work on JUNE 25 _____ June 26 _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____