



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

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Welcome back to all members from summer vacations and related activities. The executive committee is looking forward to a productive year and has been busy on plans for the fall, so get out your calendar to mark down a few events.

REGULAR MEETING DATES (7:30, Dewey Memorial Hall)

September 14. Gerard Chapman, noted Berkshire County historian will speak on the Erie Canal.

October 12. Martha Greene will present a program on the Mahican Indians on the Housatonic. Bring arrow heads or other Indian items for dating.

November 9. " 'Know all men by these presence.' Searching the old records," a program by Paul Greene and Harry Conklin explaining the operation of the Registry of Deeds. Find out how to learn the history of your house.

December 14. Our traditional Christmas dinner, again headed by Virginia Drury. She will be contacting some of you for assistance as the holiday season approaches. Bring your own place setting.

The program for winter and spring has many openings so make your interests known. If you know of somebody who could offer a good program, or if you would like to present a program of your own contact Catherine Miller, 229-8668.

OTHER DATES OF IMPORTANCE --

October 6, 7, and 8. Covered Bridge Days. The Sheffield Historical Commission has put together an ambitious fund raising weekend to help save our local landmark. The event will be centered at Westenhook Gallery and feature crafts, art work, silent auction and refreshments. On Sunday, October 7, a radio telethon sponsored by Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions Club and station WSBS will be held. Call in your pledges. Help support this local cause with your contributions of food, labor and patronage. The Commission is now halfway in its local drive for \$25,000. Have you contributed yet?

OTHER DATES OF IMPORTANCE -- (continued)

December. Dan Raymond Christmas openhouse. Date to be announced.

The Executive Committee announces the following Committees for 1979-80.

DAN RAYMOND HOUSE COMMITTEE: Lillian Preiss, Chairman;
Marian Barnum, Ethel Mertching, Muriel Rokos,
Alice Ann Chase, Carl Proper.

CURATOR: Lillian Preiss

CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Chris Coenen

ANTIQUES SALE: Carl Proper

PROGRAM: Catherine Miller

REFRESHMENTS: Rachael Willcox

NEWSLETTER: James Miller

REMINDER -- It's time for annual membership dues. Rates are \$3.00 single membership, \$5.00 for family membership. Or, if you prefer, life membership is available for \$50.00 per individual. If you have not done so, pay Marian Barnum at a regular meeting or mail payment to her.

This is a good time to get after that friend who has been talking of joining. We have good programs, good causes and lots of fun.

OF THINGS PAST -- Our annual antiques auction and tag sale netted \$2,400.00, good news for our ongoing program with the Dan Raymond House. Many people worked hard to bring this continued success. By Christmas we hope to have the keepingroom taped and painted, and the windows and door trim completed for the open house.

The Doll Show last June was a huge success with about seventy-five people attending. Exhibitors included Louise Stevens, Marian Barnum, Ruth Leffingwell and Carl Cranmer. Plans are for another show next year. New dolls are being sought so talk to your friends and search the attic and closets.