



DAN RAYMOND HOUSE

SHEFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Dear Member:

We are anticipating an unusually productive year and hope to have the active support of all members, whether it be in the form of a time commitment, ideas or contributions of material, or financial support. The program committee has put together the following fall schedule for your enjoyment and edification and we hope to see you there. Please mark your calendar.

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

September 12. Chris Coenen will show slides depicting some of the activities of the past year in the Society, such as the Antiques Fair, Auction, Box Lunch Social, and an added attraction -- Covered Bridge Days.

Refreshments: Ethel Mertching, Irene Cranmer, Alice Schumann,
Caroline Treiber

October 10. Edward Winslow will give a program on the history of paper and paper making, including modern techniques and uses of paper. Mr. Winslow is a teacher of physics at Berkshire School and has exhibited water color paintings locally, many done on paper he made himself.

Refreshments: Rachael Willcox, Alice Hurlburt, Marian Willcox,
Bessie Coons

November 14. Paul Shafiroff will speak on *The Art of Collecting*. Why people collect and some of the "hows" of antiques collecting.

Refreshments: Agnes Boardman, Marian Garrahan, Carmella Delmolino,
Catherine Miller

December 12. Annual Christmas Dinner and Program. Virginia Drury has again agreed to head up the committee. She will be calling on some of you for assistance as the season approaches. Bring your own place setting. This event will begin at 6:30.

The program schedule for winter and spring still has some openings, so if you have suggestions to make or if you have a special interest, make them known to Chris Coenen, program chairman.

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT M. BARNUM

Dear Friends:

As your immediate past President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the fine support you gave the Society and me during the past four years. We have come a long way with our house, and in addition to the construction, have received many items for it. But more important, we are being noticed in the town, county, and state. We have had friends from other Societies tell us how amazed they are that our Society, in such a small town, can do so much.

A MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT M. BARNUM -- (continued)

Friends, it is because of people like you who care and are interested in preserving what we can of history that makes it all possible. For instance, one day in the early part of June, Lillian Preiss escorted seventy-two students through our grounds and building, and explained life in the early days. When you see school children that interested in what we are doing then our perspiration turns to tears of joy.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving you these past four years. I hope we can all support Catherine in her efforts with the same energy that you supported me.

Milton

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting in June.

PRESIDENT: Catherine Miller
 VICE PRESIDENT: Christopher Coenen
 SECRETARY: Agnes Boardman
 TREASURER: Marion Barnum
 TRUSTEES: Arthur Chase (continuing)
 Lillian Preiss (continuing)
 Milton Barnum

Committees: (first listed chairman)

DAN RAYMOND HOUSE: Marion Barnum, Alice Ann Chase, Ethel Mertching,
 Muriel Rokos, Lillian Preiss

DAN RAYMOND HOUSE GROUNDS: James Miller, Loring Boardman,
 Caroline Treiber, Arthur Chase, Margaret Philbrick

DAN RAYMOND HOUSE FURNISHINGS: Carl Proper, Milton Barnum,
 Richard Combes, Ruth Gordon Ellis, Lillian Preiss

CURATOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Christopher Coenen

NEWSLETTER: James Miller, Grace Arzt

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lillian Preiss

ANTIQUES FAIR: Carl Proper, Sally Proper

AUCTION: Milton Barnum

TREASURER OF DEVELOPMENT FUND: Viola Bagnaschi

A report from Dan Raymond House committees will be given at the September meeting and will subsequently be reported on in a newsletter.

REMINDER -- It's time for dues again, still available at the popular prices of yesteryear. Single membership is \$3.00 and family membership \$5.00. If you are unable to attend a regular meeting, dues can be sent to Marion Barnum, Sheffield, MA 01257. Why not encourage a friend to join. We have many good causes to promote and the refreshments themselves are worth the membership.

OF THINGS PAST -- In May we again had a most successful Antiques Show under the chairmanship of Carl Proper. It netted the Society \$4,000. This was followed in July with the annual auction which yielded \$2,400. The bulk of this money is to be used toward an ambitious program for rebuilding and furnishing the Dan Raymond House property.

OF THINGS PAST -- (continued)

Society members enjoyed a box lunch social on the grounds of the Dan Raymond House on Sunday, July 13. A part of the day's activities included a black-smithing demonstration and a slide presentation on the history of Sheffield. During July an exhibit of covered bridge artifacts and souvenirs was on display at the Dan Raymond House, followed by a doll show in August.

Lillian E. Preiss, past president of the Society, was elected a director of the Bay State Historical League this summer.

Although not a function of the Society, The Sheffield Historical Commission, you will be happy to learn, was chosen by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for an award for its efforts in preserving the old covered bridge. The local Commission raised \$25,000 this past year toward the restoration which was matched by the state Commission.

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