

The Historical Society of
West Windsor
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What's Happening
Fall-Winter 2005-6

**Progress report from our
President, Clifford Reed:**

The year 2005 was a busy one at the Schenck farmstead. Our Open Days brought a varied group of visitors from long-time residents to newcomers, even some people from out-of-town.

Our Holiday Event at the Schenck House will take place on Sunday, December 11th from 1 to 4 p.m. Come see the house all decorated for the holidays and bring friends and family.

Meetings with the Township Administration appear to be bearing fruit. Reports from two historical architectural experts gave proof that our one-room schoolhouse is well worth saving. Funds are being released to begin stabilizing and restoring the building. The barn still awaits its doors and windows, but hopefully funds will be released soon for this project.

We are also working with the Township to develop a lease on the Schenck House so we will have our responsibilities down in writing.

Our June school tours of Second Graders from Maurice Hawk and Dutch Neck Schools were very successful. Our Docents worked for ten days showing

the students through the Schenck House and explaining life in the 18th and 19th centuries. We received many wonderful "thank you" notes from the students which showed that they understood and appreciated what they saw.

In addition to working with the Township on our outbuildings, I plan to begin work on redoing our History of West Windsor exhibit, using panels such as those at the Plainsboro Historical Society's Wicoff House. I will need help with this project - both in constructing the panels and selecting the photos and material to be used on them.

Finally, thank you to the Officers, Trustees and members of the Society for your support during 2005. We hope to see more of you attending our meetings and the programs that follow.

Happy Holidays!

Clifford E. Reed

HSofWW 2006 Calendar

Why not mark your calendar right now?

Meeting Dates

Jan. 9, March 6, May 1, Sept. 11 and Nov. 6. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Schenck House. Programs at 8 p.m.

Schenck House Open Days, 1-4 p.m.

Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, Apr. 9, May 14, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

Programs in 2006-8 p.m. following meeting:

January 9 - Judith Krall-Ross will speak on "Blueberries: New Jersey's Wonder Fruit" (refreshments will, of course, feature blueberries).

March 6 - Scott Parry, carillonneur, will accompany his talk, "The Story of Handbells" with music played on his handbell carillon.

May 1 - We will have a pot luck supper. Plans are pending.

All our programs are free and open to the public. Hope to see you and a neighbor or friend there.

Past Programs in 2005

Thanks to Donna Munde, we have had several excellent programs after our meetings in 2005:

In September, Joan Parry gave a slide talk about the history of West Windsor, using some of our photo collection.

November's meeting featured Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie, who gave an illustrated talk on "The Jersey Devil."

2006 Officers, Trustees, and Committees

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Membership

If you have not paid your 2005 dues, please send them (and perhaps those for 2006 also) as soon as possible. We must regretfully remove anyone whose 2005 dues have not been received by the end of that year.

Membership dues : Sponsor-\$100; Patron-\$50; Family -\$12; Senior Citizens (65+)-\$5.; Individuals-\$8; Organizations-\$25.

New Members -

Welcome to:

John and Sarah Grover
 Samuel W. Payne
 Joseph R. Klett
 Jean Newman

Milestones

We regret to report the passing of Jean Smith (Mrs. Earl Smith). Our condolences to Earl and his family.

Donations & Acquisitions

Many thanks to:

Susan and Morton Levine - "War of the Worlds" framed poster & other items

John K. Grover -Framed photographs:
 (1) Sylvanus Grover Farm on North Post Road and (2) the harvesting of potatoes

Stives Family - original stove and other items from the Parsonage one-room schoolhouse

Bristle Brothers Paint Company - donation of paint for the outhouse.

L. Stanley and Clifford L. Reed, and Mildred Reed Moomaw - "two-seater" outhouse from the farm of Lester W. Reed

Margaret Tindall Heal (via Linda Matz)-Victorian ladies' chair in pale green velvet

Nanette LaFors - two paintings: Grovers Mill Company; the World War II monument in Dutch Neck.

Richard Snedecker - photos of the Grovers Mill dam, showing the initials of C.L. Dey and R. K. Dey picked out in stones.