

The Historical Society of West Windsor
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"What's Happening -Fall-Winter 2008-2009

Our Spring 2008 newsletter reported on progress at the Schenck Farmstead and its out buildings. The only news since then is the completion of the metal machine shed at the back of the barn. We still await doors and windows in the main portion of the barn so it can be open for tours.

HSofWW Meetings & Programs

Donna Munde has arranged for programs to follow our 7 p.m. meetings (beginning at 8 p.m.):

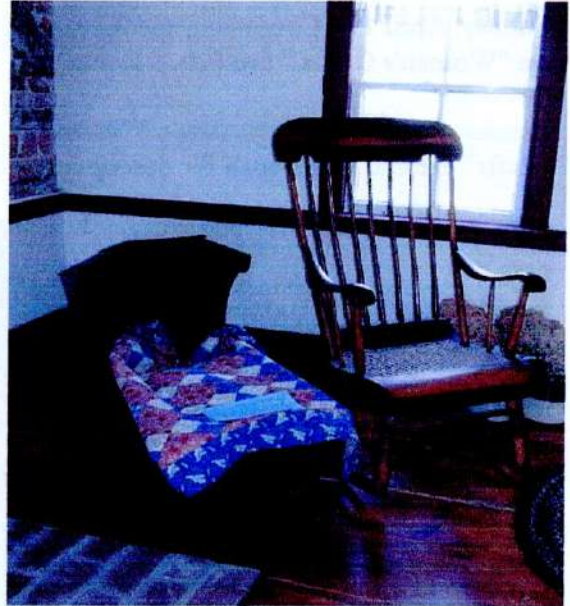
Monday, Sept. 8 - This will be a Planning Meeting to discuss special exhibits and our annual election of Executive Board members.

Monday, Nov. 3 - Carole Nelson will speak of New Jersey's role in the Underground Railroad. A quilt telling the folklore of the Underground Railroad made by the Hightstown Women's Club and the Hightstown Friday Club will be on display.

Monday, January 5, 2009 - David Brooke will present a Magic Lantern Show, using hand-painted slides from the late 19th century. Some of the slides are made to suggest movement, e.g. a volcano erupts while day dissolves into night. The program ends with a series of comic slides

Monday, March 1 - Mercy Ingraham will demonstrate Open Hearth Cooking in our 1790 kitchen. A bread pudding or cake will be prepared.

Monday, May 4 - Meeting & Pot Luck Supper. Let Donna Munde (799-6775) know what you plan to bring.



Cradle & quilt - Jeanne Gustafson; Rocker-Spencer and Elise Bruno- Photo - Jody Kendall

Schenck House Open Days

Self-guided tours of the house from 1 to 4 p.m. will include the following special exhibits:

Sunday, October 12 - Our "War of the Worlds" exhibit is featured in our History Exhibit Room. The new track lighting makes the photos easier to see.

We encourage visitors to take a look at the newly completed photo albums showing Historical Society events, as well as photos of the restoration of the Schenck House and out buildings.

Sunday, December 14 - Holiday Open House, featuring a Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 - Our special exhibit for the Feb., April and June Open Days will feature "Women's Crafts." Quilts, samplers, tatting, hooked rugs, embroidered linens and pictures- all will be on view in the various rooms of the house.

Note to members: If you have any such items that you would be willing to have on exhibit, please contact Mary Schenck at 799-1278 or Joan Parry at 452-8598 (e-mail: jsparry@rcn.com).

Sunday, April 19 - Continuing special exhibit on "Women's Crafts." See Feb. 8 listing.

Sunday, June 14 - Last viewing of "Women's Crafts" exhibit. See Feb. 8 for description.



1945 Case Tractor from Waln Family Photo Clifford Reed

Donations & Acquisitions

Lack of space in our Spring 2008 newsletter kept us from listing donations we had received. Hope we have not forgotten any of these most kind donations from members and others:

- A 1945 Case tractor (see photo above) was donated to us by the Morris Waln Family of Crosswicks. It has been meticulously painted by Dave Brown, restoring it to the original "Case" color. A great addition to our machinery collection at the Schenck House.
- Belt-driven sharpening stone - Barbara Laughlin & Prudence Gaskill
- Five school books - Shirley Reed Cortelyou
- Coffee grinder - Colleen Butler
- Wash bowl and commode - Barbara McGinley
- Farm tools - Ronald and Mary Allen
- Planter-cultivator - Wayne Tindall
- Barn scale, two 40 qt. milk cans, metal water pump, corn fork, two-man wood

saw, one man wood saw, whiffle tree for horse harness - Joe Hall

- Curtain drying stretcher, metal toy truck, oak child's high chair - Jack Flood
- Photos of Fast Line trolley car restored by Elmer Fry at Tamarack Farms. Also photos of the Tamarack Farms float at the Bicentennial Parade in 1976 - Joan and Scott Parry.
- Assorted tools - Bruce Taylor
- Collection of photos from the family of Frank Adams, once owner of general store in Dutch Neck and its postmaster. Also, books, autograph albums, certificate of marriage between Katie Hoover Mather and Frank R. Adams signed by Rev. Amzi Armstrong. Photos of the Dutch Neck store, the village, etc. - Donated by Eleanor Rich, granddaughter of Frank Adams. Note: some of these photos have been added to the panels on Dutch Neck village in the Exhibit Room.
- Motion picture showing scenes of the Shangle Farm on South Post Road, farmed by Sylvanus Grover - John Grover
- Eight wooden chairs and 2 metal chairs from the Dutch Neck firehouse. Cleaned and varathaned by Clifford Reed. Donated by Monte Hagerty.

Member News

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Ruth Finkelstein, one of our Charter Members. Ruth was a member of the West Windsor Township Historical Advisory Committee, which was the precursor of the Historical Society of West Windsor. Our condolences to Paul Finkelstein and his family.

Just as we went to press, we learned the sad news of the sudden death of Sue Steele, long-time member and former Head Librarian at the West Windsor Library. We send Ed Steele, Sally Steele and their family our condolences.

New Members:

Jacque Accardi; Anthony and Christine Costa; Paul F. Moran, Sr., ; Susan Orsini .