

The Historical Society of West Windsor

What's Happening - Fall 2003

Broadside newsletter

With the publication of the Spring 2003 issue of Broadside, our 20th Anniversary Issue, it was decided to discontinue the newsletter for the present time. Since our first issue in Spring 1982, we have published articles on each of West Windsor's villages, the history of our service organizations, some family histories and general information about our Township. Reading the 36 issues in effect provides an informal history of West Windsor.

From time to time, we plan to publish articles on various topics, such as Farming, Transportation, the changes from farming community to suburb, etc. These will be in the form of small booklets.

To keep our members informed, we will send an expanded copy of our Insert page, "What's Happening at the Historical Society of West Windsor," of which this is the first issue. Eventually, this and other information will be available on a web site to be developed.

If you have recently joined us or are missing any past issues of Broadside, please look over the enclosed Table of Contents. The newsletters are available at our Schenck House Open Days or at the Holiday House Tour. Issues are @\$1 (@75 cents to members). A complete set of the 36 issues is available punched into a 3-ring binder with a Table of Contents for \$20 for members; \$35 for non-members.

Holiday House Tour

Sunday, December 7th, from 1 to 4 p.m. is the date for our annual Holiday House Tour at the Castle, Tamarack Farms, Bear Brook Road. Our theme this year will be the 1960s.

Volunteer decorators from the Society will be setting up the 20+ Christmas trees and adding special touches to each of the rooms of the house. Members of the Society also serve as Room Guides during the tour. See "Volunteer Opportunities" for more information.

Other events and news

Yard Sale - On Saturday, November 1st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., items not needed at the Schenck House will be offered for sale. Furniture, architectural details, doors, etc. will be among the sale items.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome Florence and Harvey Cohen, Ken DeRemer, Andres Hurrick, Terri Shuke McDowell, Timothy and Christine Stives, Inge and Sundaresa Srinivasan and Mary McIntyre Zimmerman.

Milestones

We regret to inform you that Charles Raleigh, a Charter member since 1983, passed away in May. Our condolences to Frances Raleigh and their family.

Gifts to the Society

Mildred Moomaw - large, several gallon crock with lid

Carl Applegate, from the Estate of his mother, Adele Applegate - Several items including a complete toilet set, including wash bowl and pitcher, tooth vase, soap dish, mug, chamber pot and covered "slop bucket." Also, Adele Applegate's wedding headpiece and many household items.

Joan Eddinger - A group of items including: china and glass pieces, seltzer bottle, spike from trolley tracks.

Helen and Charles Seymour - rope bed with maple head and foot board

Jim Souders - repair of chairs from Applegate estate.

Jerry and Eleanor Weakley via Fred and Mary Froehlich - kitchen table with enamel top, wooden ironing board and chicken crate.

Anonymous - We found a group of chairs on the Schenck House porch without identification of the kind donor. Please let us know who you are.

Volunteer Opportunities

Schenck House Docents - Tours of the house are self-guided, but we need 6-7 member Docents to direct visitors.

Holiday House Tour - Decorators and Room Guides - Decorating the Castle will begin on October 20th through December 6th. Decorations will be taken down beginning in January. Room Guides will be needed to answer questions and direct

visitors during the self-guided tour of the Castle.

2004-Upcoming Events

Schenck House Open Days - Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

- January 11
- February 8
- March 14
- April 18
- May 9 (Mother's Day Tea)
- June 13

If you have not yet visited our headquarters house, you are in for a treat! The 1790 kitchen shows life in the 18th century. The double parlor in the 1830s section of the house is filled with Victorian furniture of the Eastlake period.

There are three bedrooms upstairs, including a nursery. Upstairs also houses an exhibit of West Windsor history, as well as changing special exhibits.

The house is located at 50 Southfield Road, across from the golf course.

2004 Meeting Dates

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Schenck House:

- January 5th
- March 1st
- May 3rd
- September 6th
- November 1st