

# The Historical Society of West Windsor

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## What's Happening Spring-Summer 2004

With this issue of "What's Happening," we are experimenting with using e-mail to those members whose e-mail addresses we already have. Using e-mail will get news of our events and projects to you more quickly and without the cost of reproducing or mailing the material. If possible, we would appreciate having the e-mail addresses of anyone not yet on our e-mail list and willing to receive material that way. Please send your e-mail address to: Joan Parry - [jsparry@erols.com](mailto:jsparry@erols.com).

### The Schenck House

- Open Days - Quality rather than quantity has been the rule at our second Sunday Open Days. Visitors, both new and longtime, enjoy seeing the museum rooms and exhibits. The house will be closed in July and August, but open September 12, October 10, and November 14.
- We have added special exhibits on farming, our one-room schoolhouses and Old West Windsor at play.
- The reconstruction of the barn's frame may be complete by the time this newsletter is mailed. The new roof and siding will follow.
- New outbuildings have been donated to the farmstead: a corn crib by the family of John Robbins, Sr. (Lois Robbins and their son, John Robbins, Jr.)-from their farm on Village Road West; an outhouse by Mildred Reed Moomaw-from the farm of Lester W. Reed on Village Road West and a washhouse by Barbara Tindall Weber-from their farm in

Washington Township, previously West Windsor.

### Fund-Raisers

- Holiday House Tour on December 7<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed because of the 14 inch snowstorm. The tour was held on December 21 and was especially enjoyed by the fewer than usual visitors because it was less crowded. Our 1960s theme was especially popular.
- Mother's Day Tea and Tour took place on the front lawn of the Schenck House on May 9. We had a good turnout with very generous visitors.
- Yard Sale-Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.-Items will be offered for sale at the Schenck House. Spaces are available for rent @\$10. For Space Rental Forms: 452-8598 or [jsparry@erols.com](mailto:jsparry@erols.com).



### **New Members**

We are pleased to welcome: Peter and Brigitte Levine, Charles and Roseann Airel, Jim and Diane Cushing Alleborn, Mary and Paul Boehmcke, Deane and Thelma Bornheimer, Margaret Pei.

### **Membership Dues**

Several members have told us their dues' checks sent in October 2003 have not been returned to them, cancelled. We do not understand how the mail could have been lost, but apparently it was. Would you please check your returned checks and if your dues check has not been returned, we must assume it has been lost. We would appreciate your sending us another check. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Dues for 2004 have been received from only a few members. If your newsletter was mailed, check the date on your label, which will tell you when you last paid dues.

For those of you receiving the newsletter by e-mail, ask Bev Souders (799-1612 or e-mail: [bjsouders@netzero.net](mailto:bjsouders@netzero.net)) to check our membership records.

### **Milestones**

We regret to announce the death of Wilton John Schenck, the last member of the Schenck family to farm the land. He was very pleased to see the restoration of the farmhouse and hoped to see the barn and outbuildings completed. We send our condolences to his family.

### **Gifts to the Society**

We have received many interesting donations to our collections:

- George I. Tindall-Cabbage cutter
- Edith P. Sprague-Yardstick from Conover & Emmons and wheelbarrow from Hiram Cook Co.
- Sue and Morton Levine-Framed "War of the World" poster, as well as other WOW items
- Kay and Clifford Reed-Beveled mirror. Also velvet woman's hat c1890, from Kay's grandmother, Louise Schaefer.
- Joan H. Eddinger-Tuxedo with vest c1940-45, Halcyon songbook, hat pin, china and glass items, seltzer bottle, spike from trolley track crossing Penn Lyle Road
- George and Carolyn Aldridge-sled and school books
- Sophie and Robert Silvester-7 chairs
- Mildred Moomaw-large crock with lid
- Mary Souders-Hand painting flowers on globe of oil lamp for parlor.