

The Historical Society of  
West Windsor  
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What's Happening - Spring 2005

**The Schenck House**

- Open Days - January, February, March and April saw a good number of visitors to see our museum rooms and exhibits. Our holiday event in December drew about 50-60 visitors. The house looked beautiful with a tree and decorations, using natural materials. Kay Reed, Mary Schenck, Bev Souders, Alice Martch and Joan Parry worked on the house. We need a minimum of five docents for each Open Day. There is no training required; a self-guided tour sheet is given each visitor. Docents will be provided with additional information on the day of the tour. If you can help us, please phone Kay Reed (799-0331) or Mary Schenck (799-1278).
- The barn has had plywood installed across its windows and doors to keep weather and animals out. We hope work will begin again during this spring and summer so we will be able to use the building.
- Our schoolhouse has been covered with a blue tarp to protect it until final plans have been made as to its restoration or demolition.
- Boy Scout Troop #40 has rented a portion of the garage for storage. Twice the garage has been broken into. We will need a burglar alarm on the building.



**Fund-Raisers**

- Regular Open Days at the Schenck House will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on: May 8 (Mother's Day Tea and Tour); June 12<sup>th</sup>; break for summer; September 11; October 9; November 13 and Holiday Event-December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- We will need docents for the tours, as well as help with refreshments for the Tea and Tour. Please phone Kay if you would like to help.

**HSofWW 2005 Meeting Dates**

Jan. 10, March 7, May 2, Sept. 12 and Nov. 7. Meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. at the Schenck House. Programs at 8 p.m.

**Programs**

We have had several excellent programs after our meetings: In January, Bob Yuell, Executive Director of the Plainsboro Historical Society gave a slide show on the history of Route 1.

March brought Richard Sheaf and Tom Petrino to do an Antiques Roadshow clone. Members brought many interesting antiques to show and were surprised at the appraisal value of their object.

In May, Professor John Santuosso, Mercer County Community College, will give a slide show and talk on "Bridges of Mercer County."

### **Membership Dues**

If you have not paid your 2005 dues, please send them in as soon as possible. We must regretfully remove anyone whose dues have not been received.

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

Seniors over 80 pay no dues. However, please let us know if you want to continue receiving the "What's Happening." If we do not hear from you, we will remove your name from our mailing list.

### **Member News**

New Members - Arnold Kelly, Christopher and Jennifer Good, as well as Richard Terzien have joined the Society.

Back again - Dottie and Bob Malcolm have moved back to West Windsor from Monroe Township.

Moved away: To Florida - Christine and Timothy Stives, Laura and Ray Williams. Ken DeRemer to Indianapolis.

### **Milestones**

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Charter Member Bill Bleacher. We send our condolences to Shirlee and their family.

West Windsor's former mayor and our Construction Supervisor on the Schenck House restoration Malcolm Roszel passed away in March. Our condolences go to the Roszel family.

We regret to report that Mabel Lolly Dey passed away in April. Again, we send our condolences to the Dey family.

### **Gifts to the Society**

Two items were purchased for the Schenck House with funds donated by the Silvester Family in memory of Marilyn and Carol Silvester:

1. A wooden plate rack which now hangs next to the fireplace in the kitchen
2. A wooden butter mold also on display in the kitchen. See below:



### **Board of Trustees**

Ed DiPolvere was unable to continue as a Trustee. Mildred Moomaw has agreed to be our fifth Trustee .

### **Bike Tours & School Tours**

Kay Reed, Mary Schenck and Arnold Kelly of Bike Fest 2005 Historic Tour have organized a bicycle tour of West Windsor. The tour has been marked out on a map with photos of all the pre-1900 historic buildings shown and their locations indicated. We have been given a set of these photos on a CD for our files.

Kay Reed will also coordinate with the West Windsor-Plainsboro schools tours of the Schenck House during the month of June. Would anyone interested in working as a Docent during these tours please contact Kay at 799-0331.