

The Historical Society of West Windsor

534 Village Road West, Princeton Jct., N.J. 08550

What's Happening-Fall-Winter 2006-2007

The Schenck Farmstead

We at the HSofWW are looking forward to good things happening this year at the Schenck Farmstead. Plans to complete the barn have been approved by the Council and interest in restoring the one-room schoolhouse is increasing. In November, we sent a letter to the Mayor and Council thanking them for their support and requesting their assistance in completing the barn reconstruction project. At our January meeting it was agreed to send the letter again since we have had no response to it.

In order to measure the carriage house to plan its restoration, all the items in it were removed and stored under tarpaulins in the barnyard. Thanks to assistance from the WW Works all these items have now been stored in the barn.

The Schenck Farmhouse

Both bedrooms have just been repainted and new rugs installed thanks to Clifford Reed, Jim Souders and Victor Mount. It makes quite a difference. Come and see.

Exhibit

Our big project for 2006 was replacing the exhibit of West Windsor history in the Schenck House. Clifford Reed, Jim Souders and Donald McNinch produced the free-standing, wooden frames with felt panels for the actual exhibits. Mildred Moomaw, Alice Martch, Roberta Smith and Bev Souders selected photos and mounted them using acid-free material. Some photos were enlarged, as were the captions and information.

School Tours

In June and October, we hosted several busloads of Second Grade students from the Dutch Neck and Maurice Hawk Schools. Our docents put in several days showing the students what life was like in old West Windsor. We received thank you notes and drawings from the students showing their appreciation and understanding of what they had seen.

Membership Dues

It's that time again! Please send your 2007 Dues as soon as possible to: Kay Reed, Treasurer, The Historical Society of West Windsor, 534 Village Road West, Princeton Junction, N.J. 08550. (Note the new address.) Dues have not increased: Family-\$12; Individual-\$8; Organizations-\$25; Senior Citizen (over 65)-\$5; Students-\$5. No dues if you are over 80. Be sure to let us know when you reach that landmark. In addition, we also have new categories: Sponsor-\$100; Patron-\$50. **See membership form at the end of the newsletter.**

Schenck House Open Days

Open Days at our headquarters farmhouse have drawn fewer visitors than we hoped. To increase interest, we are opening the Schenck House on alternate months with a special exhibit or theme:

February 11 (snow date-Feb. 18) – Special exhibit of Valentines from the late 19th to mid-20th century.

April 15 (note this is third Sunday of the month) Our collection of spring hats from the 1930s-1950s will be displayed.

June 10 – Two special exhibits: Our collection of photographs and bridal outfits donated by West Windsor brides will be displayed in the house.

Photos of West Windsor one-room schoolhouses and student groups from the 19th and 20th centuries will be on display.

October 14 – Farming will be the theme with the emphasis on harvesting. The use of the farm equipment in the yard will be explained.

December 9 – Holiday Open Day – Our farmhouse will be fully decorated for the holidays, using natural materials and appropriate collections.

Please note that we will be happy to give a special tour to any group of 10 or more at a time

mutually convenient. If you are interested, please contact Mary Schenck at 799-1278.

We hope all members will try to attend at least one of these events. If you are available to participate in setting up these exhibitions and/or acting as guide or docent, please let Mary Schenck know (799-1278).

HSofWW Meetings & Programs-2007

Our HSofWW meetings will take place beginning at 7 p.m., the first non-holiday Monday of: January 8, March 5, May 7, September 10 and November 5. Unless otherwise notified, the meetings take place at the Schenck House. Most meetings end with a special program organized by our vice president, Donna Munde.

Our January meeting brought back Tom Petrino, antiques' specialist, to discuss and give an informal appraisal of the antique items that were brought to the meeting. There were some surprises, both good and not, about the present value of our items.

In March, architect Kyle Van Dyke will discuss barns with a special emphasis on the Dutch-English barn on the Schenck Farmstead.

Our May meeting will include a Pot Luck Supper. These have been very popular events. We encourage you to join us.

Programs for the September and November meetings have not yet been established. Let us know if you are interested in being put on our e-mail list of meeting/program reminders.

DONATIONS

Donations during 2006 have been extremely generous. Rather than listing every item, we will list below the donors and a short summary of the donations:

- Eleanor Rich – More than 60 photographs and other items of interest. Mrs. Rich's family (Frank Adams) once owned the general store in Dutch Neck. Mary Schenck is organizing the photographs into an album for viewing, as well as adding many of the photos to our West Windsor history exhibit.

- Edna Lois Tindall Coward via her daughter Sue Coward Lebs-Quilt, crocheted tablecloth, wash bowl and pitcher set, oil lamp and pillow cased embroidered with local names.
- George and Estella Coward via their granddaughter Sue Coward Lebs-Pewter pitcher.
- Jane Rockholt-1947 Case Tractor which once belonged to her father, Morris Waln; grinding wheel and two Docent's outfits.
- Joe Hall-Two 40 quart milk cans, barn scale, two-man saw, pulley and wooden harness for horse
- Evelyn Walton-Old post cards, gas ration stamps from WW II, report cards from Dutch Neck School and dog tag licenses from 1935 to 1977.
- John Grover-8mm. Film of the Shangle and Cranston families. (Note this has been copied to DVD.)
- Jack Flood-toy fire truck, child's chair and curtain stretcher.
- Monte and Peg Hagerty-dress form, chicken nesting box (in memory of Estelle Haggerty), sled once belonging to Frank Kuhn, iron cooking pot; large mallet hammer
- Ronald Everett-farm scale; small corn sheller
- Gloria Ramsey-Three 1970s dresses.
- Mildred Moomaw-mourning veil that belonged to Emma Everett, grandmother of Mildred Moomaw, Stanley and Clifford Reed.
- Kay and Clifford Reed-wooden butter churn, small poultry trough feeder and milk bottle
- Carl Applegate-newspaper clippings about West Windsor
- Fred Stives-Iron with detachable handle and stand; attache case with deeds and photos of the WW Parsonage schoolhouse; school bell, bell for lead cow, handbell, leather strap with bells; world maps, 2 books about vintage cars, two hand saws, parlor stove.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following:

Peggy Ellery
Barbara and Gordon Riggs
I. Newton Mount
Walter C. Hunter & Family
Susan Roszel
Victor Mount
Jean Newman

MILESTONES

We regret to tell you that we lost several long-time members of the Society during 2006. Our deepest condolences are sent to their families:

- John (Bert) LaSelle – May 2006
- Jeanette Flickinger- August 2006

- Gordon (Mike) C. Tindall-August 2006
- William N. Parris (son of members Susan and David Parris)- September 2006
- William R. Stuller-December 2006

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Membership Form

Please enroll the following as a new member of the Society/ OR
 Please renew membership for the year(s) _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO. & E-MAIL: _____

Enclosed is my check for dues as indicated below:

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| Family-\$12 | Organization - \$25 |
| Individual - \$8 | Patron - \$50 |
| Student (6-18) - \$5 | Sponsor - \$100 |
| Senior Citizen (65-79)-\$5 | |
| Senior Citizen (over 80) – no dues | |

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