

The Historical Society of West Windsor

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Schenck House Events

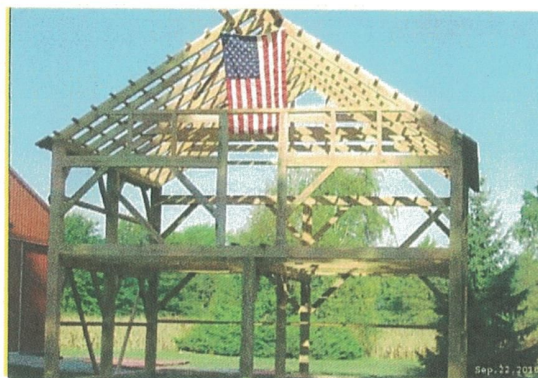
We have a full schedule planned for Fall 2010 through Spring 2011:

- Our September meeting discussed programs and exhibits for the year.
- We will have meetings with programs on: Nov.1, Jan. 3, March 7 and May 2 See attached Calendar of Events for details.
- Schenck House Open Days will be Oct., 10, Dec. 11 and 12, Feb. 13, April 10 and June 12. We will have our Holiday Event on two days this year, which we hope will bring in more visitors. Docents are always needed. Please phone Mary Schenck if you are free to help.
- Our special exhibit this year is one of children's clothing of the 20th century from infants to grade school, boys and girls. We have named the exhibit "Dressing Up to Visit Grandma."

Schenck House Outbuildings

Work is proceeding nicely on the Wagon House and the one-room Schoolhouse, which were dismantled and are being rebuilt using as much of the original materials as possible. The Wagon House will exhibit a sleigh and grinding wheels, as well as farm tools. We are looking forward to the schoolhouse's completion so the school desks, globes, maps and many photos we have collected will have a home at last.

The barn's utilities and painting of doors and windows are now complete as is the meeting room inside it. Clifford has been working with a crew of volunteers to move back into place all the farm machinery and the post office boxes that had to be disrupted during the installation of extra electricity, etc. Once the township has its Certificate of Occupancy, we should be given permission to open the barn to visitors on our Open Days.



Wagon House on Schenck Farmstead. Photo – Clifford Reed

Donations & Acquisitions

We have received a multitude of interesting donations since our last newsletter:

Grindstone wheel & canning jars-Stanley Reed

Desk & bean pot-Newell & Barbara Benedict

Egg incubator, horse shoes, shop tools-Stuart & Carole Reed

Kitchen kettle, flour sifter, spice boxes-Monty & Peg Hagerty

Triple Topsy Turvey doll (Red Riding Hood, Wolf & Grandma) & book "Turn of the Century Farm Tools & Implements"-Joan Parry

Lace & satin bedspread c1920-Beverly Scolley

An assortment of 34 hand tools – Bruce D. Taylor

Acquisitions:

White towel rack

Clothes rack with arms

Wooden pump for well in yard of Schenck House refurbished by Clifford Reed with new valve made by Donald Schenck.

Memberships:

New Members

We are pleased to welcome: Marlene Maxwell; Barbara Danser; Graham Gaylor; Joan Wright; Robert Yuell; Rodica & Michael Perciali; Ruth, Mike & Luke Potts, Claudia J. Tindall.

Milestones

Since our last newsletter, we are saddened to report the passing of: Margaret Northrop, Mazie Curtis, James Ruch, Hiram Tindall, Susan Steele, Sally Steele, Earl Smith, Frances Conover, Hannah Tindall and Pat Tindall. We extend our deepest condolences to their families.

Nitty Gritty

We hope news of all the events planned for the rest of 2010 and Spring 2011 will encourage you to attend our meetings and programs, as well as visit the Schenck House and its outbuildings.

Our organization is run only by volunteers. We are proud of our officers and members

who give their time and effort to keep the Society going strong. However, our pool of volunteers needs to be increased. We need your help to act as Docents when we have the Schenck House open. We need your voices and opinion at our meetings. Our program presenters need to see a decent size audience.

This is not going to happen unless you volunteer and encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Society and its activities.

We need your dues as well. Our Membership Committee tells us that many members are in arrears in paying their dues. We do not send you renewal notices, but please consider sending your dues for 2010 and perhaps past years to our Treasurer Kay Reed.

Membership forms are available at the Schenck House. We have not raised our membership dues since we began in 1983: Individual - \$8; Family-\$12; Seniors-65-79-\$5; Over 80- FREE.

If you do not know when you paid last, the date is on your mailing label or e-mail, our membership committee head, Bev Souders: bjsouders@netzero.net.

Happy Holidays!



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