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MUSEUM

MOMENTS



Happy New Year! Yes, it is hard to believe it is already 1998. Almost before we realize it we will be into a new century. I pause for just a moment here as I celebrate my six-month anniversary with the Chesterfield Historical Society. How time flies when you are having fun - and especially when you are busy! Busy we are at CHS. The year 1997 closed on a high note with wonderful programs to celebrate the holiday season. The Christmas luncheon and open house at our sites were well attended. Everyone had an enjoyable time with the festive traditions and entertainment.

One of the features of the open house this year was the toy exhibit in the newly re-furnished changing exhibit gallery of the Museum. Objects in the exhibit were from our own collection, many of which had not been seen for some time. The gallery and exhibit have received very positive feedback from members and visitors alike. Questions have been raised as to when we will move ahead into the other exhibit areas with improvements (particularly the carpet). This was the first step in upgrading and enhancing our product offering to the public and in the direction of eventual accreditation by the American Association of Museums, our national professional organization.

If you have not been over to the Museum to see the new gallery, please try to do so. It was made possible by grants and donations from the 1997 County Board of Supervisors, The Lind Lawrence Foundation, TARGET, Nunnally's Furniture Outlets, L.E. Pate Tile Company, and the Chesterfield County Ruritan Clubs. A great deal of help also came from the county Buildings & Grounds staff. Many thanks to all!

The current toy exhibit remains in place until the end of January. After that time

an exhibit of *Recent Acquisitions* to the Museum collection will be featured. The most recent additions to the collection include: **a carriage robe, early 20th century, used at Magnolia Grange, Gift of Mildred Daffron; **an Empire style sofa, with scroll arms and legs, Gift of Mr. L. Scoville Tilton; **small Winfree family items including a lap desk, cake pan, food screen, and cotton cards, Gift of Mrs. Dorothy Dunford Cook; **a child's handmade toy wardrobe and toy trunk, Gift of Miss Florence Hatcher; **a dueling pistol in its original case, Gift of Mrs. Shirley Vaughn; **assorted pots used by donor's mother, c.1915, Gift of Mrs. Anna Mae R. Wilson; **assorted magazines, 1930s-40s, Gift of Mrs. Gerri Marshall; ** and a hand held letter cancel machine, c.1930, Gift of Mr. Thomas Kidd.

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Notice

We apologize for the different "look" to this quarterly publication due to computer problems beyond our control.

I am experiencing major computer problems dictating this temporary change in format. The Editor

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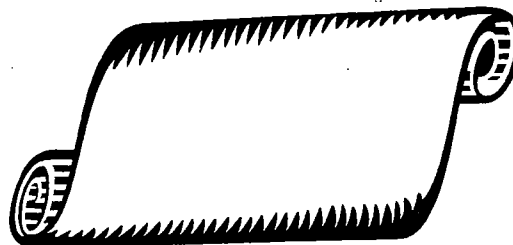
Jim Hollomon

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

The Chesterfield Historical Society
wishes to welcome those who have
joined us as of January 15,1998:

William Eppes
(Life Member)

Mary Smith Ayers
John B. (Chip) Canady
Karen R. Canady
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CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1998 Lunchtime Lecture Series

**Old Trinity Church
10111 Iron Bridge Road, Chesterfield**

All lectures are on Tuesdays. **All lectures begin at 12:30 p.m.** Admission is \$3.00 for CHS members and \$5.00 for non-members. **Advance reservations are required.** Checks may be sent payable to the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832. For more information please call (804) 748-1026.

- February 17 Topic: Jamestown Rediscovery Project
 Speaker: Nick Lucetti, Archaeologist, APVA, Jamestown
- February 24 Topic: The Gospel of Liberty: Virginia's Great Awakening 1740-1760
 Speaker: John Turner, Director of Religious Studies, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- March 3 Topic: New Thoughts on Color and Pattern in Early Virginia
 Speaker: Margaret Pritchard, Curator of Prints, Maps and Wallpaper, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- March 10 Topic: The Courthouses of Chesterfield County: Three Phases of Classicism
 Speaker: Elliot DeMerrell, Master's Candidate, Art History, VCU
- March 17 Topic: Recreating Martha: How Our Country's First First Lady Brings Women's
 History to Life
 Speaker: Mary Wiseman, Character Interpreter, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- March 24 Topic: It's Alive! The Menokin Story
 Speaker: Martin K. King, President, Menokin Foundation

Bring a bag lunch and join us! Beverages will be provided.

*This series made possible with the generous support of Central Fidelity Bank
and the Chesterfield County Black History Committee.*

Other exhibits planned for 1998 include Native Americans, Wedding Traditions, (to coincide with the re-enactment of the DuVal Wedding again this year), and a salute to Veterans. These changing displays will allow us to appeal to new and varied audiences while giving repeat visitors something different to see each time they come back. Return visitors are a good possibility as our attendance was up in 1997 over 1996.

Speaking of coming back, we have 114 classes of school children scheduled to visit our sites this spring. Starting the first week of February, we are booked solid every day except Thursdays, (due to the court), right through to the second week of June. As a result, we will be even more busy and would like to have some extra help. This could be in the form of assisting with the school tours, taking a regular day to help with other visitors at the sites, helping in the office, the library or shop, (especially in the afternoons). As usual, we are looking for all the help we can get! A special word of thanks here to all our volunteers at the Historical Society for all you accomplished in 1997 and for all you will achieve in 1998. Without your help the Society could not survive. I look forward to a bright new year in working with all of you in new and exciting challenges which will surely come our way.

MUSEUM SHOP NEWS

1997 was a good year for the Museum Shop. Thanks for your patronage. The Museum Shopper's Fair and Museum Store downtown during the holidays were very successful. Right now in the Shop is our January clearance sale. All Christmas merchandise is 50% off. Come by and browse. It is never too early to start shopping for this year!



*Amelia County
Historical Society*

Historical House Tour

April 18, 1998

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ante-bellum Homes and Shrine Church

For ticket and luncheon information call

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

(804) 561-3180



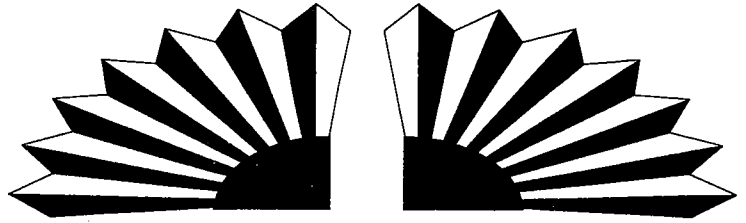
Spring Flower Show

The Woodland Pond Garden Club, in cooperation with CHS, is proud to sponsor its first ever flower show during Historic Garden Week this spring. The show will take place at Magnolia Grange on Thursday, April 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be ten design classes in the house and thirteen horticulture classes outside in a tent on the grounds.

Woodland Pond Garden Club has only been in existence for five years and has over fifty members. During that time, the club has won many awards for their efforts. Mark your calendars for this event.

REMINDER

It is still not too late to send your UKROP'S certificates to CHS for us to take advantage of their community foundation grant program. Please get those to the Historical Society no later than Friday, February 6, as they must be turned in the following week. Thanks for remembering us.



CHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

JANUARY - JUNE 1998

JANUARY:

25th Quarterly Meeting, Wrexham Hall

FEBRUARY:

3rd Museum: Toy exhibit closes*
5th Museum: Recent Acquisitions exhibit opens*
10th Lecture series begins
16th Sites closed for holiday
17th Lecture
24th Lecture

MARCH:

3rd Lecture
5th Museum: Recent Acquisitions exhibit closes*
10th Lecture
12th Museum: Native Americans exhibit opens*
17th Lecture
24th Lecture series ends

(Heritage classes for adults this month - dates to be announced.)

APRIL:

26th Spring Quarterly Meeting of CHS - location\topic to be announced

MAY:

28th Museum: Native Americans exhibit closes

JUNE:

5th Museum: Wedding exhibit opens
6th Magnolia Grange: DuVal-Robertson wedding reenactment

Please mark your calendars. All exhibit dates are tentative. Call the office (748-1026) for details.

Membership Application
(Membership Year: January 1 - December 31)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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____ Single Membership \$12.00 per year
____ Couple Membership \$20.00 per year
____ Family Membership \$25.00 per year
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____ Renewal _____ New Member

____ Sustaining Membership \$100.00 per year
____ Two Years \$ _____
____ Individual Life \$200.00 per year
____ Donation \$ _____

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