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Chesterfield Historical Society Newsletter

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250th Anniversary Celebration

A committee has been planning events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Chesterfield. Tentative plans are as follows: Activities will be at the center of Chesterfield unless otherwise noted.

- FRIDAY, July 1: 7:30 – 11:00 P.M. – Dance at Town Hall (music of the 40s, 50 & 60s)
- SATURDAY, July 2: 9:30 A.M. – Opening Ceremony
 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. – Breakfast and lunch by Boy Scouts, Lions and American Legion
 10:00 A.M. – Parade followed by an antique, classic car and tractor show coordinated by Chesterfield Fire Dept.
 2:00 P.M. - Old fashioned children's games, displays and exhibits
 Open house at the Historical Society
 4:00 – 7:30 P.M. – Lobster Bake sponsored by Spofford Fire Dept.
 9:00 P.M. (dusk) – Fireworks on the lake
- SUNDAY, July 3: Morning - Special services at all churches
 12:00 noon —Games, races, crafts @ Wares Grove
 1:00 P.M. – Yacht Club around the island race
 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Open house at Historical Society, historical skits
 Bring your own picnic supper and enjoy Bob Mill's fireworks from the town common at dusk

Other upcoming 250th events:

- Aug. 21 – “Know Your Town Tour” by school bus (for adults)
Oct. 14 -- Chesterfield Ghosts in Centre Cemetery
Nov. 5 - 250th Anniversary Party – cake, music, skits, games

More information on these events will be publicized at a later date. Volunteers are needed to hang quilts in town hall for a quilt show which will be held from June 25 through July 5. We need quilters to display their quilts and sewers to sew hangers for the quilts. Volunteers are also needed for decorating town hall and baking for the Friday night, July 1st dance. Call Neil Jenness (363-8018) or Audrey Ericson (363-8856) if you can help with any of these events. AN ORDER FORM IS ENCLOSED THAT YOU MAY USE TO ORDER COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS FOR OUR 250TH CELEBRATION.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDARS

2011 Historical Society calendars are still for sale at the Society and the Chesterfield Library for only \$12.00. These calendars feature beautiful historic photos of the area as well as a wealth of information that will be useful in planning the rest of your year. Stop by the Historical Society and get your calendar on Thursdays from 9:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon or Sunday from 2-4 P.M..

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are also needed at the Historical Society to do several special projects. This need not be a long term commitment. Three vacancies also exist on the Historical Society's Board of Directors. We meet four times a year. If you are interested in helping with either of these opportunities, please call Neil (363-8018) or Audrey (363-8856).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY?

A basket belonging to George Tuttle, Clifford Tuttle's father, was given to the Historical Society by Spofford resident Jane Allen. According to Jane, when the basket was given to George Tuttle, the basket maker said: "This basket will last you as long as you live, if you die when you oughta."

Last fall the Historical Society workers had an unpleasant surprise when they turned on the heat. There was a blow back. What a mess, but Serv Pro did a fine job of the clean-up, the cost of which was covered by the town. The Historical Society has never looked better, stop in and take a look.

The 1930s portable pump for fighting forest fires from the R.T. Guyette estate is now on permanent loan to the Spofford Fire District. Jane Allen tells us that Arthur Post used his felt hat to strain the gasoline for the pump motor – then put the hat back on his head!

More Spofford Lake books have been ordered and are available at the Historical Society. If you would like to purchase this book come in to the Historical Society from 9:30 A.M. – 12 noon on Thursdays or 2 – 4 P.M. on Sundays. The books are also available at the Library and Toadstool Book Store at a cost of \$35.00 each.

A membership form is enclosed for your convenience. If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, enclose your e-mail address with your membership.