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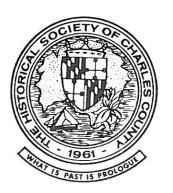
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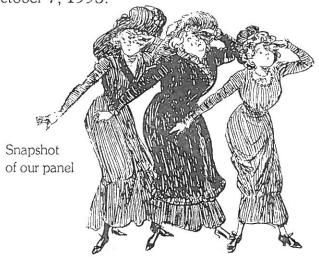
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Don't Miss Our Fall Program

Program Committee Report:

Our fall meeting and program will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church in Dentsville, Maryland, October 7, 1995.



We will have an open discussion about the past, present and future of the Charles County Fair. Our Fair panel of speakers will include (but is not limited to) Kitty Newcombe, Mary Berry Moore, and Louise Hindle Stine.

As you probably know, these folks have many years of experience in working with the Charles County Fair. They will have a lot of information to share with us which will make this an exciting

More information will follow regarding the menu, the meeting time and the cost.

Editor's Note: I will make a special effort to quiz all three experts about how to win a blue ribbon for home made ketchup. I have entered a number of times without success.

In January, 1996, our winter meeting will be on one of the following subjects:

The History of the Community College

Searching for Maryland's Founders Dr. Henry Miller

or possibly:

A speech on Thomas Stone by Jean Lee, author of The Price of Nationhood: Charles County in the American Revolution.

Victor Mindeleff Information Needed

One of Washington D. C.'s most distinguished architects, Victor Mindeleff, died March 26, 1948. His career ranged from the designs for the original Glen Echo Park to detailed drawings of southwestern indian pueblos. He spent his retirement years at his home in the Newburg area of Charles County. If any of our members have any information about the Mindeleffs please contact Sally Barley, Southern Maryland Studies Center, CCCC, 934-2251, ext. 610.

NOTICE

Due to the 911 Enhancement Program, there are many house number changes.

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Friendship House Report

Have you seen Friendship House lately? It is worth a visit just to see the magnificent paint job. inside and out! And the brick sidewalk has been extended out to the college walk.

Some new members might wonder what our organization gets involved with in addition to our dinner/meeting/programs. Refurbishing Friendship House is a good example. Of course it must be emphasized that the funds for this job were provided by the Life Members Fund. Thank you.

This summer there will not be any regularly scheduled openings on Sundays, but you may arrange a tour by calling Naomi Petrash at: (301) 259-4279.

Don't forget, Friendship House memorabilia are always available for purchase for you summer visitors.

Ways and Means Report

Of course you have noticed the Charles County memorabilia which we offer for sale at our meetings. These plates depicting county scenes, and the postcards of prominent homes are also available at Friendship House.

You might keep in mind that these items do make fine gifts for summer visitors

The postcards are our newest item, and to date we have sold about 215.

Editor's Note: Kittu Mitchell is in charge of our Ways and Means Committee and has done a great job for us. She may be moving to Boston soon, so we wish her well in her new home "up north."

The Madrigal Lords and Ladies

The Madrigal Lords and Ladies, an a cappella group of young adults, hosted an evening of fun. food and entertainment with a Spring Madrigal Dinner on Saturday, May 27, 1995 at the Christ Episcopal Church Hall in La Plata.

Performing to a packed crowd, the Madrigal Lords and Ladies, conducted by Mrs. T. C. Mazzeo, transported the audience back to the time of England's King Henry VIII through medieval song, skits, costumes and delicious goodies such as raspberry soup, roasted boar and strawberry

The audience was given copies of the dialogue and songs for the skits, and more than thirty of them participated in the evening with "oneliner" bits they delivered with gusto, on cue and to everyone's delight in:

The Case of Henry the Horseman The Case of Robert of the Forest The Case of Maud, Wife of the Boatman

The highlight of the evening was the "decapitation" of certain members of the audience who had committed crimes typically found in medieval times. Only one such "perpetrator of dastardly deeds" was spared, Lady Anita of Wood, a member of the Historical Society.

Richard and Deane Highby portrayed King Henry VIII and the Surveyor of Ceremonies respectively. The evening was a huge success enjoyed by all—those who participated as well as those who just watched.

This year the Madrigal Lords and Ladies also performed at the Waldorf Jaycees for the Festival of Trees; at the Port Tobacco Courthouse and Stagg Hall for the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage; and Keechland for the Decorators' Showcase.

The Madrigal Lords and Ladies perform throughout the year from September to June. Should thou hast an interest in medieval merriment, song and gustatory delights, use ye telephone to have words with Michael J. Mazzeo, Jr. at (301) 743-3022. Please call two months in advance.



Higher Education In Historic Preservation

Roger Williams University, Bristol Rhode Island, has offered an undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Historical Preservation since 1976. We are one of a handful of institutions which offer this degree, and the only one to do it in the context of a School of Architecture. We offer our students opportunities to specialize in either preservation planning or architectural conservation, and our graduates leave prepared to either begin working in the field in entry level positions, or to pursue further study in graduate schools. Many of our alumni are active members of local history societies and museums. Indeed, many of our students came to us already active in the local history organizations of their communities across the United States, and it was this local connection which sparked their interest in Historic Preservation in the first place.

It is this connection with local history societies

that we hope to pursue and to strengthen. Perhaps among your members (or their children and grandchildren) there are some who might be interested in making Historic Preservation their profession. They may not be aware that they can pursue a college degree in this field: the number of programs is so small that many high school guidance counsellors are not aware of this option.

In a very real sense, all preservation is "local history," and it is our mission to provide qualified, professional men and women to assist you in performing your mission.

We have packets of information available to send to interested individuals. Contact me at:

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