

SOCIETY VOTES TO ACCEPT MASONIC HALL

By an overwhelming majority, the members of the Clinton Historical Society voted at the Nov. 6 program meeting to accept donation of the Masonic Lodge property from the Warren Lodge Masons. With a heavy turnout for the vote and to hear program speaker Bill Benson, the members received information on this major project, discussed the benefits and concerns, and voted. President Marshall reported that preliminary approval for property tax exemption was received from the Clinton Tax Assessor. Final approval can only be granted after transfer of the property to the Society, and formal application made. These activities will be completed in time to meet the application deadline of March 1, 1999, so that '99 school and future taxes will not be due. Many members of the Masonic Hall Preservation Group were present, and Craig presented their roster of 17 members to the Society and thanked them for their tireless efforts that resulted in the positive vote. All have just joined the Society or have been current members.

This is an ambitious project for our Society, and we are counting on the support from members, community groups, and area residents to make it a success. It will keep ownership of a Clinton landmark in our town, and will be an asset in our community to benefit all.

INTERESTED? Call Craig Marshall at 266-5684.

WELCOME NEW READERS!

As noted in the last CLINTON HISTORIAN, this newsletter is being mailed to those area residents who have expressed interest and support for the Masonic Hall preservation project. All are welcome and encouraged to join our historical society. This newsletter will be used to keep members and non-members informed of the progress of the Masonic Hall project, and of the other activities of the Society as well. Our monthly program meetings and other social and informational events are **open to all**. members, non-members, and all ages!

**** W E L C O M E ****

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER... "A CANDLELIGHT AFFAIR"

FRIDAY DEC. 4 6:30PM

Join us for one of our most popular events as we enjoy the creative and tasteful dishes of our members and guests. Our December program meeting will be a pot-luck (covered dish) dinner of salads, appetizers, entrees, and desserts. This is always a varied and enticing display of family favorite recipes and dishes. **Beverages and desserts will be provided.** We will be serving on holiday disposable plates, cups, and flatware. You're welcome to bring your own china and silver. After the dinner, we will begin the...

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of donated gifts that is always a treat for the curious. With your covered dish, please bring a wrapped inexpensive humorous or practical gift. Proceeds will benefit the Society's programs. Because of the large turnout expected, **this year we are asking that you**

► **PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR SEATING!** ◀

Call **Barbara Cleary at 876-6842** (ok to leave message)

ALL MEMBERS AND AREA RESIDENTS
ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND THIS HOLIDAY EVENT!

**** Please Join Us ****

MEMBER-INTEREST SURVEY: THANK-YOU

A pilot survey form was distributed at the last program meeting to better understand the Society-related interests of our membership. This sample provided valuable insight for our program planning, and **we thank those who responded.** This was so valuable that we will be asking all members to tell us what their interests are regarding social events, preservation activities, fund raising, arts, exhibits, and other. We can then better provide the opportunities and programs that our members desire.

1777 CREEK MEETING HOUSE PROJECTS UPDATE

Recent improvement, preservation, and research projects by our dedicated volunteers include:

- * **Glass plate negative** processing (late 1800's)...has turned up some really interesting local scenes that will hopefully lead to a featured exhibit. (John Paul, Scott Lovell, Bill McDermott)
- * **Permelia's Diary Vol. 2** (1876, 1881)...diary researched and published by CHS to give a view of local life. \$7.00...great gift! (author: Eleanor Rogers)
- * **Cataloging** of CHS artifacts on the computer....photos, articles, maps, etc. (George Greenwood)
- * **Roof & eave repair**...always a priority. (Russ Tompkins, Craig Marshall)
- * **Wall patch & paint**; window exterior paint, cleaning... (Jack Cleary)
- * **Attic steps**...for badly needed access to our attic storage (Dick Collier, Macy Sherow)
- * **Calendar**...events being scheduled for 1999. Call Jack Cleary to list and reserve your event: 876-6842 (Gerianne Hannibal, Jack Cleary)

**NO PROGRAM MEETING
IN JANUARY**

See you at the FEB. 5 Meeting!

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**NEXT MEETING:
FRI. Dec. 4 6:30PM**

MASONIC HALL PROJECTS AND EVENTS UPDATE

The Masonic Hall Preservation Group (MHPG) met regularly to plan restoration projects and events:

- * **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE & OPEN HOUSE**...was held Sat. Nov. 21 to show off local crafts and encourage residents to view the Hall. Project volunteers signed up, and donations were received. Thank-you! And thank you Barb Cleary for organizing the event!
- * **LADIES' ROOM**...received a major make-over with new fixtures, flooring, and paint. Thanks go to Russ Tompkins, Dan Stambaugh, Jack & Barb Cleary, and Craig Marshall.
- * **4-H SERVICE PROJECT**...our local 4-H group planted 250 daffodil bulbs donated by the Clinton Daffodil Festival Committee. This is a first step in our landscaping and beautification plans.
- * **RESTORATION COMMITTEE**...co-chairs Bill Dickett and Russ Tompkins surveyed the building and developed a priority list. The back addition shingle roof needs replacement very soon. Metal roofing to match the original Hall is being considered to replace the asphalt shingle.
- * **FUNDRAISING**...events are being planned by the committee of Marian Thompson, Laura Boxer, and Linda & Gary Stokes.
- * **KITCHEN, ETC**... kitchen cleaning, new water heater, furniture inventory, maintenance scheduling, user contracts, publicity, & insurance review are complete or underway by Lou Buononato, Harry Henck, Mike Spitzer, Jim Welling, Don Bowman, Edna Lachmund, Barb & Jack Cleary, & Craig Marshall



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