

Barkhamsted Historical Society Newsletter - January 2002

2002 Historical Program Series

For the fifth year now the Barkhamsted Historical Society has put together a series of history oriented programs for your enjoyment and education. Each program is free, and refreshments are provided after each talk. The 2002 schedule is set and we are sending you this newsletter primarily to announce the program subjects and time.

The programs run one a month starting in February and ending in May. Each will be at the Barkhamsted Senior Center located on West River Road in Pleasant Valley. Each program starts at **7:00 p.m.** The Program Series this year will include the following:

February 1, 2002 - Journey to Common Ground

The year is 1770. Joshua and Sarah Brown have just married and are on their way up the Connecticut River to the New Hampshire Grants, now known as Vermont. As they travel north, their paths intersect with a runaway slave named Umbarra. This historical novel is about their journey - people who began as strangers and become friends. Author Fred Fenn will speak on the historical aspects of their journey.

March 1, 2002 - The Colonial Hearth and Hearth Cookery

Harriet Winchenbaugh will explore the evolution of the early American hearth from the 17th thru 19th centuries. We will also look at cooking practices and types of implements commonly used, and even get to sample a classic early pudding baked in a 19th century brick beehive oven.

April 5, 2002 - From Fireplace to Cook Stove

By the end of the eighteenth century firewood prices were rising as much as 25% every decade. This, probably more than anything else, led to the introduction and increased use of iron cooking and heating stoves. One writer has stated that "the cast iron cooking stove could well serve as the most important domestic symbol of the 19th century". Fred Warner will discuss both the technology and the social implications of this important artifact in American history.

May 3, 2002 - Wild Harvest-A Lesson in Native American Plant Usage

Herbalist Alicia North will examine the importance of the American Indian's influence on the first settlers. The botanical knowledge passed on to the colonists specifically increased their ability to survive in a new land. We will learn about and sample some of the foods and medicines that the Indians shared.

Squires Tavern Project

The Historical Society's current focus is on the restoration of the Squires Tavern which is located in Pleasant Valley at Peoples Forest. The progress we have made over the last 12 months has been amazing. A long term lease has been signed with the State Department of Environmental Protection and we have been very successful at raising funds to start the initial work on the building. We held an open house in July to highlight the lease signing. A very active group of volunteers has come together to provide wonderful support for the project. We have also launched the Friends of the Squires Tavern group for those that donate time and funds specifically to the work there.

If you are not already a Friends member and would like to join, please contact us at the address on the back of this newsletter. Follow our progress on the Squires Tavern Project on our web site at: bhs@barkhamstedhistory.org

A great way to help us raise money to save the Squires Tavern

Subscribe to *Yankee* magazine and help the Barkhamsted Historical Society raise money for the Squires Tavern restoration project. We are taking on a big project to save and restore the historic Squires Tavern located on East River Road in Barkhamsted. To be successful we need to develop new fund raising sources and that is where your subscription or renewal to *Yankee* magazine will help.

For each subscription initiated through the Barkhamsted Historical Society, *Yankee* magazine will give the Historical Society **\$10** to be used for our work on the Squires Tavern. If you have subscribed in the past using this program, your renewal still needs to be made with the attached form or through the link on our web site for the Historical Society to earn credit.

Please take advantage of this special offer. Subscribe to a very popular magazine covering New England topics AND at the same time help save the Squires Tavern in the town of Barkhamsted. Everybody wins!

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