



Warwick Historical Society

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SAVE THE DATE

George Washington Day Picnic

Saturday July 28
5 to 8:30
Baird's Tavern
Lewis Park

Summer Tours

Tuesday & Saturday
2:00 to 4:30 pm
Starting July 3

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 19
6:45 pm
Baird's Tavern
Education Center



Baird's Tavern Office Hours

T, W & Th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
whs6@optonline.net

Baird's Tavern Gift Shop Hours

Tuesday
2:00 to 4:30 pm
Wednesday
0:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday
10 am to 4:30 pm

1810 Archives Office

Tuesdays 9 to 12
(by appointment)
986-5987

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

At its June 14 meeting the board voted unanimously to give a 10 percent discount across the board to society members for future events. This includes tickets to Under the Tent, Harvest to Holly, Tavern Night, Wine and Cheese, upcoming workshops, and purchases at the Gift Shop at Baird's Tavern. Pass the word!

There are still over 150 outstanding membership dues that remain unpaid. Together we can educate and engage our community to preserve our legacy; however, it takes money to do this. Pay your dues!

UNDER THE TENT FUNDRAISING BEGINS

On June 14, Dolores Simon, corresponding secretary for the society, gathered Julie English, Virginia Clancey, Rosella Schaefer, and Mary Neal McFarland to address the envelopes that will be sent to society supporters from years past. In addition, Jeff and Marina Alario are soliciting monetary donations to support the mission of the society at the Under the Tent Preservation Party.

If you would like to support the society's efforts to preserve Warwick's Historical heritage, please consider giving to the Under the Tent Preservation fundraiser. For more information on how to do this, call the office at 986-3236. NOTE: This is the society's major fundraiser for the year and your support is needed.

THE REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN...AND WE ARE THE REVOLUTION

Middle School age children are being offered classes July 24, 25, and 26 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the education center at Baird's Tavern. Classes will be preparing for the journey to the Revolutionary War in year 1775. The curriculum will include personal hygiene in the 18th century, dipping candles, journal entries, and food of the day. Cost will be \$ 25.00 for the three days, T-shirt included.

For more information, please check out the web site at www.warwickhistoricalsociety.org starting July 1 or call the office to sign up.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW TRUSTEES ARE

Candy Ahrenholz - one-year term; Karen Emmerich - two year term; John Sandfort - three year term; Pat McConnell - four year term; and Catharine Heimbach - five year term, to become the new trustees. A vote will be held at the George Washington Day picnic on July 28, during the supper hour.

ARCHIVE NEW BLOG: Sue Gardner, our archivist, has started a "blog" on the internet to share news about recent research and discoveries about Warwick History, and the activities at our archive. Go to <http://warwickhistory.blogspot.com/> If you have questions or problems accessing the file, email her at sgardner@rcls.org.

EIGHT HISTORY CLUB SENIORS WERE PRESENTED A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

by Michael Newhard for outstanding service to the society at the awards ceremony at Warwick Valley High School on June 7. These students have helped with every event the society held this past year, by serving, mailing, cleaning, accessing artifacts, manning the gift shop and various other chores. A look at the schools they are going to attend shows a pretty impressive group: Matt Bellantone – Stony Brook University; Melissa Bellantone – Alfred University; Katie Burnell – Nazareth College; Steven DeBuck – Lock Haven College; Emily Moore – Johns Hopkins University; Tom Naples – Cornell University; Elizabeth Skinner – Wake Forest University; Dan Tobin – Rochester Institute of Technology.

DOCENT TRAINING

took place on June 12 in the new education center at Baird's Tavern, in preparation for the society's summer tours. Tours will be held every Tuesday and Saturday from 2:00 to 4:30 pm starting July 3.

Michael Bertolini, curator, conducted an educational tour of the buildings and gave an overview of the summer's expectations. This year each building will feature some aspect of the vast collection the society houses. The Old School Baptist Meeting House will exhibit a clothing collection from wedding parties in the 1940's, Baird's Tavern will show the Benedict collection, the 1810 House will feature a working exhibit of the society's archive collection, while the Ketchum House and 1810 Herb Wheel Garden will showcase the boxwood gardens.

If you have not visited your society's buildings in recent years please take the time to experience one of the major reasons Warwick is the great place it is to live. The tours are free, and donations are always accepted and appreciated. For more information, please check out the web site at www.warwickhistoricalsociety.org. or call 845-986-3236.

SOCIETY ON THE MOVE

Michael Bertolini, curator, started implementing the Board of Trustees' decision to reorganize the collection of decorative accessories by showcasing Baird's Tavern as it might have looked when Francis Baird served as its proprietor. On June 19, Elizabeth Skinner, Dan Tobin and Jeremy Vogt moved various pieces of furniture dating back to the early 1700's from the 1810 House and the Shingle House. Bill Bartsch and Michael Bertolini gave excellent lessons in moving the fragile pieces. This summer the tavern will house the Benedict collection, given by Tom and Joan Frangos in 2006. A pad-foot mahogany table brought from Connecticut in 1740 by Elder Benedict is part of this collection. Thanks, Joan and Tom, for sharing this important collection with the society.

FUN SCAVENGER HUNT!

Wednesday, July 18, 10:00 am –Teens (ages 12-18) will form teams to search (on foot) throughout the village for answers to clues. Cool prizes will be awarded to all finishers! Graciously co-sponsored by the Albert Wisner Library and the Warwick Historical Society. The scavenger hunt begins at the Albert Wisner Library and ends at Lewis Park.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

Kurt and Karen Emmerich, Debbie and Bill Iurato, Peter Kohlberger, Anna and Harold Wilson, Gene White, and Jim and Patty O'Conner working together served up a tasting menu of wines and cheeses for all who attended the June 3rd afternoon event. Spring Street Market and Peck's Wine and Spirits generously gave to the cause, bringing in a hefty profit for the society. Please support these businesses with your shopping needs.

THE COSTUME COLLECTION HAS ASSEMBLED A WEDDING PARTY

for exhibition at the Old School Baptist Meeting House for the July, August and September museum open days.

Last winter Nancy Hoverman donated a large number of mid-twentieth century clothes of her mother's, Ella Brechlin, to the society, which included a 1947 wedding dress and veil designed by the renowned New York designer Ceil Chapman. It seemed to the costume committee that the design of other dresses in the donation suggested mother-of-the-bride, flower girl and attendant dresses. Michael Bertolini recommended we display an army uniform for the groom's attire and Warren McFarland agreed to loan his World War II uniform, which he wore in the 2007 Memorial Day parade.

THE GIFT SHOP AT BAIRD'S TAVERN

will be open this summer - Tuesdays 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Wednesdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Baird's Tavern Christmas ornament, the next in our series, will be ready for purchase July 3. Justine Spaulding has joined the staff in the gift shop. Please call the office if you would like to play storekeeper and help bring in some much-needed revenue for the society. Remember the gift shop has in stock "Days Gone By," Warwick note cards, and many forgotten treasures.

Please note Dolores Simon kept the gift shop open this past winter, which was wonderfully profitable. More importantly, she became our resident editor and works on all the publications that go out from the society. Her talents have allowed the society to move forward in a professional manner that few volunteer organizations ever achieve. Thank you Dolores, you are greatly appreciated.

SOCIETY YARD SALE

On Saturday, September 22, the society will host its second annual yard sale at Baird's Tavern from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Do you have something in your attic that would fetch a good price at this year's sale? Starting Saturday, September 1, we will be accepting gently used decorative items, tools, vintage clothing and accessories (prior to 1967) and old books at the education center. Items should be clean and in good repair. If you have questions, please call the office at 986-3236 and Candy Ahrenholz will get back to you. All proceeds from this sale will support the education fund.

Membership Form

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Please circle

Spouse or Partner: Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

Select your membership level:

Student	\$10
Individual	\$ 25 to \$ 49
Household/Dual	\$ 50 to \$ 99
Senior Individual (65 plus)	\$ 20 to \$ 39
Senior Household	\$ 40 to \$ 99
Business	\$ 100 or higher
Contributor	\$ 100 to \$ 249
Donor	\$ 250 to \$ 499
Patron	\$ 500 to \$ 999
Benefactor	\$ 10,000 or higher

- Enclosed is a check made out to
The Historical Society of the Town of Warwick
- Please charge my membership to my Visa or Master Card account

Account # _____ Expiration Date _____ V-Code (3 digit) _____

Signature _____



Photograph from
Warwick Historical Society Archive Collection
"Warwick Band to Appear on Radio Show,"
C. 1933-34

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST GEORGE WASHINGTON DAY

July 28, starting at 5:00 pm. – This year's George Washington Day will be in celebration of the Warwick Historical Society. Starting with the dedication of the education center at Baird's Tavern, there will be a brief lecture on Francis Baird, ribbon cutting ceremony, docent-conducted tours of Baird's Tavern, a parade to commemorate the Revolutionary soldiers from Warwick, and a community covered-dish supper in Lewis Park. Family activities will take place in the park from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Mark this on your calendar and bring your favorite covered dish to share. The society will provide paper products and soft drinks.

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Marina Alario, Jane Glazman, Jane Gyulavary, Jo Hull and Debbie Kennedy are planning the perfect evening for Warwickians on August 25. Together they have come up with several surprises that will be revealed in the next newsletter. You are not going to want to miss this event. Mark your calendar and get your dancing shoes ready. This is going to be fun!

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