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May, 2013 Newsletter

Very interesting program last Sunday by Michael Day of the Barkhamsted Historical Society on "The One Room Schoolhouse: What Was It Really Like?" I couldn't believe how much specific, statistical information he has collected on our and other one room schoolhouses. Good program.

Unfortunately our program scheduled for Monday, May 6, had to be cancelled as the result of our speaker's hospitalization.

We plan to clean the barn museum and schoolhouse on Saturday, May 11, @ 9:30. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you there.

The Super Saturday Jamboree is on May 18 starting at 9:30. We will set up like last year, selling our books and other items. Later in the day, from 4:30 to 6:30, the Westside fire department will hold their annual roast beef dinner at the school. We plan to open the schoolhouse and barn museum for tours at that time. Last year we had four couples available. While two couples covered the tour the others went for dinner and then switched. We had 25 people or so take the tour. Let me know if you're available for either event.

Upcoming Events

MAY11@9:00

Clean School & Barn

MAY18@9:30

Super Saturday

MAY18@4:30

Westside RB Dinner

MAY20@6:30

BOD@6:30@SH

MAY27@2:00

Parade

MAY31@9:30

2nd Grade Tour of
School & Barn

I am planning to hold a Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 20, at 6:30 PM at the Skinner House. I hope to get our StEPS-CT mentor, Sarah Griswold to speak to us about our involvement in the program. Regular members are always welcome at BOD meetings. This one might be a good one to attend.

The society will once again honor the Harwinton Outstanding Citizen in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 at 2:00 PM. This year's recipient is Town and HHS Historian, Roger Plaskett.

On Friday, May 31 our schoolhouse and barn museum will be open for the annual 2nd grade tour of the facilities. We have enough schoolhouse help. Let Dennis know if you're interested in covering the barn.

We are looking for someone to do the labor on stripping and reroofing the outhouse behind the one-room schoolhouse with cedar shingles, which the historical society will supply. It needs to be done this summer or any time before that when school is not in session. Contact Building Supervisor Dennis Andrews if you're interested and available.

At our April BOD meeting we discussed expanding and enhancing our fundraising opportunity at the Harwinton Fair Country Store. We have thousands of people passing through and not enough country store items to sell. We are asking people to start now to prepare saleable crafts and jams and sauces and canned goodies to benefit the society. Get a group together. We are also looking into purchasing jams and sauces and other saleable items wholesale. If you know local sources for saleable goods please let me know. Of course our profit margin will be much less on purchased items as opposed to homemade or handmade items.

Thank you all for your support.

Dick