

The Historical Society of Smithfield Inc.
Smith-Appleby House Museum
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September 2009 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

Please join us on Thursday, **September 10, at 6:30 pm**, for our Annual Members Meeting and election of officers.

On August 8, we hosted an Ice Cream Social on the grounds, but also recognized the life, and contributions of Mary Mowry, who passed away last year. The Smithfield Conservation Commission planted an American beech tree in her honor. Members of the Historical Society of Smithfield, and members of the Smithfield Land Trust were there to honor Mary's memory.

On September 19 & 20, we will be hosting a Revolutionary War Encampment on the grounds, from 10:00 – 4:00. This event is free to the public. On September 20, we will be hosting an Apple Social from 1:00 – 4:00. If you are an apple pie baker we would really appreciate your contributing a pie or two. We would also appreciate any form of apple dessert that you enjoy making – upside down cake, apple Betty, crumble, crisp etc. Everyone enjoys a good selection! The old saying, “many hands make light work” really holds true. Please call me at 401 233-2679 (home) if you can volunteer to bake, and or serve up the desserts.

Just recently we have been delighted to see several young volunteers working with the Smithfield Conservation Commission contributing some labor hours on the grounds. John Chakuroff, Tyler Bean, Mike Pare, Fallon Issler and Ryan Whilten helped to trim branches, and grass along the brook and outside of the main house. Other work was done to clear brush at the top of the property, and excess soil was removed at the base of the tree planted in Mary Mowry's honor, by Fallon Issler and Rhianan Jones. Also responding to a call for volunteers are Eva Bleyer and Theresa Lorencovitz. Aubrie Savickas has also given graciously of her time, and has completed entering our collection of archive documents into a database.

Other work recently completed was the faux painting of the foyer, by Christine Hannon, of Hannon Art Works. Christine very kindly donated her time to create a faux marbleized look to the floor, complementing the stenciled floor in the best parlor. We were also grateful to receive a wonderful collection of newspaper clippings regarding Smithfield, from the early 1930's and 40's. Dorothy Reynolds, who donated the collection, is a long time Historical Society Member and was also a frequent visitor at Miss Myra Appleby's house.

If you have access to a computer, you will be able to see pictures of our volunteers in action, on our web site: www.smithapplebyhouse.org in the section regarding newsletters. Once again, please join us on **September 10, at 6:30 pm**, for our annual membership meeting.

Sincerely,

Maggie Botelho
Treasurer