

The Historical Society of Smithfield Inc.
Smith-Appleby House Museum
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September 2008 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Fellow Members:

Please join us at the Smith-Appleby House on Thursday, September 25th, at 6:30 for the annual meeting. Your membership dues must be paid in order to vote.

Our 35th Annual May Breakfast has now taken its place in history. This year was a little different from the last four years, in that we did not have a busload of guests provided by the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. Our 11:00 am seating was sold out, but we only had 40 people for the 9:00 am seating. However, one of the guests made a \$100.00 donation, and that certainly offset any reduction in attendees.

On May 31st, we were honored to see the wedding of Ms. Tara Meenan on the grounds. Tara is the daughter of fellow members Jodi and Pat Meenan. Tara was an active volunteer as a very young lady, helping at several of the Socials. We were delighted that Tara chose to celebrate her special day at the site.

On June 3rd we provided a banquet for the ladies of the Greenville Baptist Church. This was the third year in a row that we have prepared their annual celebratory dinner.

On June 18th students of the Ana McCabe School held their school end of year party and field trip at the site. The children played Colonial games, and had a wonderful day of play while reliving history. You may have seen an article and photograph of the children if you live in Smithfield, and receive Your Smithfield Magazine.

On August 23rd & 24th, we hosted Militia Days on the grounds of the museum. The participating units were: 2nd Regt – Albany Co. Militia, Schenectady, NY, Rehoboth Militia, Gloucester Light Infantry, R.I.M. Field Music, Captain Tew's Company of Col. Angells Regiment, and the 9th Mass. We had a very good turnout, with a great many children trying their hand at marching with the militia, writing with a quill pen, playing Jacob's ladder and other games. Two of our newest members, Miss Keri Dyer, and Miss Fallon Issler instructed the children. Keri and Fallon, along with Nicholas Kelley helped with general yard work this summer, as part of their community service requirement for school.

Our two remaining events this year are the Colonial Dinner in November, and the Christmas Celebration. If you are receiving this newsletter via the post office mail, you will notice the photograph on the front of the rack card, which shows Sidney Merton Appleby, Myra Appleby's father. The same cover art was used on the Images of America Smithfield book, from Arcadia Press. Fellow member Jim Ignasher, and his associates Bill Pilkington and Ken Brown Sr., collaborated on the writing of the book.

The end of August marks the requirement of an election of new officers. We are currently seeking individuals interested in the following positions:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary
Standing Committee Chairpersons Positions are: Programs, Curator, Buildings & Grounds, History, Publicity, Membership and Ways & Means

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Not all membership dues have been collected for the 2007-2008 year, so if you see a red dot on your address label, it means our records show we have not received your membership dues (\$20.00 family,

\$10.00 individual) for the past year. To remain a supporter for the upcoming year, we will be collecting dues for the 2008-2009-membership year. Your show of support is valued more than can be expressed.

This newsletter is also published on our web site www.smithapplebyhouse.org. To receive notification of a newsletter posting, please provide me with your email address, (smithappleby@aol.com) you will be notified when a newsletter is posted.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon, and hope you will attend the membership meeting.

Sincerely,

Maggie Botelho