



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWS & NOTES

September 1988

PROGRAMS

Historical Society meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Meeting Room of the Portland Library. Members with ideas for programs should contact Harold Krieger.

September 27 - Lynnette Milleville will discuss training dogs to herd sheep and she will show slides of methods of shepherding used in Scotland.

October 25 - Program to be announced.

November - Meeting tentatively planned for November 16th so as not to conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday. The program will be our annual Pot-Luck Dinner and installation of officers. Notice will be made in the newspaper.

December - Program to be announced.

FOR SALE

Copies of the 1976 History of Portland will be on sale at the September meeting for \$3.00 each. There are not many of these booklets left; after the meeting they will be on sale at the Portland Public Library.

Dorothy Robinson is selling notepads with historic sketches of Portland. In addition, she still has some of the placemats available. These placemats have sketches of Portland landmarks and may be purchased with or without lamination. The above items make ideal holiday gifts.

The 1989 Calendar Committee is putting the finishing touches on the 1989 Historical Society Calendars. This project is our largest means of income and we hope all members will support the efforts of the Committee by purchasing at least one calendar - they also make nice gifts! A few 1985 and 1988 calendars are still available by contacting Herb Ellsworth. Please keep us in mind if you have interesting old photos that we could have copied for next year's calendar.

PICNIC

The exchange picnic with the Chatham Historical Society in July at the Firemen's Picnic Grounds was enjoyed by all sixty-one people in attendance. Our thanks to the Chatham Society for joining us and entertaining us with stories about the renovation of their old schoolhouse.

OFFICERS

Members interested in serving as Treasurer or Membership Chairman next year should contact Rick Gildersleeve, President, as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

At last count we had approximately 310 members. New members are always welcome so come to our meetings and bring a friend!

MUSEUM ROOM

The Museum Room at the Portland Library is open for browsing on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. or by appointment. Members are needed to serve as monitors during these times. Please volunteer. It is interesting talking to visitors about the items that are on display. Suggestions for running the Museum Room are welcome.

COOKBOOK

The Society is still looking for a Chairman/Co-Chairmen for the proposed Cookbook. Some recipes have been collected from members and are on file in the Museum Room. Any volunteers?

MEMORIAL FUND BOOK

The Society has a Memorial Fund Book in which are listed members who have donated funds to the Society as a memorial to a loved one. These donations are kept in a separate account to be used for the purchase or restoration of a home for the Historical Society.

DEDICATION

Watch for an announcement in the newspaper about the dedication of a plaque due to be installed later this month at the site of the First Episcopal Meeting House and Church at the corner of High and Bartlett Streets.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings!

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