

Fitchburg Historical Society

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

You saw it "before"---now you can see it "after." As part of our first fall meeting we will take a look at the renovated "Dogtown Schoolhouse."

Last year the Fish Hatchery Schoolhouse, a.k.a. the Dogtown Schoolhouse, was moved from the McKee property to the Gorman property on Whalen Road. Kevin and Gary Gorman intended to restore the structure and have now completed the bulk of the task.

Since so many others are returning to school this time of year, we felt it was a perfect time for the Historical Society to do the same. Many of us have been looking forward to the first look at the restored structure.

We will meet at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, consolidate our numbers into as few cars as possible and make the trip to the schoolhouse.

The Gormans have worked diligently on both the exterior and the interior of the building and our visit promises to be a bit like stepping back in time. The Gormans will tell us some of the renovation tales that go along with such a restoration task as well.

In talking to Marilee Gorman, it appears there is one detail they are still missing, and it is something we may be able to supply. During their research they found conflicting dates as to when the schoolhouse was originally constructed and they are appealing to Historical Society members for help. Does anyone know when the Fish Hatchery Schoolhouse was built at the Dellvue hill location? Perhaps with some research and a bit of reminiscing we can supply this missing detail.

Following our visit to the schoolhouse, we will return to the Greenfield Room at the Community Center for a brief business meeting, refreshments and conversation.

Join us when we "go back to school" on Wednesday, September 12.



IN MEMORY

We are sorry to note the passing of Margaret Eby, a valued Historical Society member and former member of the Board of Directors. Margaret's dedication and insight will be missed by us all.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITY

Yes, we are selling things again---the State Historical Society has offered us a deal on their 1991 calendars that we just could not refuse.

The Fitchburg Historical Society will be selling State Historical Society calendars for \$6.95 each.

If you are familiar with the State Historical Society calendars you know they are top quality publications that combine historic photos and information in an attractive format. This year they have returned to the appointment book style for their 1991 calendars because the style proved to be so popular.

Approximately half of the sale price will remain in our treasury. Calendars will be available through January and would make excellent Christmas gifts. We hope to have the calendars available at our September meeting.

Because this is our first attempt at selling the calendars, we are being cautious and only purchased 100 for re-sale.

Please contact Patricia Delker at 275-7141 or 273-2179 if you would like to purchase one or more calendars, or if you think you might be able to sell a few to friends.

Don't miss this opportunity to keep track of your own future events while learning about Wisconsin's past.



LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Are you interested in serving on the Landmark Preservation Commission? The Historic Preservation Ordinance, passed by the City Council in May, calls for the appointment of this five person Commission to review and recommend historical designations in Fitchburg.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Fitchburg City Hall - 275-7141.





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DISPLAY SCHEDULE

Following lengthy discussion at the August 8 Board of Directors meeting, the Board settled on a schedule of exhibits for the display area in the Community Center.

Beginning in September and running through October, the subject will be "Containers." We realize this is quite a wide open topic, but it should provide the opportunity for an interesting and varied exhibit. We are looking for containers from our members to use in the display---like old gathering baskets, bottles, tins, boxes, feed sacks, etc. If you have an item you could loan for the exhibit, bring it and a brief history of the container to the meeting on Sept. 12. If you can not get to the meeting, please call Connie Darling at 274-5375 or Patricia. We would like to be able to put most of the exhibit together immediately after the September meeting.

Our goal is to provide 4-5 displays in a year. Some displays will utilize the entire display area, while others will be smaller presentations. Other plans on our schedule are listed below:

Nov.'90-mid Jan.'91 - Winter Activities
Mid Jan. - Feb.'91 - Old Valentines
March - April '91 - Open (probably a personal collection from a member. Any suggestions?)
May - August '91 - Weddings

For each of these displays we are counting on our members for items to add to the exhibit. Do you have items that are examples of winter activities---ice skates, sleds, old winter apparel? We know some of you have old Valentines that have been saved over the years. For the wedding display we hope to present three wedding dresses; one from the turn of the century, one from the 20's-30's and one from the 50's. These we plan to combine with wedding pictures of Fitchburg families.

Our goal is to make the displays more than historical artifacts; we want each to have a Fitchburg flavor.



DO YOU KNOW?

The photograph above was among many we received last spring from Mrs. Walter Uphoff. A great number of photos and a scrapbook were found in the attic of the Uphoff house on C.T.H. "MM" and we have no way to identify most of the pictures. Many of the photos may be of the Murphy family who had lived in the house and in the Fitchburg/Oregon area. Can anyone identify the woman in this photo?

We will have the other photos available at the September 12 general meeting in hopes that someone will be able to give us some clues to begin the identification process.

