



Diamond Hill News

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President's Statement January 2012

While 2011 seemed like a quiet year on Diamond Hill, there were actually several meaningful events. The most significant item of 2011 was that we finally realized we are not able to maintain the gardens on our own. The DHHS Board, with the assistance of Lou Kibby and Mark Little, secured estimates, the Membership voted, and once again the gardens will be maintained monthly by a professional landscaping firm.

The Candlelight Tour was canceled this year, and I believe this was a positive thing. Members are weary and I believe at this time, Diamond Hill is overexposed. A break will give us all a breather and an opportunity to create excitement in the community.

We had successful clean ups this year and will continue to explore ways to get more members to join us in the work, fun and camaraderie.

The 2012 Calendar arrived earlier this year and that did not seem to increase sales. The calendar is beautiful and well received, however I feel that the sales have been hampered by the economy. The Ghost Walk by the Lynchburg Historic Foundation, was a great success! We were able to provide 50% of the volunteers and snacks, which garnered us 50% of the ticket sales. We received over \$1100 and many compliments from the participants.

Our Membership Chairman, Luther White spent a great deal of time researching Diamond Hill property owners and our past membership rosters. He, together with Kat Becker and Jean Hannon, put together a beautiful mailer. Mailed out the beginning of November, I believe it has garnered us several new members.

In June we had a wonderful June Social, weather even cooperated and in December we had a wonderful Christmas Brunch after our membership meeting.

We were all very happy when the duplex, 613-615 Washington Street was purchased from the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Work soon began and the sagging roof was shored up. However, our joy was short lived as the owners defaulted and the duplex reverted back to the Housing Authority.

Hopefully, 2012 will bring a new owner who will stick with the renovations.

We have new residents in the neighborhood, (please refer to our newsletters for exact names) and we are looking forward to new memberships and participation. Non-resident owners and uninhabited houses continue to be a concern for all of us.

For 2012, I recommend the New Officers and Board consider the following. I believe that Diamond Hill Historical Society needs to recommit itself to the founding principal of promoting

Historic Preservation and Restoration. Every activity, needs to answer the question, "Does this meet our mission?"

Since it has been determined that the urn on Grace Street cannot be moved, we should explore and begin to beautify the urn and area around it. I realize that the houses behind it offer us a challenge, but this can be addressed in any solution that is considered.

I also believe that fundraising activities should continue to be suspended. Our members are tired of this activity. This is not to say that we should not find events to open our neighborhood and even homes, however these should be activities which serve to promote our mission. Any fees charged would be only to recoup expenses.

The Board should also develop and implement new avenues to increase not only membership but participation. In all of our activities for 2011 were staffed by the same core group of members. We need to find new and exciting ways to engage members, making DHHS more relevant and the meetings more than a defacto business meeting. I suggest we explore using new sources of media and expanding the ones that we already use. I also recommend that we return to acknowledging the births, deaths, graduations and weddings that occur in our neighborhood families with a card. I believe that this will help in establishing and strengthening connections to Diamond Hill Historical Society.

I also recommend that we continue the December Brunch in addition to the June Social.



Katheryn M. Brown
President
Diamond Hill Historical Society
2010-2011

Endowment Fund

DHHS new president, Julie Neighbors, has appointed new leadership to the Endowment Fund: Jim Carrington, Mark Little, Katheryn Brown, and Todd Leap.

On behalf of DHHS we express our appreciation to Jeff Schneider, Jean Hannon, Patt Gatti and Jim Carrington who have served for several years in the Endowment Committee.

City Department Changes Name

The City of Lynchburg's Department of Utilities has officially changed its name to Department of Water Resources. The change was made for several reasons including the opportunity to have the name fully reflect the range of the department's services. It is also hoped that the new name will help citizens begin to understand the exceptional resource the City has in its water supply and in the services that are provided. According to Tim Mitchell, Director of Water Resources, the change in name does not mean a change in the quality of its services. "We pride ourselves on having been recognized both statewide and nationally for the quality of services we provide. Our customers rely on those services on a daily basis, and we will continue to do all that we can to ensure that the quality remains the same or better."

The Department of Water Resources is responsible for water, wastewater and stormwater services. In December 2011, City Council voted to create a stormwater utility and enterprise fund to handle the ever increasing regulations and associated services. For information, contact the Department of Water Resources (Utilities) at 455-4250.

Change to the Membership Quorum

DHHS Board of Directors has proposed a change to paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings of Diamond Hill Historical Society Articles of Incorporation to be voted on in the April membership meeting:

Paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings **currently reads: Thirty percent** of the voting membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum, with the following exceptions: Fifty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

Paragraph 4, Article VIII: Meetings **proposed change: Twenty-five percent** of the voting membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum, with the following exceptions: Fifty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Meeting.

Theodore A. Trevey

Theodore A. Trevey, 82, of Lynchburg passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Born July 29, 1929 in Lynchburg he was a son of the late Robert Francis Trevey and Bessie Foster Trevey. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Jim, John, Sam, Bill and twin brother, Tom and his sisters, Nannie, Bessie, Hazel and Dorothy.

Ted was retired from Simplimatic Engineering with 25 years of service and attended Forest Road United Methodist Church. He was a world traveler who made many friends in numerous foreign countries. He started traveling the world soon after graduating E.C. Glass High School and went to Europe throughout every year, sometimes two and three times a year. One of his greatest pleasures in life was sharing his European adventures by taking family and friends with him.

Ted amazed many people with his knowledge of Lynchburg history and people would come away knowing something about Lynchburg they never knew before. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He leaves to cherish his memory a very special friend, Billy DeHart and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on January 13, 2012 at Heritage Funeral Service 427 Graves Mill Rd. and other times at the home of his niece, Patricia Childress 1005 Oakmont Circle Lynchburg.

A graveside service was conducted at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 14, 2012 in Spring Hill Cemetery by the Rev. Dr. J. Monty Fox. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Ted Trevey to Lynchburg Museum System, P.O. Box 529, Lynchburg, VA 24505 or Old City Cemetery, 401 Taylor Street, Lynchburg, VA 24501. Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 Graves Mill Rd. (434) 239-2405 assisted the family. Memories and thoughts may be shared with the family at: www.heritagefuneralandcremation.com.

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Endowment Fund: Jim Carrington
Parliamentarian: Pat Gatti

Meetings

Business meetings are usually held at 7:30 p.m. on first Tuesdays of each month except June, July and August. Owners of properties in the Diamond Hill Historic District and others interested in supporting historic preservation are welcome to attend.

Membership

Annual dues for Active Members are \$10.00 per person and the initiation fee is \$5.00 (first year). Active Membership is limited to adult members of households owning Diamond Hill property. Annual dues for Associate Members are \$10 per person (no initiation fee). All members receive this newsletter at no charge. Newsletter subscriptions for non-members are \$5.00 per year.

Publisher's Statement

The Diamond Hill Historical Society (DHHS) is a nonprofit historic preservation organization approved under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Its purpose is to preserve and encourage—through the fostering of education, research and restoration—the historical and architectural integrity of the Diamond Hill Historic District. DHHS was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia February 22, 1979. Views expressed in the *Diamond Hill News* do not necessarily reflect the position of DHHS or its officers and directors.

Apples and Onions from Your President!!

I would like to thank our past president Katheryn Brown, the Past DHHS Board of Directors and Diamond Hill neighbors/residents for your diligent efforts to make the Diamond Hill District a wonderful place to live. Many of us have lived here for what seems like a lifetime. We have bonded together through our common goals to preserve the historical character of our neighborhood, and take pride in the beauty of our neighborhood. However, the dynamics are changing with strained economic times. Diamond Hill Historical Society will work hard to maintain, and to continue to make this area a warm and friendly place to raise our children, share our lives, and grow old together.

We have gotten this year off to a good start. We have a vast wealth of knowledge and common goals in the Board of Directors of Diamond Hill Historical Society. We are working on getting the budget together, and have tried to plan some exciting activities for members this year, during our monthly meetings. Please take time to read our newsletter online. If you need a paper copy please mention that to any board member at a regular meeting.

Please be mindful that even though it is winter, we still have a lot tourist traffic moving through the neighborhood at any given time. It is important for the character of our neighborhood, and the safety of our neighbors, and people passing through, to keep sidewalks clear of debris, and tree lawns and yards tidy. Please grab a bag when taking your favorite furry friend for his/her daily "waltz and sniff," and pick up any trash you may see. Every little bit helps!

Julie Neighbors
DHHS President



Thanks for the Good Job!

On behalf of the Diamond Hill Historical Society, we would like to thank the following officers and directors who served our organization during 2011:

- ◆ President: Katheryn M Brown
- ◆ Vice-President: Mark Little
- ◆ Recording Secretary: Luther White
- ◆ Membership Sec: Julie Kibby
- ◆ Treasurer: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Historian: Julianna K. Neighbors
- ◆ Director 2010-11: L. Robert Halpin
- ◆ Director 2010-11: Patrick Gatti
- ◆ Director 2010-11: Louis Kibby
- ◆ Director 2010-11: Josiani Alvarenga

We also would like to extend our appreciation to all Committee Chairpersons and volunteers who made the activities during 2011 possible.

Officers & Directors elected

Our thanks to the following officers and directors who will be serving our organization this year:

- ◆ President: Julianna K. Neighbors
- ◆ Vice-President: Ray Pulliam
- ◆ Recording Sec: L. Robert Halpin
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- ◆ Director 12-13: Katheryn Brown

Ted A. Trevey

Ted was well known to many of our members—and a close friend of Billy Dehart.

Over the years, Ted has helped DHHS many times—particularly during our fund-raisers—and has offered good advice many times. Ted enjoyed traveling—especially to Europe and collected many pieces of artwork.

Ted's health has declined steadily during the past several years and he finally moved to a care facility. His furniture and collections were recently offered for sale by Gladwell Associates.

Cleopatra and the Art of Ancient Alexandria

"Cleopatra and the Art of Ancient Alexandria" at the Lynchburg Public Library Centuries after her death, the legend of Cleopatra, "Queen of the Nile," still fascinates the world. Mythologized by Hollywood, the facts of her beauty, infamous love life and death remain a puzzle for historians. The Virginia Museum's nearly life-size sculpture as well as its ancient Greco-Roman portrait coin of Cleopatra are but two examples of today's fascination with the Queen of the Nile and last of the Ptolemaic rulers and her famous city. Uncover the real Cleopatra at the Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue on Thursday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon in the Community Meeting Room. The program, entitled "Cleopatra and the Art of Ancient Alexandria," will feature local art historian, Dr. Mary Sweeney Ellett, who currently teaches Art History part-time as a Speaker for the Arts for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts based in Richmond.

Dr. Ellett will address long-held questions: Who was Cleopatra? Was she really that beautiful? What about ancient Alexandria, now a lost city? You don't need to brush up on your hieroglyphics to enjoy renewing your acquaintance with a fascinating woman and an equally fascinating city.

Dr. Ellett is well known throughout Lynchburg for her interesting and informative presentations and recently completed her 18th year of conducting the popular ArTalks series of lectures in Lynchburg. Dr. Ellett is retired from Randolph-Macon Woman's College where she also directed the Adult Degree Program. She earned her undergraduate degree (English and Psychology) at R-MWC, returning there later for another major in Art History before earning her Master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia.

The talk will be followed by a question and answer session. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 455-6310.

Happy Valentine !

A Fun Trip Planned by DAR

The Poplar Forest Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution is planning a bus trip to the Abingdon area on March 27-28. The trip outline looks like this:

The bus leaves the Old Forest Road Kroger parking lot at 7:30 on the morning of March 27. Permission has been given to park your cars there. After leaving Kroger in Lynchburg, the bus goes directly to Abingdon arriving around 11am where all are free for lunch. There are six dining options in downtown Abingdon all within walking distance of the Martha Washington Inn. After lunch, the tour goes to the Muster Grounds for a guided tour, etc.; then it's back on the buss to return to the Inn around 3 p.m. After a buffet dinner at the Inn, we will attend the play "Nine to Five," a light-hearted production, at the Barter Theatre.

The next morning after breakfast at the Inn, we will leave for Smithfield Plantation which is on the campus of Virginia Tech. There we have a guided tour and lunch. After lunch we return to Lynchburg in late afternoon. The fee of \$555.00 for two people is all inclusive – bus transportation, one nights stay at the Martha Washington Inn, a buffet dinner Tuesday night, and breakfast Wednesday morning as well as lunch at Smithfield Plantation. You are on your own for lunch upon arrival at Abington.

2012 DHHS Membership Meeting

Month	Hosts	Location
February	Julie and Vernon Neighbors	602 Washington Street
March	Ray Pulliam	507 13 th Street
April	Sally and Jeff Schneider	307 Washington Street
May	Mary Kathryn and William McIntosh	700 Pearl Street
June Social	Jean and Ted Hannon	708 Pearl Street
September	Josi Alvarenga	1421 Harrison Street
October	Fran and Rad Briley	416-418 Washington Street
November	Martha and Ray Stokes	305 Washington Street
December Brunch	Mark Little and Todd Leap	618 Pearl Street

If you are traveling solo the fee structure is different as the hotel does not reduce the rate for a single person. You can get more details pertaining to this by calling Martha Stokes.

Your check to reserve your spot on the bus must be addressed to the Poplar Forest Chapter DAR and mailed to:

M r s . O t t e r P l a c e
 Lynchburg, Virginia 24503-3205
Spaces are limited, so please reserve yours promptly. It will be a pleasure to have you join us!

If you have further questions, call Martha Stokes at 434-846-7452.

Feb. Meeting

Tue., Feb. 7th
7:30 pm.

at the

Stabler-Bocock-Watts House
(1852)
 602 Washington St

Hosts: Julie and Vernon Neighbors

