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1420 Madison Street John M. Moore House (1910)

When Julie and Lou Kibby moved from California into their new beautiful home on Diamond Hill they had no idea their porch roof needed so much work. The railings were damaged and the roof had to be replaced. When the roof was redone the Kibbys also replaced the railings. The lumber was purchased at Grayson Ferguson Woodworking. Mr. Ferguson also helped with a list of materials and drawing plans. Lou Kibby mill the wood at Grayson Ferguson shop. During the winter months Lou and Julie worked on the columns in their basement. In the spring Lou attached the columns and railings one section at the time. The entire project took about 6 months to be completed.

The above pictures show the roof of the porch along with the rotted wood before it was replaced. Pictures on the left show the roof, columns, balustrade and railings after the work was finished.

Grayson Ferguson Woodworking is known for handcrafted wood furniture, cabinetry and wide plank flooring. Their office is located at 2920 Sackett Street, Lynchburg VA 24502. Phone number 434-528-3406.



*Happy
New Year!*

Election of Officers & Directors

Our nominating committee will present the following slate of officers and directors at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 4:

- ◆ President: Katheryn M Brown
- ◆ Vice-President: Mark Little
- ◆ Recording Sec: Julie Kibby
- ◆ Membership Sec: Mary Kathryn McIntosh
- ◆ Treasurer: Jean Hannon
- ◆ Historian: Julianna K. Neighbors
- ◆ Director 2010-11: Patrick H. Gatti
- ◆ Director 2010-11: L. Robert Halpin
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Josie Alvarenga
- ◆ Director 2011-12: Lou Kibby

The election will be held during the DHHS Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011. Our sincere thanks to our nominating committee for their work: chairperson Julie Neighbors, Mark Little and Katheryn M Brown.

2011 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Diamond Hill Historical Society will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the home of George and Jane Dooley, 508 Washington Street at 7:30 p.m. In addition to the usual business, the Annual Meeting provides for the election of officers and directors and the presentation of annual reports by the President, Treasurer and other officers or committees.

We would like to remind members that DHHS Bylaws state: "To qualify to vote at the Annual Meeting, an Active Member's dues must be paid on or before January 1 of that year. After January 1, dues will not be accepted until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting."

Dues can be mailed to: Diamond Hill Historic Society, P. O. Box 803, Lynchburg VA 24505.

Hosts needed for 2011

At our Annual Meeting in January, members will be asked to sign up to host one of our membership meetings during 2011. A huge **THANK YOU** to those families who hosted our meetings during 2010! If you're able to host a meeting, please volunteer. A list of meeting dates and sites will appear in our February issue.

January Events

Point of Honor

Daily Tours
Monday–Saturday, 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
Sunday, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Personalized tours given on the half hour.
Please call ahead during inclement weather to verify hours of operation.
(434) 455.6226 or (434) 847.1867

Lynchburg Museum System

January 21
6pm - 11pm, \$20 per child
Kids Night at the Museum -
Kids ages 7-12 participate in scavenger hunts and living history, interact with nocturnal animals from the Nature Zone, create night vision art, and end with pizza and a movie .

LHF Annual Meeting

The Lynchburg Historical Foundation's annual meeting will be held Jan. 13 at First Presbyterian Church on VES Road. The evening's events begin with a reception at 7:00 pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:30 pm.

Guest Speaker:

Mary Kathryn McIntosh
Tokens of Love – Or, How Sweet It Is
Learn about verse books, vinegar valentines and the German American printing trade of the nineteenth century. You will see some of the best nineteenth century through photographs and actual examples.

Jon and Josie Alvarenga will be one of the recipients for the 2010 Merit Award.

Parking can be found by driving around the left side of the church to the rear parking lot. Enter via the parking lot entrance.

DH properties for sale

- ◆ 1301 Clay Street
- ◆ 607 Pearl Street
- ◆ 1301 Madison Street
- ◆ 1311 Madison Street
- ◆ 1600 Opal Street
- ◆ 503 Washington Street
- ◆ 517 Washington Street
- ◆ 515 13th Street

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Committee Chairpersons

Neighborhood Beautification: Robert Eugeni
June Social: Jean Hannon
Tours: Julianna K. Neighbors
Website: Mari White Smallshaw
Newsletter: Josie Alvarenga
Neighborhood Watch: L. Robert Halpin
Children's Activities: Mari Smallshaw
Auditor: Todd Leap
Endowment Fund: Jeffery Schneider
Parliamentarian: Julie Kibby

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.

Cold Snap: Weatherizing for Winter. Is your home ready?

When done properly, simple weatherization projects can save you big dollars on your heating bills. These tips will help you save energy without costing an arm and a leg or requiring that you alter – or throw out – the character-defining elements of your home. Planning more extensive projects? Check out our contractor map to locate old-building-friendly professionals in our area.

Start with an Audit – The Good Kind Weatherization is a "whole house" approach that equips your home with everything it needs to be more energy efficient. A thorough energy audit is step one in achieving that. Don't fret if you think that sounds intimidating – home energy auditors know best and want to help. Overall, audits aid homeowners in identifying problem areas – big and small – and in setting goals and priorities. Be sure to ask for a blower door test to help determine your home's air tightness. Also, do some research. Many local utility companies and state energy agencies now offer audits for free or at minimal cost to help homeowners target leaks and identify cost effective options for sealing them.

Use Your Building's "Built-In" Assets What's the best type of tip? One that's already done, of course! Older and historic buildings are inherently designed for energy conservation and to respond to different regional environments. For instance, overhanging roofs, porches, awnings, and shutters can provide insulation, while thick walls provide thermal mass and buffering. Large, operable windows provide natural light and promote air circulation, while mature landscaping provides a barrier from the cold. Features like these should be thought of as the "built-in" bonuses of older and historic buildings. All you have to do is recognize and protect them.

Give Your Windows an Energy Boost Add storm windows to help your older windows perform better. As the name suggests, storm windows protect your interior windows from storm damage, serving as a shield and a barrier. More importantly, they provide an additional

layer of insulation from the elements. Today, a lot of options exist for exterior and interior storm windows. Most can be made to fit virtually any window opening and type. Aluminum storm window assemblies are the most common, but vinyl, fiberglass, composites, and wood assemblies are also options. And you don't have to sacrifice style or ease of operation; if you have an unusual window opening or experience difficulty finding a storm window/screen assembly that suits your needs, try a storm window specialty company.

Fix the Problem Up in the Attic

As much as 30% of warm air (the air we want to keep inside during colder seasons) escapes through your attic. Luckily, this is also the place that is, arguably, the easiest and most cost effective to insulate. Ideally, you want your attic space to be the same temperature as the outside. If it gets too warm, you'll waste money heating the outside and you're more likely to have problems with ice dams. It's possible to install insulation yourself, but you might want to hire a professional, especially when handling cellulose- or fiberglass-based products. A professional can also help you achieve proper ventilation. Natural insulation materials such as wood, plant fiber, or wool are recommended for attics because they are breathable.

Keep a Tight "Lid"

Your roof is only one part of the energy efficiency equation. Keeping a tight "lid" on your home is important for blocking out water and moisture infiltration that can quickly lead to costly repairs if left unchecked. Assess your roofing materials and determine if they can make it through another winter. Inspect flashing and other points of entry where water damage can occur and where warm air can escape. Your roof can also be a good indicator for how well your home is doing with energy loss. Consider the melt test: Is snow melting more quickly on your roof compared to other nearby homes? Different patterns of snow melt and the formation of icicles and ice dams might indicate air leaks and inadequate insulation. One quick and easy thing to do is to clean out your gutters to ensure that water can flow off and away from your home.

Check Your Systems Early and Often

It's not unreasonable to want to feel comfortable in your home in the winter without freezing or having to wear multiple layers of clothing. Your older or historic building is going to operate differently than a modern building, so you should take deliberate steps to improve its conditions. First and foremost, make sure you investigate the many low cost and minimally invasive passive heating strategies before opting for a new system. Service your furnace each fall and be sure to change out filters regularly to maximize airflow and the efficiency of your heater. Or, consider a zoned heating system with separate controls for spaces. Installing a programmable thermostat can keep your home warm when you're there and cooler while you're away. Also, close your damper when your fireplace is not in use to avoid major heat loss.

Don't Be a Draft Dodger – Seal Instead

Older and historic homes can be drafty. Luckily, there are easy ways to detect and seal holes and gaps throughout your home. Take advantage of the next cold and/or windy day by going hunting for draft-causing leaks and holes. Consider the smoke test: Use a lit incense stick and note where the smoke travels. If it goes horizontal, you've probably located a source of a leak. Know that the primary culprits are usually ductwork and holes in the attic, around pipes, and at electrical outlets. For even better draft prevention, use weatherstripping along doors and windows to block out the cold and to form tight fitting bonds.

Decorate for the Winter

'Tis the season...for window treatments. From trimming the tree to blinding the neighbors, this time of year is all about decorations. While you're in the spirit of making your home cheery and bright for the holidays, consider a few design choices that will help boost its visual appeal and its energy efficiency. For instance, insulating shades, shutters, heavy blinds, and lined drapes all help your windows perform better by blocking the cold and preventing heat loss.

(Information for this article has been copied from "The National Trust for Historic Preservation" web site.)

Former DH residents died

◆ Jaime Acevedo died during the last week of October. He and his wife were DHHS members and had a bed & breakfast business in the Langhorne-Guggenheimer House at 313 Washington Street.

◆ Holly Runquist's husband, Dr. Runquist, also died in October. They have been living in Fish Creek, WI where he owned a business. Before her marriage to the doctor, Holly owned and lived in the John E. Gannaway Jr. House at 609 Washington Street.

Looking for Entertainment

◆ Renaissance Theatre

December 31 to January 15

"These Two Couples Went to Italy"...

Current ticket prices are: \$17 for regular adult admission; \$15 for seniors and groups of 10 or more, and \$12 for students and children. For more information call (434) 845-4427.

◆ Academy of Fine Arts

Staunton's favorite American Shakespeare Center is coming to Lynchburg! Don't miss "As You Like It" on the Academy stage.

Performances:

January 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$22 Adults, \$19 Seniors

\$11 Students

Neighborhood Beautification

The DHHS president along with the neighborhood beautification committee would like the members to offer suggestions on what they would like to see in the way we handle maintaining the different gardens in the neighborhood.

Your suggestions can vary from how those gardens should be landscaped to landscape service provider. These suggestions will be used in the 2011 planning process.

Suggestions can be sent to the following e-mails:

2011 Neighborhood Beautification Chairman—Lou Kibby—loukibby@live.com

President: Katherine Brown—kmbrown56@gmail.com

Vice-President: Mark Little—mark@baileygreyinc.com

Thank you for your participation!

Scenes of Diamond Hill

The DHHS "Scenes of Diamond Hill" calendar is available for purchase at the Visitors Center and the Craddock Terry Hotel Gift Shop. Thanks to the graphic artist talents of Kathryn Becker, the style of this year's calendar is altogether new and exciting. The price of the calendar is \$13.00 each. These calendars make great gifts for friends and family so please purchase one or more calendars in support of DHHS!

Newsletter articles and mailing list corrections

If you have some news you think our members would find interesting, please send it to:

diamondhill_news@yahoo.com

Mailing list corrections should also be sent to the same e-mail address.



Jan. Meeting

Tues., Jan. 4

7:30 p.m.

at the

Carrington House
(c.1909)

508 Washington St

Hosts: Jane & George Dooley

