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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO EITHER OR BOTH OF TWO MEETINGS ON THE

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY RESULTS.

Circle February 14 and/or 27 (snow date, February 28) on your calendar and reserve them for the Society's informational meetings on the architectural survey at 8 p.m. in the Millburn Public Library. Both meetings will be identical since we want to reach as many people as possible.

Elizabeth Christopherson, Society President, will conduct the meetings with Ann Klemme telling what we actually did and how. Our consultant, David Gibson, will show slides of some of the Township's outstanding buildings and describe the various architectural styles. Fran Land will put it all in perspective with a discussion on the Township's history. This will be followed by a panel composed of residents and representatives from the N. J. Office of Historic Preservation who will talk about what comes next and answer questions.

The survey results show a large number of architecturally significant buildings in two areas of the Township; the original 1500 acres purchased by Stewart Hartshorn and the Wyoming Area developed by the Wyoming Land Company. The Society has decided to nominate these two areas for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places.

What is the National Register? Briefly, it is a listing of the nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. A listing in the N. J. State and National Registers provides some protection from incursion by projects funded by federal, state, or municipal governments.

SURVEY (Cont.)

Inclusion in the registers places no limitation on the rights of the property owner. It is generally a source of pride for a community.

Those of us working on the survey have felt our enthusiasm and pride in the Township grow as we have seen the results of our work and would like to share this with you.

We have planned the February meetings for you, so please come with your questions and comments.

Bernice Bertrand

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE - A goal of providing generalized guidelines for public action undertaken by the Society and a coherent and thoughtful approach to our public concerns are the reasons for the formation of a public policy committee. We see this committee's job as being one of long range plans.

The Committee's first job will be to study the options available in New Jersey for historic districts and to make recommendations to the board of the Society for decision and action if necessary.

We have a nucleus of six members: Ann Klemme, Marjorie Jones, Gary Elliott, Ann Cooper, Malcolm Warnock, and Bernice Bertrand.

We are still very much in the formative stages, and if you would like to join us, please let me know.

Bernice Bertrand
376-5870

"GUIDE TO THE HISTORICAL HOMES ON OLD SHORT HILLS ROAD"- With the help of the Society and its members, Stephen Vrahnos, a seventeen year old Boy Scout from Troup #17, St. Rose of Lima, led a very successful Architectural Walk up Old Short Hills Road, Sunday, December 19, 1978. Steve led the walk and published an eight page booklet about the homes, including photographs, courtesy of Owen Lampe, as part of his Eagle Scout project. Steve created the booklet, A Guide to the Historical Homes on Old Short Hills Road as a "service to the community."

NEW MEMBERS - We would like to welcome to the membership those people who have joined the Society since the Handbook went to print:

- ABRUZZESE, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent (Sandy)
2 East Beechcroft Rd., Short Hills
- BORZNER, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew, Jr. (Virginia)
33 Hobart Ave., Short Hills 467-8883
- BRIGHTMAN, Mr. & Mrs. Henry (Phyllis)
52 Slayton Drive, Short Hills 376-5342
- BURLEIGH, Mrs. Perry Gray (Hazel)
212 Sagamore Road, Millburn 376-1992
- CARTER, Dr. & Mrs. Ogden (Hannah)
115 Farley Road, Short Hills 376-9561
- CLARK, Mrs. Richard (Patricia)
46 Wellington Ave., Short Hills 376-1079
- GERHARDT, Mrs. Erwin O. (Lydia)
16 Great Hills Terrace, Short Hills 376-5720
- GRUBEL, Mr. & Mrs. Jack (Iris) and Matthew
446 Wyoming Ave., Millburn 379-2177
- HOLMER, Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. (Tamara)
2 Joanna Way, Short Hills
- KOSTER, Daren
50 Mountainview Road, Millburn 379-7075
- KOVACS, Mrs. James (Justine)
38 Hartshorn Drive, Short Hills 376-8954
- MULLENNIEX, Mrs. Donald (Gail)
649 Morris Ave., Springfield
- OREL, Mr. & Mrs. Leo (Beverly)
45 Undercliff Road, Millburn 376-5521
- PADGETT, MR. George A.
21 Woodland Road, Short Hills 379-5682

PEO, Mrs. Elmer F. (Mary)
 201 Parsonage Hills Road, Short Hills 467-2622

SYDNER, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H., Jr. (Louise)
 24 Highland Avenue, Short Hills 467-3172

THIELE, Mr. & Mrs. William (Cheryl)
 20 Knollwood Road, Short Hills

CORRECTIONS: (Underlined)

CHESLEY, Mr. & Mrs. Roger D. (Joan)
 69 Lake Road, Short Hills 376-0817

MAZURKI, Frances C.
 15 Duncan Street, Millburn 376-1136

SCUILLI, Mrs. Donald V. (Frances)
 9 Grosvenor Road, Short Hills 376-3423

With the addition of these members, our membership total is now 601!

Jane Riedel, Membership Chairman

IN APPRECIATION - The Society wishes to thank the following local organizations for their donations toward the publication of the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society Handbook - October, 1978:

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"A GUIDE TO THE HISTORICAL HOMES ON OLD SHORT HILLS ROAD" (Cont.)

Steve especially thanks our membership for funding as well as Ann Klemme and former Society president, Fran Land, for their help. Copies of the free booklet are available at the Millburn Public Library (and some real estate agencies).

In April, Steve plans to repeat the walk.

THE VICTORIAN WOMAN AT HOME - The Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society and the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum are co-sponsoring a lecture by Sandy Brown on the Victorian Woman: her everyday life, costumes, and attitudes toward her family and society. Mrs. Brown's factual and humorous slide-lecture, which will also touch on the architecture of 1845-1895, will be held at the Stone House on Tuesday, February 13 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. To reserve a place, please send your name, telephone number, and check (made payable to the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum) to the Adult Program, Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, Forest Drive, Short Hills, 07078.

PICTORIAL TALK ON HISTORIC GARDENS IN SHORT HILLS - On Wednesday evening, March 14th, 8:00-10:00 p.m. at the Stone House, Cora Hartshorn Arboretum, Mrs. John Poinier will give a pictorial talk on gardens of the past in Short Hills.

Mrs. Poinier is a landscape consultant, lecturer and judge. Born in Summit, New Jersey, she moved to Short Hills with her parents in 1927. In 1946 she joined the family firm of Wodell & Cottrell, Garden & Landscape Consultants, started by her mother, the late Helen Page Wodell Halbach. Self taught, Mrs. Poinier has proven in her own gardens the practices which she preaches - "There should be more gardens, size is of no importance, and the sooner one starts the better." In 1973 the Poiniers moved to Chester Township, New Jersey. Interested in conservation, she helped found the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and is presently a commissioner on the Environmental Commission of Chester Township and a trustee of the Upper Raritan Watershed. An honorary member of the Short Hills Garden Club, Mrs. Poinier is an active member of the Somerset Hills Garden Club.

PICTORIAL TALK ON HISTORIC GARDENS IN SHORT HILLS (Cont.)

"Before" and "after" views of the Arboretum will be shown, as well as many slides of old beautiful gardens in the township. Mrs. Poinier will entertain questions as to how to begin a garden, how to maintain one, etc., after her talk.

LIBRARY EXHIBITS - Gloria Patrizio, co-ordinator, announced that Anne Chapman will display her collection of early American dolls in September. July and August are still available to anyone wishing to share his or her collection or hobby by exhibiting in the library showcases. Bookings for 1980 are also available. Please call Gloria at 376-8711.

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