
The Barn Museum News

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BELLPORT-BROOKHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIP

to

Roslyn, New York

Friday, May 15, 2009

***Cedarmere (1787) – VanNostrand-
Starkins House (1680)***

George Washington Manor Inn

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to visit historic Roslyn, N.Y. An exciting day trip has been arranged by Phil and Margaret Munson, Dorry Tooker, and Jean Pokorny, in conjunction with the Roslyn Landmark Society. The itinerary includes a visit to Cedarmere (1787), the home of the 19th century poet and editor William Cullen Bryant and the VanNostrand-Starkins House (1680), which contains a collection of American (Long Island mostly) furniture and decorative arts.

A restful and delicious interlude will occur during lunch at the George Washington Manor Inn. You will have a choice of three entrees for lunch including appetizer, dessert, and coffee. Cocktails will be "on your own." It is rumored that George Washington was entertained for breakfast while he was on a tour of Long Island, April 24, 1790. This home is mentioned in Washington's diary.

If you have difficulty walking, we are advised that Cedarmere is on one floor. The Museum has a tiny upstairs, very difficult to get up, but it is not necessary to see that area to appreciate the Museum. The bus will drop passengers off at the Inn for lunch.

All the details have been planned; we just need you to make it a perfect day! Don't be left out. Call now.

Details

09:30 a.m. Depart Bellport Community Center, Bell Street, Bellport. There will be a free mystery raffle on the bus trip in!

Late afternoon Return to Bellport Community Center

Cost

\$75.00 Includes lunch, bus, and gratuities. Make checks payable to Philip Munson, and mail to Phil at 167 South Country Road, Bellport, NY 11713.

per person Reservations will be open to nonmembers May 1st.

Questions

Call Phil, 631 286 9654.

Traditional Champagne

Reception is Back!

June 13, 2009

Date Set for Fund Raiser

The Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society is very excited about the return of the Champagne Reception. This is a fund raiser; economic times may be down, but the expenses of running the Complex keep going up.

So, mark your calendars NOW – Saturday, June 13, 2009. You will be hearing more about the Reception in the next few months as plans develop. Keep checking the website bbhsmuseum.org for updates or call 631 776 7640 if you have questions.

Recent Real Estate Sales (1906-1907)

Old newspapers are a great source of information when researching the history/background of your home. Back then, the papers printed all sorts of details, i.e., the sale of property, construction of homes, and information about the occupants. The articles and “gossip” columns told all. The following transactions were reported in The Advance.

Fosdick – The big sale this week. The famous Fosdick property “Woodmere” was sold to William H. Langley of New York for \$50,000. Joseph E. Brown, the banker, who has occupied the premises during Mr. Fosdick’s absence abroad has purchased a fine bay front property nearby and may build thereon. Fosdick’s Hill is covered with relics of an ancient Indian camping ground; bounded on the east by a beautiful trout stream and commanding an extensive view of upland, bay, and meadow, it is an ideal spot for any man to pitch his tent. Mr. Langley is well known in athletic and club circles in the city. October 5, 1906

Langley – Mr. Langley has given out a contract for a large addition to his stables; later on he may dredge out the break deep enough to allow him to enter his property with a large yacht. November 9, 1906

Shaw Lots – It isn’t the time of year when much activity is expected in real estate but an important sale has just been made of one of our finest shore fronts. Walter L. Tyler of New York has purchased from Mrs. Joseph M. Shaw the two large lots lying out of and adjoining the Wyandotte property. This location commands a view of upland, bay, and meadow for many miles. The piece contains nearly three acres and the price about \$5000 an acre is considered reasonable. Mr. Tyler

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HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY

Now All That It Took
by Linda Harnett
www.poemhunter.com

Now all that it took,
Was one longing look,
And a kiss,
So gentle and tender.
There was you,
There was me,
And a sycamore tree,
And a night,
I would always remember.

The new moon was high,
In a velvet blue sky,
The stars,
Seemed to twinkle at will,
I was cold,
You were warm,
And had weathered the storm,
We were old,
But not over the hill.

Calendar of Events 2009

05/15/09	Bus Tour to Roslyn, NY
05/06/09	Consignments accepted for Exchange Shop and every Wednesday thereafter. Call 631 286 0888 for details.
05/28/09	Exchange Shop open
06/13/09	Champagne Reception
07/05/09	Barn Museum and Post-Crowell House open
11/15/09	General Membership Meeting
12/06/09	Holiday Party

Meet Your New Trustees

Mr. Kenneth T. Budny (Class of 2011)

Ken Budny is well known in this area. He was born and raised in Bellport and graduated from Bellport High School in 1963. Ken holds a B.F.A. in Business and Biology from Bowling Green State University, Ohio. He served in the Peace Corps in Guatemala in 1968 and joined the U.S. Army in 1970.

Ken has been a fixture on the Great South Bay, clamming for more than 30 years. And, he uses his well-honed skills to open clams at many local charity events.

At present Ken is Facilities Manager of the Post-Morrow Foundation, a position he has held for the past nine years.

Mr. Budny sits on the South Shore Estuary Reserve Council representing Nassau/Suffolk baymen, serves on The Board of the Bellport Senior Citizen housing group, and is Secretary of The Brookhaven Bayman's Association. And, in his spare time, he carves birds and fish for fun and profit!

Mr. Budny brings a wide range of expertise to the Board. We heartily welcome him.

New Schedule for the Museum Complex

31 Bellport Lane, Bellport, NY 11713
631 776 7640

Friday and Saturday
July and August
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Open to the Public
Donations Accepted

For Group Tours, call 631 776 7640
Contact Dorry Tooker, 631 286 0126 if you
would like to volunteer. We need you!

Dr. James Sanford (Class of 2010)

Bellport has been my hometown since 1961. From time to time I lived away while working on various physics projects, but I always returned to Long Island. I attended college in Ohio where I met my wife Mary, who made it clear to me that we were eventually moving east. First it was to Connecticut and then to New York as I worked on my research projects at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

During our occasional Sunday automobile rides from the lab, we would drive along the south shore, almost always winding up at the dock in Bellport. In those days we met many old-time residents of Brookhaven and Bellport. In that way, we developed a genuine understanding and feel for the area and the two communities.

Today some of the "telling of the story" about these places needs to be done through visible institutions like the local libraries and our historical society. Thank goodness the resources exist, but we cannot take them for granted.

The Trustees are extremely happy to welcome Jim to the Board and look forward to exploring his vision and ideas that will "tell the story" of our wonderful community.

2009 Officers of the Bellport- Brookhaven Historical Society

President - Dr. Jan Harting-McChesney
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Archivist - Mrs. Margaret Munson



LOOK FAMILIAR??

The photograph, ca 1910, was purchased off the internet from Venice, Florida. It was entitled "Photo Restaurant Grill, Bellport, NY." The building is very much in use today, though a few architectural changes have been made. However, when you know what you are looking for, it's hard to miss!

INTRODUCING OUR TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK TO MAKE THE SOCIETY WORK

(Continued from The Barn Museum News,
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TRUSTEES

***Philip Munson - Chairman, Programs and
Trips Committee***

Phil, who has been a Trustee for many years, is the Chair of the Programs and Trips Committee. The program aspect involves obtaining a speaker with a historical background, arranging for necessary equipment, and making sure publicity is generated in a timely fashion.

Setting up a day trip involves finding a place of historical interest that can be easily

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**JOIN THE BELLPORT-
BROOKHAVEN HISTORICAL
SOCIETY AND
LIVE TO BE 100?**

Do you enjoy those newspaper columns that tell you what happened 100 years ago? Ever think that you may live to be that age? Today, it is common. In fact, centenarians are the fastest growing group in the US. How do they do it? Here are some helpful hints from The Old Farmer's Almanac for 2009.

1. Take it easy
2. Use your brain
3. Stay physically active
4. Get out of the house – or invite people into your home
5. Laugh a lot
6. Flirt
7. Stay trim
8. Enjoy sunshine sensibly (vitamin D)
9. Join the Bellport-Brookhaven

Historical Society

Actually number 9 wasn't in the published list. But, when you think about it, when you participate in the Historical Society activities, you are using your brain, being active, getting out of the house, and enjoying yourself. And I am sure if we thought hard enough, we could work the other hints into the equation.

So, if you haven't sent in your membership for 2009, do so now. Just think, if you do, you may be well on your way to 100!

*Ann Thurlow, "How to Live to be 100 or More,"
The Old Farmer's Almanac, pg 158, 20*

And Speaking of Aging...

Maya Angelou wrote the delightful poem, "Don't Break the Elastic." It was no doubt written with a woman in mind, but I'm sure there are sections that men can relate to too!

Don't Break the Elastic

by Maya Angelou

When I was in my younger days,
I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in
to wear a belted dress.
But now that I am older,
I've set my body free;
There's the comfort of elastic
Where once my waist would be.
Inventor of those high-heeled shoes
My feet have not forgiven,
I have to wear a nine now
But used to wear a seven.
And how about those pantyhose—
They're sized by weight, you see,
So how come when I put them on
The crotch is at my knee?
I need to wear these glasses
As the print's been getting smaller;
And it wasn't very long ago
I know that I was taller.
Though my hair has turned to gray
and my skin no longer fits,
On the inside, I'm the same old me,
It's the outside's changed a bit.

The Bok Boys and Bellport

Since the establishment of Bellport, the village has had more than its share of interesting people who have either passed through, visited for a while, or lived here. Mr. Edward William Bok, editor-in-chief of the Ladies' Home Journal and his brother, William J. Bok, well-known journalist, are two such people.

There are numerous references to Edward and William in The Advance and The Brooklyn Daily Eagle regarding the brothers' activities. In September 1888 Edward stayed at the Titus House. In November 1900, The Brooklyn Eagle noted that William "has been a permanent resident of Bellport for the past three years and has summered here for the last 14 years." The October 19, 1906 Advance says, "Edward Bok, on account of the illness of his mother, will not be able to spend the autumn in Bellport, a custom of twenty years' standing." It is apparent that both brothers had a long and close relationship with Bellport.

Edward William Bok (1863-1930)

Edward was born in Helder, The Netherlands. He and his family emigrated to the US in 1870 and settled in Brooklyn, New York.

After 50 years in the United States, Bok details his life in The Americanization of Edward Bok, An Autobiography, first published in 1920 by Charles Scribner's Sons. In a chapter entitled "*Where American Fell Short with Me*," he writes, "*when I came to the United States as a lad of six, the most needful lesson for me, as a boy, was the necessity for thrift. I had been taught in my home across the sea that thrift was one of the fundamentals in a successful life. My family had come from a land (The Netherlands)*

noted for its thrift; but we have been in the United States only a few days before the realization came home strongly to my father and mother that they had brought their children to a land of waste."

Another life lesson was "*one of the cardinal truths taught me was that whatever was worth doing was worth doing well; that next to honesty came thoroughness as a factor of success. It was not enough that anything should be done; it was not done at all if it was not done well. I came to America to be taught exactly the opposite."*

Perhaps it was that early training that honesty and thrift should prevail that prompted Mr. Bok to delight in "bringing people to task." Mr. William F. Gardiner, author of the Bellport column for The Advance, relates three Bok stories.

February 22, 1924 – *Edward Bok has Fun with Grafters*

Edward Bok recently visited New York to see if the insinuation made by a friend of his about being gypped when he visited the metropolis was true? Mr. Bok took a taxi at the ferry and was driven to his favorite hotel*. The driver overcharged him and was required to refund part of the money.

He arrived at the lunch hour and ordered crackers and milk in the gorgeous restaurant, for which he received a check for sixty cents. At the conclusion of the frugal meal he tipped the waiter to a dime, which he thought was a fair percentage of the price of the crackers and milk. He overheard the waiter say to one of his brethren, "that guy wants to get rich quick."

Of course he didn't know that Mr. Bok had just put \$100,000 in a peace prize** package to tip a professor. His next experiment was in the barber shop where he had a shave and shampoo for which he tendered \$1 and received no change.

Thereupon he called for the manager and was refunded 35 cents.

Mr. Bok had a lot of fun during his 24 hours' stay in New York and made the acquaintance of numerous managers of taxi firms, restaurants, hotels and barber shops, where they attempted to hold up the man from Philadelphia.

*The New York Times states in several articles that Mr. & Mrs. Bok stayed at the Abemarle.

**Edward Bok created the American Peace Award for the best practicable plan by which the United States might cooperate with other nations to achieve and preserved the peace of the world. The story was covered on the front page of The New York Times, January 6, 1924.

March 14, 1924

Mr. Bok has been at it again, this time whooping it up among the antique dealers. Mr. Bok, being Dutch, priced a sample of Dutch plate. "Seventy-five dollars," smiled the young woman. "And this Delft shoe?" "Ten dollars." "Real Delft, I presume?" "Certainly, sir." "From Delft, Holland?" "Yes, sir. Imported direct."

Mr. Bok called for the proprietor. He showed the proprietor that the shoe had never touched Delft, but had been made in Germany. "The seventy-five-dollar plate," wrote Mr. Bok, "was offered to me for three dollars."

Mr. Bok was merciless. He went to another establishment where antiques were for sale. The unwary clerk did not notice that Mr. Bok's pocket bulged with a book. "Fine piece of mahogany, that," observed Mr. Bok, pointing to an inlaid dresser. "Ought to be sir," responded the clerk. "It's real Chippendale." "Inlay work by Chippendale, too?" "Indeed it is, sir. We have proof positive."

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*From Christmas Memories by S. Decatur Smith Jr. –
Illustrated by Walter Granville Smith, page 19
The Ladies' Home Journal, December 1907*

Walter Granville Smith and Edward W. Bok

I love it when things come together! The Brooklyn Daily Eagle wrote on August 25, 1900 that arrivals at the Titus House* included Mr. & Mrs. Walter Granville Smith and family (well-known painter and illustrator) and Mr. Edward J. [W.] Bok (editor-in-chief of The Ladies' Home Journal). So it isn't very surprising to find Mr. Granville Smith's sketches in the December 1907 issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. And how do we know this? Because it was announced in the local paper!

*The Titus House was originally the home of Hampton Howell, son of Captain Josiah Howell. It was built in the early 1800's and stood on the north side of South Country Road opposite the Otis estate. It was sold to Henry Weeks in 1840 and in 1860 he converted it into a 4-story boarding house for 50 guests. It was run by several managers over the years. The name was changed to Hampton Hall in 1919 and was torn down in 1937.

The clerk produced a letter which had it that Thomas Chippendale did the inlay work with his own hand.

Mr. Bok called for the proprietor. Also he produced the book. It was an English standard work on Chippendale. It showed that Thomas never did a bit of inlay or marquetry work. Mr. Bok departed in triumph.

April 4, 1924 – *Mr. Bok Bobs Up Serenely – Making Graft*

Mr. Bok paid another visit to New York last week. We wish there were more like him to straighten things out for the long-suffering public. When his visit was completed, he hailed a taxi: “How much to the Twenty-third Street ferry?” he asked. “Two dollars and fifty cents, and I’ll get you there in fifteen minutes. Mr. Bok called loudly for the manager. “One dollar and twenty-five cents,” decreed that worthy.

But did Mr. Bok get to the ferry in fifteen minutes? He did not. Did he make his train? He did. And then Mr. Bok stepped out of the cab. A gray liveried porter took his grips and carried them to the train shed. Mr. Bok gave him ten cents. “Thank you, very much sir,” said the gray cap, lifting said cap politely. “Just let me have that dime,” said Mr. Bok. “Certainly, sir,” said Chesterfield. “Here, my man,” said Mr. Bok, “is a quarter instead.”

“It was worth it,” wrote Mr. Bok. “It was worth it to find one man in New York who would accept a small fee and thank you for it politely.”

William Joannes Bok (1861-1928)

William, Edward’s older brother, wrote a 7-part series running from July 13 through August 24, 1900 called “Historical Memories” for The Patchogue Advance. The Advance

editor noted: “Mr. Bok is a well-known journalist and antiquarian who is now in Bellport hard at work in compiling an authentic record of the burial places of America’s noted dead. This work is embraced in one large volume, and published under the title of “Graves of American Genius.” Mr. Bok is a brother of Edward W. Bok, Editor-in-Chief of the Ladies’ Home Journal, and brother-in-law of the Reverend Doctor T. DeWitt Talmage, the eminent divine ... Mr. Bok has a wide, personal acquaintance with all famous literary celebrities and is a most interesting talker. He has written the following recollections especially for the Advance.”

The series covered “men and women of national renown who once lived in Patchogue and its environ. Recollections of Seba Smith and Elizabeth Oakes Smith, Irene Jerome, Josephine Pollard, Daniel Webster, Orlando Bennet and Mary Louise Booth – Literature, statecraft and art represented.”

Bellport, Brookhaven, and South Haven are mentioned in the fifth paper which appeared on August 10, 1900.

Bellport – Four miles east of Patchogue, is the village of Bellport, on the South Country Road, adjoining the colonial appearing Titus House, stands a remodeled cottage, now the property of the musical critic and dramatic compiler, Mr. Philip G. Hubert, Jr., of Manhattan.

In this house, formerly surrounded by old-fashioned box-wood hedges, lived for many years, and died on July 10, 1880, Captain Orlando Bennet, the American wrecker and “recoverer of indestructible goods from the sea.” The jolly “sea-dog” as his troop of friends called him, was born in Ithaca, New York, on October 4, 1818, and when a very young man, became associated with his father, Phineas Bennet, and William D. Andrews in a

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company engaged to save goods from wrecks. In this work he succeeded in raising two steamers which had been sunk in sixty feet of water in the North River, and also recovered a cargo of quicksilver from a wreck covered by many feet of sand.

Captain Bennet is buried in Woodland Cemetery of Bellport “beneath a substantial granite monolith.” His grave is near that of the Honorable James Otis, Senator from Suffolk County, and once the polished “Dean of New York” society, whose estate was located almost opposite Captain Bennet’s residence.

Brookhaven – In Brookhaven (formerly called Fire Place), and six miles to the east of Patchogue, facing the highway that leads to the Moriches’, stands a neatly kept white painted farm house, once the home of the late Nathaniel Miller, M.D., and still the dwelling place of his decedents. Here the never-to-be forgotten statesmen, lawyer and orator, Daniel Webster, occasionally visited his old friend, Dr. Miller, and whiled away the horrid mid summer days angling in the neighboring streams.

Southhaven – At Southhaven, the adjoining hamlet, the tourist may still enter the old-fashioned, white-spired Presbyterian meeting house, dating back into the last century, with its uncomfortably straight-backed pews, where this electric champion [Webster] of “Liberty and Union” attended divine worship with Dr. Miller’s family and the “Webster pew” will be fondly pointed out to the summer worshipper as long as that sacred edifice stands.

Note: The full text of the series is available at the Patchogue Library on microfiche.

Elmer Sperry Gallery at the Barn Museum

This Gallery contains memorabilia from Elmer Sperry’s life and work. Visit it this summer.

Sperry Ship Stabilizer

Sperry’s newest success in this field is in the form of a gigantic gyroscopic apparatus for stabilizing ships at sea. It is a mammoth top to be adjusted in the hold of a ship. Kept spinning by mechanical power it will tend to hold rigidly the upright position, and thus check the rolling motion of the ship.

The ship stabilizer must be of ponderous size, because it must have power to push significantly against the weight of the rolling ship itself. The apparatus exhibited by Mr. Sperry weighs 120 tons.

The Advance, June 12, 1924

Sperry and Bellport

“It is pretty well agreed that Elmer Sperry Sr. (1860-1930), founder of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., first experimented with the gyrocompass, then only an idea, at Bellport. Here, some years before WWI he spent his summers with his family in a cottage on Academy Lane which he rented from Willie Hawkins. It became a saying at Bellport, after Mr. Sperry had perfected and patented his gyrocompass, that he invented it in the Hawkins’ bathtub.”

In 1923 Dr. Sperry built a home for his family overlooking the Great South Bay in Bellport.

“Historic Long Island,” by Paul Bailey, *The Long Islander* (Huntington), February 14, 1957

A Little Advice from 1909

Here’s one for the ladies “to treat men as if they were better than they are is the surest way of making them better than they are.”

The Patchogue Advance, January 8, 1909



Postcard courtesy of Ginny Waterman

Who Says a Good Thing Doesn't Last!



Photo courtesy of Michael Rupolo

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reached in a few hours that most of the membership has not visited (or not recently), working with the facility to have an adequate number of docents, purchasing admission tickets, locating a good restaurant, hiring a bus, and providing morning and afternoon snacks.

A weekend trip might not involve a bus, but could involve ferry reservations. It definitely involves finding several places of interest, several restaurants and overnight accommodations. Whether it is a day or overnight trip, sensitivity to medical limitations has to be considered.

Phil also serves on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Mailing Committee.

Dorry Tooker - Chairman, Docents and Volunteers

Recruiting volunteers for the Museum is a year-long process. Not only does the job require scheduling volunteers to sit at the Barn Museum and the Post-Crowell House (2-4 volunteers per shift, Fridays and Saturdays during July and August), it involves finding replacements when there is a cancellation. During the summer, this can take many hours per week. In addition, Dorry recruits

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Recent Real Estate Sales (Continued from page 2)

intends to build a bulkhead along the entire front and will erect a handsome summer residence in the spring. The Brooklyn Times places the consideration paid for the Wyandotte Hotel property at \$20,000.

December 21, 1906

Mills – Still another winter sale of Bellport property. The estate of the late Zophar Mills, the old volunteer fireman of New York, has been sold to Col. Hughes, a retired army officer. The Colonel is a brother of Mrs. Stevens and we believe he intends to make this his permanent home. This is the fourth sale of property in Bellport this winter at from five to seventy-five thousand dollars. Rather guess next season's demand for land will be the best ever.

January 4, 1907

Property – The lot lying on the south side of Main street between the Cook and Hoyt properties has been sold; the buyer wishes to remain incog. until spring.

February 8, 1907

Mills Place – The Zophar Mills place, east of the brook, has been moved back from the street and will be remodeled by the new owner, Colonel Hughes.

April 12, 1907

Titus Property – Messrs. Wiedner and Vunk have sold the Titus property on the Main road.

August 23, 1907

Street Signs

Do you know where your street got its name? Street signs commemorating the names of some of the oldest Bellport families began appearing around in mid 1924. Those first honored were the Bells, Osborns, Browns, Brewsters, Livingstons, and the Woodruffs.

I WONDER WHY ...

Ever wonder about something, find out about it, and then wonder why you wondered about it in the first place? I do all the time! For instance, *Why are the books in the Library always on the edge of the shelf?* My books aren't like that, and if I kept my books like that, where would I put all my little "treasures" that sit in front of the books.

But, Mr. Earl Proulx who wrote Yankee Magazine's Make it Last, Yankee Publishing, Inc., pp 231-232, 1996 tells me why I am wrong. He said: "Arrange your books at the front of the bookshelves rather than pushing them to the back. This will let air circulate behind them and prevent mustiness or mold." Sounds logical!

And, in case you were wondering, Mr. Proulx goes on to say, "If your books do suffer from mustiness or mold, sprinkle 3 to 4 cups of cat litter in a plastic kitchen trash bag and place the books inside. Seal the bag well and leave it in a dry place for a few days while the cat litter absorbs the odor. If the books still smell musty after three or four days, replace the kitty litter and repeat the process."

Now, what am I going to do with all those treasures? I wonder

As Mad as a March Hare?

"Hares are considered unlucky, as the witches constantly assume their form in order to gain entrance to a field where they can bewitch the cattle." Lady Wilde, Ancient Legends of Ireland, 1888 .

The above appeared under March 26 in [A Celtic Book of Days](#) by Sarah Costley and Charles Kightly, Thames and Hudson Ltd., London, 1998.

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volunteer bar tenders for Society events, and, when there is a special event, i.e., tour of a private home, she is responsible for staffing different parts of the homes for guidance and security. As Dorry says, “I am very fortunate there are many dedicated volunteers who graciously agree to help when called.”

In addition, Dorry serves on the Programs and Trips Committee and Publicity Committee.

VOLUNTEERS

Margaret Munson - Archivist; Chairman, Social Committee; Events Coordinator

Per the Society of American Archivists, “the mission of an archivist is to identify, preserve, and make available records and papers of enduring value.” This requires the Archivist to review publications, public correspondence, and reference sources for materials pertinent to the organization. This material must then be organized according to professional standards, and policies must be established to share the information with interested parties. Margaret spends an average of 4-10 hours per week in this capacity.

The Social Committee is responsible for all the food, beverages, flowers, music, decorations, etc. that are needed for any Society event. As Chairman, Margaret is personally involved in all decision making. An undefined number of hours are involved when planning an event to be sure everything runs smoothly.

Margaret is also on the Programs and Tours Committee and the Mailing Committee.

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Good News, Bad News

Did you hear about the treasurer who got up at a meeting and announced to the membership: “I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for this coming year’s expenses. The bad news is, it’s still out there in your pockets.”