

NEWS BULLETIN
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VICTORIAN LECTURE SERIES

We had our first Lecture in our series, Victorian Postcards, on Sunday, February 13, 2011. We had 27 people attend and two joined our organization. Two people came from Gaithersburg, MD. They had visited Rockwood many years ago and loved it. When they saw the lecture advertised they couldn't resist coming. They were not disappointed.



Rachael Baitch Zeleny who is a PhD candidate at the University of Delaware and is writing her dissertation on Victorian Actresses gave a presentation on Victorian postcards. This lecture concentrated on how female artists cultivated their fame and identities through photographic postcards in Victorian Britain. To say the least everyone was quite fascinated with her presentation....ooh la la those Victorian ladies were not shy creatures.

We had a delicious cookie tray donated by Sweets to You by Ginger and a tea fruit punch made and donated by a new docent, Kimberly Bohannan...thank you to both Ginger and Kimberly.

Our next lecture is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2011. Sara Valentine, a local actress, will portray Sarah Maguire, one of Rockwood's housekeepers of long ago. It's going to be informative as well as entertaining so sign up early. Reservations are required as seating is limited. Some of you will recognize Sara as she has portrayed a servant at Rockwood before...one production was "Silhouettes" that was written by a local theatrical personality.

Free for Friends of Rockwood members

\$10.00 for non members

Light Refreshments and a tour of the museum to follow

Reservations required—302-762-2075 or info@friendsofrockwood.org

VICTORIAN COSTUME BALL



We are working diligently with the County on this event. By all accounts it is going to be quite elaborate. While you don't have to dress in costume, you are certainly welcome to do so. Dance classes will be held one hour before the event starts. The seven piece band, String Theory, will provide the music and there will be a dance caller for the period dances. Light refreshments will be served. This is a bargain as the price has been set at an affordable \$25 per person. Reservations are required – visit the following website to register: <http://www2.nccde.org/rockwood/Exhibits/default.aspx>.

The Friends will be holding a silent auction, selling 50/50 chances, taking photographs, for a small fee, in a special posing area and having a cash wine bar. All proceeds will go into the Conservatory fund.

This brings me to the stage where I ask for your help once again. If we don't have to buy the wine, but have it donated, then we will have more money to put into the Conservatory fund. Please consider donating a bottle or two of white or red wine. We will be happy to pick it up if you are unable to deliver it to Rockwood...just give us a call (762-2075) or drop us a note at info@friendsofrockwood.org and we'll work something out. The same goes for the silent auction...please consider donating an item or putting a gift basket together. Do not hesitate to let us know if you need help with ideas. We are never short of ideas.

We look forward to seeing you at the many activities we are putting together at Rockwood...."WE NEED YOU" as Uncle Sam says. We cannot succeed without your help.

The Friends of Rockwood Board