

NEWS BULLETIN

April 4, 2011

VICTORIAN LECTURE SERIES

Sara Valentine did a wonderful job portraying Sarah Maguire at the "Servants at Rockwood" lecture. We were a little shy in the beginning but soon warmed up and participated in the performance with her. There were 29 registered but 23 actually attended. The back parlor holds 32 people so we are always aiming for the maximum number to attend, but realize life is hectic and people are busy.



Our third lecture "Social Aspects of Hatpins" is Sunday, April 10 at 2 PM. Beth Morgera, member of the American Hatpin Society and docent at Rockwood, has put together an interesting presentation with some startling and humorous facts related to hatpins. She will share selected items from her collection of hatpins and holders. These will illustrate not only the beauty of the items, but their importance in Victorian and Edwardian society. As always, refreshments will be served and a tour of the museum to follow.

Call 762-2075 or email us at info@friendsofrockwood.org. Free for Friends of Rockwood members; \$10.00 for non members.

SMALL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

We have joined the above organization and are hoping that we will be featured in their blog as Museum of the Month once the County is able to submit the information. Loretta Spigel and Donna Fox attended their conference in Ocean City, MD and came back with great ideas for exhibits, networking, outreach ideas to the community, etc. We are anxious to become better acquainted with this organization and believe it's an excellent way to get publicity for Rockwood.

OUTREACH TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We had a group from Immaculate Heart of Mary Church tour the museum on Saturday, April 2, 2011. It was and is part of an outreach program that we are promoting at Rockwood. We would like to include other churches, synagogues, community groups and local civic and service clubs to garner more interest in Rockwood. If you know of a group you would like us to contact please call the office at 762-2075 or email us at info@friendsofrockwood.org. This tour was held earlier than the usual tours because we wanted the attendees to have extra time with the docent to learn more about Rockwood...not to mention the light refreshments. Hopefully they will return with their out-of-town friends, their families or their neighbors and, in general, help us to improve the attendance at Rockwood.

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PURPOSE OF THE FRIENDS OF ROCKWOOD

As one writer was reading through old newsletters from the Friends group, she found in a 1993 Friends of Rockwood Journal, as it was called then, the purpose of this energetic group of volunteers:

“We hope you will want to join us in support of Rockwood Museum. The purpose of the Friends of Rockwood is to raise funds for the acquisition, maintenance and management of the Rockwood collection.”

Well, our mission has changed somewhat over the years, and although we still want to raise funds and preserve the collection, we also need help in other areas. Docents (guides) are needed as well as people to help with grant writing to name only two important areas. Please let us know if you're interested in joining the very active group of regular volunteers. I know some say “I can't learn all of that information and become a docent”, but we have a great training program in place and it's a lot less intimidating than you think. Give it some thought, PLEASE.

ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC

Reminder ---- we NEED YOUR HELP if we're to have a successful picnic on June 5, 2011. Please let us hear from you. We have put together a list of things we'll need in order to make this easy for everyone; so let's work together and have some fun! **“Many hands make light work”.**

Travel

For more information; contact Barbara Osman, 4 Seasons Tours & Travel for more details at 302-945-7700 or 1-800-458-1030, osmantours@aol.com, www.4seasonstoursandtravel.com

GETTYSBURG, PA

150th Anniversary

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 - Georgetown departure

Saturday, October 15, 2011 - Wilmington departure

\$95

An in-depth look at the Gettysburg Visitor Center, the National Military Park Museum and the battlefield. Jane Peters Estes, a well known guide at Hagley Museum and Library, will accompany us on the tour. Jane has a passion for history and she belongs to a History Club that re-enacts the Civil War - she dresses as a lady of the 1860's, right down to the bloomers and corset! Included in her presentation will be a thoughtful look at the many roles filled by women during the Battle of Gettysburg gleaned from personal diaries, letters to friends and loved ones and newspaper of the period.



And finally,

“Volunteers polish up the rough spots in our community.”

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