

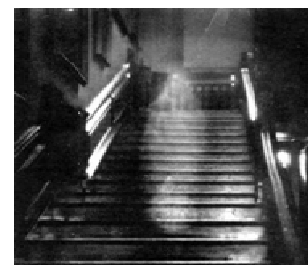
MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN September, 2011

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:



MOURNING TEA (and yes mourning is spelled correctly) will be held on **October 1, 2011** from 1 to 4 PM. This tea will coincide with Rockwood Museum's mourning display. We will have two ladies portraying family members while the guests are received in the parlor for tea. If you are interested in helping with this event, or attending, please contact June Zappa 762-2105 or jwz49@aol.com for more information.

MOURNING ART, SYMBOLS & SPIRITS: We need 2 people to sit at the registration desk, one greeter and one person to work at the sale table. We also need light refreshment donations. Please contact 762-2075 or info@friendsofrockwood.org. Of course you can always contact June Zappa at the above email or telephone number. This event will be held on **October 16, 2011 at 2 PM**. If you wish to attend please call soon because this event is just about sold out.



LECTURE SERIES – VICTORIAN JEWELRY: I am happy to report that the Victorian Jewelry Lecture is sold out, but disappointed if you wanted to attend and didn't reserve a spot. These lectures have really caught on and are a way to say thank you to our members. The lectures are free to members of the Friends group. We are busily working on the lecture series for 2012. If you have any ideas for upcoming lectures or if you would like to give a lecture on a special topic please let us know.

HOUSE TOUR: Beth Morgera and Bonnie Baggett are co-chairs for the proposed Brandywine House Tour event to be held on October 6, 2012. The proceeds from this event will go into The Friends of Rockwood Conservatory Fund.

The next step is to secure serious commitments from The Friends of Rockwood members and other volunteers. They are looking for Friends' members to join their committee to help plan and staff this event. We also need a few more houses to have on the tour.

A House Tour is a big project which requires a lot of help including advertising, flyer distribution, hosts and hostesses, sign installers (and removers), traffic and parking directors, program and ticket preparations, descriptions of the homes, advanced ticket sales, ticket sales the day of the event, ticket takers, participant counters, cashiers, refreshments at Rockwood and thank you gifts for the homeowners.

Please call The Friends at 762-2075 or email info@friendsofrockwood.org by October 3, 2011 to register your interest in helping with the House Tour. As you can see there is plenty of work for everyone.

VICTORIAN COSTUME BALL: Will be held on February 25, 2012 from 8-11 PM. This was



a huge success last year and we're excited about doing it again this year. We have the band in place, as well as the dance instruction and entertainment. We will be holding the silent auction again and are in need of donations to make baskets to sell. We will accept donations right up until one week before the Ball. If you have something you'd like to donate call 762-2075 or info@friendsofrockwood.org. This year we are able to use PayPal as a means of paying for the Ball but not for the silent auction items.....we're making progress and have had several tickets already purchased through PayPal. The total number of tickets being sold this year is 100 and we have about 75 left. Last year people waited until the last minute to purchase tickets and they were disappointed. So if you are interested please get your tickets early. The cost is \$50 per person.

TELEPHONE SURVEY: We have been advised by several members via the telephone survey that you wish to be called to help with events. While we are more than willing to do that, it would be **extremely helpful** if you would call us if you see a particular event that you are interested in helping with. We are short on manpower and this would help and save us an awful lot of time. We check the email and phone messages, so don't worry that you will be lost in the shuffle.....WE NEED YOU!!!! We enjoy your company and seeing new faces so please don't be shy about getting in touch with us if something is of particular interest to you or strikes your fancy. I want to thank all of you for taking the time to talk with the volunteers who called The information we gathered was very helpful.

LIBRARY DISPLAY: There is a beautiful display in the Brandywine Hundred Library of memorabilia of Rockwood Museum. A big thank you to the docents who put this display together....it really looks nice. Here's a photo but seeing it first hand is well worth a trip to the library.



NEWS BULLETIN: There seems to be some confusion about the differences between the News Bulletin and the Newsletter. Let me clear this up for everyone. The News Bulletin (now called the Monthly News Bulletin) is a monthly update about what's currently happening at Rockwood, what events are on the calendar for the next few months, and where we need help from volunteers. The Newsletter is usually sent in the spring to let everyone know about the Annual Meeting and in the fall to notify everyone about the Holiday party. Judy Filipkowski is the editor of the Newsletter and it includes historical information, recent research done mainly by docents, news updates from the Director, Philip Nord, and the current president of The Friends group. There are photographs and information about events and trips taken by the docents. The Newsletter usually has more details about the history of Rockwood Museum and the people who lived there. I hope this helps.

IN CLOSING... "No one is more cherished than someone who lightens the burden of others. Thank you." Author Unknown.

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