

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Old Stone Store

Saturdays 10:00 - 2:00 / Sundays 11:00 - 3:00

SHS programs at Dewey Memorial Hall:

Friday, Sept. 9th 7:30 p.m.

The Tuskegee Airman

Bruce Bird of the Museum of Black WW2

History talks about the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American military aviators in the U.S. armed forces.

Friday, Oct. 14th 7:30 p.m.

The Berkshire Trout Farm

Rhonda Cushwa presents Maxson Food Service & the development of frozen dinners.

Friday, Nov. 10th 7 - 9 p.m.

Old Stone Store tastings Come check out this year's goodies offered at the Festival of Holidays!

Sunday, Dec. 11th 4 - 6 p.m.

Sheffield Historical Society Annual Holiday party at the Dan Raymond House.

Exhibits at The Old Stone Store:

Sat. Aug. 6th - late Sept.

Talking Maps :

These Maps Tell Stories

Maps open windows on our history—South County/Sheffield from 1794 to the present. The closer you look, the more stories are uncovered!

Dear Members and Friends,

The Society begins its 39th year of operation on a sad note. The last year has seen us all say good-bye to two of our founding members, Lillian Preiss and Milton Barnum. Lillian and Milton were not only founding members, but both had held most of the Society's leadership positions including President. Both were continuously active in supporting the Society until health conditions no longer permitted such activity. It's very hard to pick out just one highlight of such long, excellent service, but I personally think most people will connect Lillian with the Society through her book, *Sheffield: Frontier Town* and Milton with his wonderful local artifact collection and his annual January "What's It?" program featuring so many items from his collection. More background and obituary notices for both Lillian and Milton are on the Society's web site under the "more" tab and will remain a while longer.

The Old Stone Store has been very active this calendar year beginning with our six-week long giant book sale of the bequest left to the Society by Ursula Gamble Kilner. Detailed information on the collection can be viewed in the Spring 2011 Newsletter found on the website at <http://sheffieldhistory.weebly.com/newsletter.html>. Following this was the just-closed exhibit, "Sheffield During the Civil War." Open now is "Talking Maps: These Maps Tell Stories," illustrating some of the changes that have taken place in South County, primarily Sheffield, from the date of the earliest map, 1794, to the 21st century.

A great lineup of monthly program meetings in Dewey Hall starting in September appears in this newsletter, so mark these on your calendar now!

Many hard working member volunteers, board members, speakers, and community members make all these events happen, and I'd like to thank several people who have "timed out" of positions at the June 30th fiscal year end. Connie Cooper has served her three years as Treasurer of the Society and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, a major load to carry while she also held a full time job in addition to family duties. I'm happy to say she has accepted an appointment by the Trustees to the position of Funds Manager. Philip Detjens has served his three years as Secretary of the Society in addition to years of work on the Finance and Audit, Collections, and Fund Raising Committees. Philip has agreed to stay on as a member of the Collections Committee. Please join me in thanking Connie and Philip for their many hours of support for the Society. A list of the current FY12 Officers and Trustees is found here in the newsletter.

The Society thanks those who have continued membership this calendar year with a donation to the Sheffield Historical Society Annual Appeal. Money raised from the Annual