

DURHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Durham Historical Society is beginning our membership drive for 2009. This membership year will extend from July 2009 to June 2010. I would like to take this time to update you on the society and urge you to become a member or to renew your membership with us.

We recently hosted a quilt lecture in April on World War II quilts. The lecture was given by author and quilt historian Sue Reich. We also sponsored a lecture by historian George C. Neumann on Revolutionary War Weaponry on October 24th, 2008. Future events for this year are being scheduled, but include another concert by Atwater-Donnelly in the spring. We had a wonderful turnout for their 2007 performance and look forward to having them back in Durham. We are also looking into hosting a quilt show during the summer of 2010.

Our headquarters has undergone many changes this year. As you may have read in our quarterly newsletters, we have finished installing electricity to the second floor, as well as wallboard and several coats of paint. Our most recent endeavor has been to refinish and install the original flooring. We are currently working on laying out the floor and hope to have it sanded and finished soon after. We are still in need of a heating system, a bathroom and a small kitchenette. It is our intent to show our collection in the second floor meeting room once renovations are complete. We look forward to the day when school groups can once again visit the schoolhouse to view our collection and learn about Durham's history.

Therefore, on behalf of the society, we would like to invite you to become a member or renew your current membership with us and explore the interesting and unique history of Durham.

Our meetings are held at society headquarters on the second Friday of each month at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 716-5497 or durhamhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Best Wishes,

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President