



Although our **WINTER MEETING AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TEA** was postponed, we had a nice turnout and beautiful weather for the rescheduled meeting on March 22nd at the Church of the Epiphany.

Ed Wilson gave a program on the fascinating history of the church, and tours were available of the church and cemetery. Delicious refreshments were provided by several EPS members.

*Thank you to Mary Ivie, who coordinated this event, and everyone else that helped, including:*

Marianne Aiken, Tom Barbour, Terri Faunce (of Terri's Bakery), Helen Frenette, Julie Ganis, Jane Haines, Jean Harrington, Ed Holbrook, Jimmy Ivie, Rob Martin, Louise Price, Mike Redman, Toni Reece, Rex Rouse, Addie Wilkerson, Ed Wilson, and others.

*We gained several new members at the event and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday, May 31st from 4:30-7:00, join us for a **PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH CHARLIE POOLE** at Gov. Morehead Park on Church Street. Kinney Rorrer will present a program on Charlie Poole, and there will be music to enjoy as well. Bring your picnic blankets and food, or pre-order your box lunch for \$8. Drinks will be available. To pre-order your box lunch, call Jean at 623-2225 by May 24th.

Friday, August 14th - we will host a fundraiser at Osborne Baptist Church featuring **HOME GROWN MUSIC**.

In November, **BOB CARTER**, Rockingham County Historian, will give a talk on the history of Leaksville, Spray and Draper.

Sunday, December 6th – mark your calendars for our annual **CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES AND BAKE SALE!**

*More details to follow about these events and others!*

**BY ATTENDING THE MONTHLY MEMBERS' MEETINGS**, you can be a part of the discussions and plans for the Governor Morehead Park, the Supervisor's House on Carroll Street, the Eden Historical Museum and upcoming events. **The meetings are held on the fourth Monday night of the month at 7:00 pm.**

Meetings are usually held at the Eden Historical Museum unless construction is underway. In that event, they will be held at Leaksville United Methodist Church, 603 Henry St., in the Genesis Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Meeting dates coming up are Apr. 27 (meet at Leaksville Methodist), May (no meeting), June 22.**

For info call Phyllis at 627-1762.

**Please attend and bring along a friend!**



An initiative of the Eden Preservation Society

## MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Some of the most recent items donated to the museum:

- An **1840's dress** from the Bullard-Ray family, from **Jean Harrington**.
- Daisy King Barker's wedding shoes**. The day of her wedding, the first electricity was turned on in Leaksville at her father's home (Idlewild), while the wedding was taking place there. From **Peyton Cherry**.
- Frank Mebane's Bible**, **Lily Morehead Mebane's diary** and **Mebane photos** from **Marianne Aiken**.
- Additional **Francis Photography photographs** and a **cupboard** from **Bonnie Francis**.
- Photographs, map and newspaper articles** from **Dona Agee Koon**.
- A **cigar mold** from **John Burton**.
- Saura Indian artifacts** donated by **Tommy Ogburn**.

For the **Leaksville Landing** and **Civil War** exhibits:

- A **Civil War bayonet** and a rare copy of a **Leaksville Gazette** of 1861, **antique household items, feed sacks, jugs, rope and tackle** from **Pat and Melissa Whitten**.
- Antique jugs and pewter plates** from **Tom and Carol Silk**.
- Civil War bullets** from **Ralph and Julie Ganis**.

*If you have items to donate, please call: 623-6393*

## MUSEUM PROGRESS

Volunteers have been busy designing, planning and building the permanent exhibits at the museum! We will have an official ribbon cutting during RIVERFEST in September and hope to have many of our displays completed by then!

## HOME SAVINGS BANK

A big THANK YOU goes out to **Home Savings Bank** which presented the museum with a check for \$24,000 in February!

This grant will go a long way towards funding the permanent exhibits, however \$20,000 is still needed to complete our plans.

We are grateful to have such generous support from our community!

## NEW COMPUTER!

A refurbished hard drive was recently loaned to the museum by the **Rockingham County Public Library**, and **Triad Tech Solutions** (located beside the museum) donated internet connection and misc. accessories including a mouse, keyboard, and cables. A monitor had been previously donated by **Mike Haines**.

This is a great start for us, *but we still need* a printer/scanner for our office, and another complete computer, printer and negative scanner for the **Francis Photography Room** for scanning and digitally archiving this vast collection of photos and negatives.

If you can help, please call: 623-6393 or email: medix\_27288@yahoo.com

## FRANCIS PHOTOGRAPHY

We held another **Photo Organization Day** on January 31st and had about **fifteen volunteers** who worked anywhere from **one hour to five hours** each sorting and organizing photos and negatives for the Francis Photography Room. This is just the tip of the iceberg, so if you couldn't help this time, *be on the lookout for another organizational day in the future!*

**Billy Phillips** is in charge of this project, so if interested in helping, call him at: 627-0816 or email: bvphillips71@gmail.com