



Special Issue

The Oakwood Historical Society



Preserving the past, present and future of the Oakwood Community

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A note from the president

The Oakwood Historical Society Board held its first meeting of 2006 last week, and we are now busy planning the programming and membership goals for the coming year.

As part of this planning process, we have decided to produce a quarterly newsletter starting in March. The newsletter will be a comprehensive source of information each season (spring, summer, fall, winter) for all Society activities as well as educational information on historical and preservation related subjects. In addition to the quarterly newsletter we will be sending members programming invitations/reminders several weeks prior to all Society events.

We hope that this new plan for corresponding with our membership will enhance the educational value of the newsletter, and that the reminders will help keep you abreast of events more easily.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, or if you have any particular concerns or ideas regarding its quarterly publication, please contact our newsletter editor, Anne Rasmussen. She can be reached via e-mail at arasmussen@woh.rr.com or by phone at 534-1981.

Please remember that as a member of the Oakwood Historical Society, you are invited and encouraged to participate in any and all Society committees that interest you. In fact, the vitality of this organization is entirely dependent on such participation. Take a glance at the committees listed to the left, note the chair of each committee, and please contact the chair if you would like to join the committee.

On behalf of all Board members, I can say that we are all very excited about the coming year, and we hope that our programming and membership plans bring renewed energy and enthusiasm to our organization.

Sincerely,

Teresa Prosser, President

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS 2006

February - Lecture, "The Humorous Mr. Lincoln"

March - Lecture, "The Restoration of the Westcott House"

April - Tour of Woodland Cemetery

May - Presentation - "The Treasures of Oakwood"

June - Walking Tour of Schantz Park Historic District - debut event

July - Picnic at the Homestead

September - "Home Restoration Fair"

October - "Farewell to Summer" Potluck Supper

November - Founder's Day Dinner

December - "Holidays at the Homestead" Open House



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FEBRUARY PROGRAM

“The Humorous Lincoln”

Local author Tom Cecil will present a 45 minute tribute to Lincoln and his humorous side. Yes, he did have one!

Monday, Feb 20th. Time: 7:30 PM. Location:

A fun way to celebrate President’s Day.



*During the dark days of the Civil War, Lincoln would often tell funny stories to his friends. Lincoln told his friends,
“Were it not for this occasional vent, I would die. I must laugh to keep from crying.”*