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May Meeting

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

4:00 p.m.

Crown Point Meeting Room

Program: Sharing Photos and Stories about
the Cleaning out of the House and Barn.

(Since the 4th Sunday is Memorial Day, we
are meeting on the 4th Wednesday)

ANNUAL MEETING:
April 24, 2002

A report on the current status of the house and barn project was the feature of the annual meeting. Mary Jane Paez had just received the drawings from the architect at VGI Design, and gave the members an overview of current plans for the renovations.

Robert Finney was elected to the Board of Directors. He replaces Ferne Michael, whose term expired.

Judy Bogaard has received an order of pens with the society name inscribed, these to be for sale (@\$1.50 each) at coming events. Also for sale, for the same price will be booklets Judy had put together describing

the gravestone symbols as presented to the members at the March meeting by Karen Pound.

The JSHS will be represented at a booth at the OASIS event, Johnston Middle School on Saturday, May 4, 2002.

As has been the case in the past, the JSHS will take part in Green Days in June.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

June Meeting: Judy Bogaard has arranged for members to take a tour of Fort Des Moines. **Meet at Crown Point on Wednesday., June 26th at 3:00 p.m. to carpool for the drive to Ft. Des Moines.**

Questions? Call Judy Bogaard at 986-3575.

July Meeting:

Sunday, July 26 at Crown Point
Gerald LaBlanc, who has researched, and written extensively on the history of Woodland Cemetery, and who leads tours there, will present his program on the cemetery.



From the President.....

No doubt you all want to know what's happening with the Simpson House and Barn Project.

There have been a few sleepless nights for some of us, and a lot of prayers, but now we seem to be on our way.

The architectural plans are all completed and distributed. We are getting a building and moving permit from the city at no charge. The utility people have all been notified and we are receiving their cost estimates for the move.

Our mover has created holes in the foundation at the house for placement of his beams. It's interesting to stand in the basement and see daylight on all sides.

We've found a contractor who is coordinating all the work. He will be preparing the new site with earthwork and grading. He's also talking about putting in a temporary sand-point well to lower the water table during the excavation of the basement. He and our mover have agreed that it will be best to move the structures immediately after Green Days celebration to be held at the Johnston Commons site in June.

Prior to the move the contractor will also put in the barn foundation and get the utilities (electrical and sanitary sewer) located on the site. Our landscaping grants require that we plant the trees included in the grant before the end of June, so he has scheduled this for late May.

The contractor has come up with a tentative schedule for the site preparation, move, and foundation construction, as follows:

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| Earthwork, grading | May 20-May 24 |
| Plant trees..... | May 27-May 29 |
| Place barn foundation..... | May 27-May 29 |
| Bring utilities on site..... | May 27-May 29 |
| Green Days..... | June 13-16 |
| Move House and Barn..... | June 17-19 |
| Place Barn floor slab..... | June 19-21 |
| Dig basement..... | June 19-21 |
| Place House footings..... | June 24-25 |
| Masonry basement walls..... | June 26-July 10 |
| Waterproof basement walls..... | July 11 |
| Place basement floor slab..... | July 11-12 |
| Set House on foundation..... | July 15-19 |
| Backfill House..... | July 22-23 |
| Bring utilities into House and Barn.... | July 23-24 |

When we reach this point we will continue fundraising, and work on projects we can do with a short cash supply. These are exciting times! I've heard from many people who are eager to welcome these newest additions to the community.

Mary Jane Paez

CAMPAIGN FOR HOUSE AND BARN

WAGONMASTER:
(\$1,000 TO \$4,999)

Johnston Lion's Club

SCOUT:
(\$100 TO \$999)

Ferne Michael
Windsor Heights, IA

CARETAKER
(1\$ TO \$99)

Audrey Archer
Broomfield, CO

BRICKS
(\$85 each)

From
Frank Avitt family
Max Asman family
Lola Wadsworth

In memory of
Irene Garlock
Henry Garlock
William Garlock

Thanks to all of you!



CONTRIBUTIONS.....

Yes, we still need them, especially as we move into the exterior renovation phase of the house and barn.. (Send to Johnston Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Johnston, Iowa 50131)

(Remember that the JSHS is an IRS code 501(c)(3) organization, and your contributions are tax-deductible).

Bob Thomas, who has worked tirelessly on this project, emphasizes how much we also need volunteer workers. The JSHS is very much a volunteer effort.

As work progresses, we will be calling on you local folks; if you have a skill in plumbing, electrical wiring, or carpentry, we ask you to let us know. In any case, expect a call asking for you to volunteer and be a part of the project!



Membership Brochure

Thanks to the creative efforts Of Kathy Wallerstedt, and the generosity of Pioneer Hi-Bred, who furnished the paper, the JSHS has a supply of attractive membership brochures, in 3-fold style.

The front fold features a drawing of a windmill and barn.

Inside, the brochure gives information about Johnston, about the Society, and includes a membership form.

RENEWALS!

Those of you who do not renew your membership before the end of July will probably be receiving one of these brochures as a reminder.

But please don't wait. If your mailing label reads " 01" you need to renew. Cost: \$10 for a single, \$12 for a family membership. Address: Johnston Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Johnston, IA 50131.

And visit our web-site for photos of House and Barn, and for information on the JSHS. Go to:
www.johnstonhistoricalsociety.com

New Members

Welcome to the following new members:

Tim Kline
Polk City, Iowa

Pearl Vail
Johnston, Iowa



In Memoriam

Irene Garlock, of Whitehouse Texas, died on March 8, 2002. She was the widow of William Garlock, who was killed in 1950 while driving a truck for AE Dairy Co.

Irene then married Henry Garlock, William's younger brother. William and Henry were sons of Laura Bauman Garlock and E.J. Garlock, who began the fruit farm on 86th Street, and who probably helped to build the barn we will be moving.

We send sympathy to her family and friends.



JOHNSTON HISTORY A HIT WITH FOURTH GRADERS

When the Beaver Creek Elementary School in Johnston held a Fine Arts Day on April 18th, they invited the Johnston (Station) Historical Society to be a part of the program.

Presentations by the JSHS members were made before each of four fourth grade classes,

Letters of thanks received from the students since then reflect the excitement and enthusiasm that our presenters felt as they told about the history of this community.

Garland Seibert related the history behind each of the clay tiles on the corners at 86th and 62nd Avenue, the Fox Indian, Mrs. Bernice Scott, the Robinson Ranch, Camp Dodge, Pioneer Hi-Bred, the Inter-Urban, the Garlock Orchard, the Johnston School.

A number of the "thank you" letters mentioned students' interest in the clay tile stories.

Mary Jane Paez told the story of the Indians in this area, of their migrations and displacement, the arrival of the settlers in the middle of the 19th century, and the hardships they experienced. The fourth graders were horrified to hear that in those days little boys wore dresses.

Judy Bogaard brought with her a number of artifacts reflective of pioneer life which related to school, cooking, laundry and toys. She brought a T-shaped milking stool which elicited numerous guesses as to its use Judy also displayed Indian artifacts picked up in the Johnston area. The arrowheads were a favorite with the fourth graders, and they thought the household artifacts were "neat stuff".

Finally, Mary Jane spoke about our Simpson House and Barn project and of the Historical Society itself.

Our presenters were given a gift certificate for Border's Book Store from the sponsors of the event, the Beaver Creek PTO. The certificate will be used to purchase a book for the JSHS museum library.

This was a highly successful event, as was the program given last October by Ferne Michael and Mary Jane Paez at Horizon School; we hope to be able to repeat it at another Johnston elementary school.

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