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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## HAROLD WOODWARD TO BE FEBRUARY SPEAKER



The speaker at the February 17, 2013 quarterly meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will be Harold Woodward, Jr., a well known local Civil War historian. The subject of Mr. Woodward's talk will be Madison County during the Civil War from late 1862 through 1863.

This September 22<sup>nd</sup> will mark the commemoration of the largest Civil War battle fought in Madison County, the battle of Jacks Shop, or as Mr. Woodward calls it, "the largest Civil War Battle never recorded." In preparation for that commemoration, the Society has had several speakers talking about the Civil War in general, particular aspects of the war, such as Mr. Jim Lillard's recent presentation on "Civil War Crossings" and now Mr. Woodward's description of Madison County's history and landscape during that period of the War.

For those who were able to attend Mr. Woodward's July 14, 2010 talk on the battle of Jacks Shop at Bethel United Methodist Church in Rochelle, you will know that Mr. Woodward is an exciting speaker on the Civil War and the talk on February 17<sup>th</sup> will be extremely interesting and informative.

The meeting will be held in the County Administrative Offices auditorium at 2pm Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided in the Kemper Residence next door following the presentation.

## JIM LILLARD SPEAKER AT NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2012 MCHS QUARTERLY MEETING



Jim Lillard speaking at Society meeting

Our speaker at the November 18, 2012 quarterly meeting of The Madison County Historical Society was Mr. Jim Lillard, Commander, Kemper-Fry-Strother Camp Number 19, Sons of Confederate

Veterans. The topic of his talk was "Civil War Crossings," a power point presentation about the engineers in the Civil War and how they trained, fought and built the pontoon bridges, timber bridges, stone bridges and other works. Pictures from the Library of Congress showed the enormous amounts of materials, transportation wagons, and animals required for hauling these materials necessary for the construction of these bridges, a huge engineering feat. After the bridges were placed and used, they had to be taken up and transported to the next crossing so this effort was repeated again and again.

This was Mr. Lillard's second presentation to The Society, the first being "Mountain Memories," the story of families who lived in our local mountains before those mountains became a part of the Shenandoah National Park. Both presentations were excellent and well attended.

## **2012 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE SOON**

The 2012 Annual Report of the Madison County Historical Society will soon be available. The Annual Report comprises a summary of information published in the 2012 Newsletters, plus a financial report for the year. In order to reduce printing and mailing costs, copies will be distributed only by request. When completed the report will be posted on the Society's web page, [Madisonvahistoricalsociety.org](http://Madisonvahistoricalsociety.org), and can then be viewed on-line by clicking on Newsletter and selecting 2012 Annual Report. Email or printed copies can be requested by emailing [madisonhistory@verizon.net](mailto:madisonhistory@verizon.net) or phoning 540-948-5488 (leave a message if no one answers). The financial report for 2012 is printed on page 5 of this newsletter.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The Board of Directors offers an apology to the membership for some inconsistencies that have occurred in our membership records since Michael O'Connor retired as membership chairman last February. Roger Schreiner has now assumed the duties of membership chairman with Sandy Stowe assisting and is

reviewing and updating all records. Each member that made a dues payment since last February should soon receive a letter acknowledging their payment and notifying them of their current status and term of membership. Once again, the Board apologizes for any inconvenience that we may have caused to our members.

Because of the membership tracking difficulties in 2012 we thought this would be a good time to change the membership policy to make it more manageable. Starting in 2013, membership will now be annual, ie. will run from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> for each ensuing year. This will make 2013 a transition year where people may be asked to make a partial membership payment to complete the 2013 membership year. If you have any part of a dues payment due to complete 2013, you will be receiving a mailing about that in the next month or two.

An additional decision made by the board was to make a county wide mailing describing the purpose of the Society, primarily to encourage collection of Madison County artifacts and historical information but also to solicit for additional members. This mailing will not occur until springtime so you will be receiving an additional mailing at that time if you are a county resident. Please ignore that letter, it is too difficult in a county wide mailing to delete current members from that particular mailing.

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Society for 2012:

Last Name	First Name	Membership level
Burbridge	Laura	single
Butler	Jerry & Judy	family
Ferguson	Ann M.	single
Kreis	Delano	friend
Lyons	Katherine Q.	single
Morris	Kathryn M.	partner
Toone	Carole	friend

We are happy to have you with us and hope you have a rewarding membership experience.

## **WINTER BREAK**

Every winter we close the museum for 2 months in order to renew or change exhibits, catch up on cleaning, etc. This year there are odds and ends

of acquisitions to be dealt with, the storage/work room needs a major overhaul and there are several years of Madison Eagles to be gone through for obits and articles relevant to Madison history. I have set some workdays and asked volunteers to come in and help out.

We have several new volunteers who will start when we reopen in March. This will really help in scheduling. Our goal is to have two volunteers on duty each open day. This way if one cannot work for whatever reason a substitute will not have to be found and it really makes it easier with two. We still need more volunteers so if you are interested please call Beppy White at 540-718-5328 or email Beppy@usa.com.

The museum sign on the front of the Arcade building has been incorrect for a number of years as to 'open times'. This will soon be corrected

## **WAVERLY YOWELL FOURTH GRADE CLASS WELCOMES CRAFT DEMONSTRATION**



Steve Hoffman shapes a hand-made shingle

On November 20, 2012 the fourth grade class at Waverly Yowell Elementary was presented with the second annual demonstrations of crafts necessary for family life and survival during America's Colonial Period. The event was sponsored and coordinated by Madison County Historical Society (MCHS). Student participation with hands on involvement was only eclipsed by their questions and comments, all which indicated their enthusiasm. The expertise, hard

work, and time of demonstrators, school administration, teachers, and MCHS coordinators are appreciated.



Katie Gigliotti demonstrates papermaking

Individual demonstrators and work stations included:

- Mary Ruth Kipps, Frances Lacy, and Elfreida Shank, Quilting
- Connie Deatherage, Spinning and Wool Carding
- Betty Mallory and Clyde Jenkins, Basket Weaving and White Oak Splint making
- Katie Gigliotti, Paper Making
- Steve Hoffman, Shingle Making
- Max Lacy, Outdoor Cooking, clothes washing
- Tommy Ford, Wood Sawing
- Blackie Watts, Blacksmithing
- Judi Padgter Old Time Music
- Cindy Bealer, Colonial Games.

All demonstrators are Madisonians with the exception of Clyde Jenkins of Stanley, Va. who is also associated with Colonial Williamsburg.



Connie Deatherage demonstrates spinning

## SPRING TEA MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>

Mark your calendar for the Spring Tea scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. Reservations will be accepted beginning March 1, and if the response is anything like recent teas, it will be important to reserve your place early.

The first benefit tea of 2013 will offer a varied menu of scones served with homemade lemon curd, mini-sandwiches and other tasty foods, accompanied by cups of delicious Kemper House tea.

"In March, the weather often is still on the cool side, and enjoying this popular lunchtime experience in a warm, historic setting at the Kemper Residence is a perfect way to welcome Spring," said Mary Haught, tea coordinator.

The price of the luncheon tea is \$20. All the food is prepared, donated and served by volunteers, so all proceeds are contributions to the Madison County Historical Society.

To make a reservation for the Spring Tea, beginning March 1, call 547-4398 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and the number of reservations you are requesting. You will receive a return call to confirm. You may call the same number with questions, or email [tealady@madisonvahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:tealady@madisonvahistoricalsociety.org).

## FARMERS MARKET



Jill Quinley and Nancy Demerest check out the Historical Society table at the Farmers Market manned by Beppy White

In November and December the Literacy Council sponsored an expanded Farmers' Market at the Madison Fire Hall. The Historical Society had a table each month to sell books and ornaments. This year (2012) Mary Haught made up pretty jars of the special 'Kemper blend' tea to sell and we sold it all. The two days added \$125.00 to the coffers of the Historical Society. Several volunteers helped man the table. Thank you.

# 2012 TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Account Balances - As of 12/31/2012

	1/1/2012	12/31/2012
Checking Account	\$13,357.17	\$5,379.79
Money Market Account	\$14,196.19	\$27,208.91
OVERALL TOTAL	\$27,553.36	\$32,588.70

## income and expenses for the year 2012

Category	through 12/31/2012	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Dues	\$5,765.00	
Funds		
Museum Exhibits Fund	\$17.75	
General Donations	\$676.25	
Interest Inc	\$12.72	
Kemper Income		
Kemper Rent	\$500.00	
Kemper Tea	\$1,733.50	
Miscellaneous Income	\$600.00	
Museum Income		
Gift Shop Sales	\$1,011.85	
Royalties	\$723.19	
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,040.26	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Arcade Building		
Arcade Electric	\$1,657.08	
Arcade Security	\$205.20	
Arcade Telephone	\$945.52	
Arcade Water & Sewer	\$337.20	
General Operating Expenses		
Newsletter	\$351.00	
Office Supplies	\$167.95	
Other	\$452.17	
Postage	\$224.20	
USPS Box Rental	\$65.00	
Insurance	\$554.00	
Kemper Residence		
Kemper Security	\$360.80	
Kemper Tea Expenses	\$88.21	
Kemper Telephone	\$344.04	
Museum		
Museum Archival Materials	\$19.73	
Museum Display Cases	\$40.00	
Museum Purchases for Resale	\$120.00	
Sales Tax Payment	\$72.82	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,004.92	
<b>Income minus expenses</b>		\$5,035.34

The Madison County Historical Society is a non-profit organization founded and operated for the perpetuation and preservation of Madison County heritage and traditions. The mission of the Society is to record, preserve, and stimulate interest in the history of Madison County, its families, occupations and way of life.

Membership is for one year with renewals due on the anniversary date of membership. Membership and other contributions to the Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Types of Membership:

Sustainer.....	\$500 or more	Business	\$50
Benefactor	\$250 to \$499	Family	\$30
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$20
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence, and on-line at the Society's web page - [www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.madisonvahistoricalsociety.org). (Click on "ABOUT US", and then on "application"). For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 Please leave a message if no one answers. We will return your call. You can also email us at [madisonhistory@verizon.net](mailto:madisonhistory@verizon.net).

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