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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPENS RESTORED SLAVE QUARTERS



Restored Kemper Slave Quarters

On Sunday November 15 Chairman Eddie Dean of the County Board of Supervisors cut the ribbon to mark the official opening of the newly restored Slave Quarters behind the Kemper Residence on North Main Street in downtown Madison. The restoration was a two-year effort undertaken by the Madison County Historical Society. Mr. Dean expressed his gratitude to the Historical Society for their efforts in preserving this important historical structure.

Eddie Dean, Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors receiving the scissors for the ribbon cutting from Bill Scholten, President of the Historical Society.

The opening ceremony followed the society's quarterly membership meeting, at which local architectural historian Ann Miller presented a review with pictures of the entire restoration project



Dr. Maury Hanson of the Historical Society, led the effort to raise funds, obtained the approval of the Department of Historical Resources, and engaged the services of Joe Wayner as general contractor. The Historical Society will now attempt to raise funds, an estimated \$6,900, for reconstruction of the chimney. Fortunately there is an excellent photograph of the chimney. Nineteenth century bricks will be used for it. Contributions toward its reconstruction, which are tax-deductible, can be mailed to the Madison County Historical Society, P.O. Box 467, Madison, VA 22727, and will be greatly appreciated

ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 21, 2010

The Annual meeting of the Madison County Historical Society will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2010 immediately following Mr. Lewis' presentation (see related article on page 2) in the Madison County Auditorium. At that time the terms of four members will expire.. The Historical Society proposes the following for election: Linwood Imlay, Carole Milks, Doris Lackey and Max Lacey. Nominations may be made from the floor but according to Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws – "Anyone so nominated must have agreed in writing prior to the nomination".

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Refreshments and conversation enjoyed by members

On Sunday, December 13th the Historical Society held a Holiday Open House at the Kemper House. The house was decorated for the holidays. A group of Society members gathered to enjoy cider, cookies and the festive holiday music of Hannah and Ethan Wagner.



Hannah and Ethan Wagner perform

VOLUNTEERS SCORE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FALL TEA

MEMBERSHIP

Here are new members who joined the Society since our last newsletter:

QUESTER TO HOST FUND RAISER LUNCHEON

Madison Questers is hosting a luncheon Tuesday, February 2 at 11:30 to raise funds for the Kemper slave quarters chimney. A luncheon of soup, sandwiches and desserts will be \$15. After lunch, there will be a bridge

tournament or board games for those who don't play bridge. Reservations can be made by calling Kay Hood at 948-4109

Questers is an international group which raises funds for historic preservation. Madison Questers priority has been to help the Historical Society raise funds for the slave quarters restoration

The Historical Society is most appreciative of Questers efforts and hope you will support this endeavor.

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	\$20
Partner	\$100 to \$249	Single	\$10
Friend	\$50 to \$99	Student	\$5

Membership applications are available at the Arcade and the Kemper Residence. For more information call the Society Office at 540-948-5488 and leave your name, telephone number, and address. We will send you a membership application or return your call to answer your questions.



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