

Maple Shade Historical Society Member's Newsletter

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Open Houses for December-

The Little Red Schoolhouse will be open on December 7 and December 21 from 1-4 pm. This is the first and third Saturdays of the month. If raining or snowing then it will be cancelled.

News-

It's time to renew your membership for 2025 if you decide to do that. A membership form is enclosed. Not all the members come to the Open Houses which is their choice but it provides a time to meet other members and visitors. There are things to see at the school such as the schoolhouse and some antiques relative to its era. There is reading material and old subdivision maps.

***Arcadia* book on Maple Shade partially corrected-**

I asked to correct the book's incorrect captions. They said I could only correct 10 captions so I said please do these 12. It should take months probably before the various sellers sell out the already printed editions (even *Arcadia* still has a stack waiting for vendors) Enclosed are my 12 selected caption

corrections which they said they made for upcoming newly printed copies.

2024 accomplishments-

All exterior woodwork as well as the interior of the windows was painted by *Gary Quick Custom Painting* who did the best job it ever had.

The moss growing on the back of the roof was soft power washed with a chemical treatment by *Greco Pressure Washing*.

The crawlspace below the school as well as drilling around the outside walls received termite and powder post beetle chemical treatments by *AB-CON Termite Specialists*.

The Maple Shade Historical Society was reinstated as a NJ non-profit corporation at a cost of \$150 reinstatement fee plus \$1,000 past due yearly reports. (fees) But first- \$50. was paid by me to just download forms to find out where we stood. It had been defunct since 1987 due to yearly reports (fees) not paid. Then came getting it reinstated on the Federal level (Free) and finally getting it to a Tax-Exempt status. (\$275 dollar fee)

A decision was made when me and Marie were doing inventory and there were a few boxes of old rusty tools and in a trunk old kitchen utensils. There is so much to share about the schoolhouse as well as Maple Shade history that we do not need to have antiques there just for the sake that they are antiques. And the more of them you have the more will keep finding their way in. Also, no more getting bricks and plaques etc., from buildings or whatever being tore down.

2024 Wrap Up-

Sometimes I got the Twp. to advertise the Open Houses at the Little Red Schoolhouse and sometimes I didn't. Only about two Open Houses were cancelled due to weather. I think. I forget now. We'd usually get about 4 groups of 2 or 3 people but sometimes more. Probably 1/3 of all the visitors are not from Maple Shade but were heading home to Colwick or Pennsauken. (That's fine. The school even served people as far as Haddonfield Road I tell them.)

It was nice when more of the members came out. Also note that the more cars out front the more people take notice.

I did about 2 mass mailings of which all the principals of all the Maple Shade schools were even invited. None ever came out though.

Much needed "repairs" were done to the school which cost over \$6,000. With that out of the way I think 2025 can all the more be a year to focus on advertising and getting more members, especially younger members.

Come on out to an Open House if you can. Bring a friend.

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