

Upcoming Events:

April 1st-Next meeting

May 6-May monthly meeting

May 21-PASTA DINNER-This will be on a Wednesday this year, from 5:30 until 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. *Rosie O'Grady's* will be doing the catering. We will be looking for donations for door prizes and desserts, since the society will be providing the desserts. Ticket prices will stay at \$9.00.

Sept. 13-Open House

Wreath and Poinsettia Sales

Dolly Allemon, who is in charge of the society's annual poinsettia sales, reported a profit of over \$1000 for the 2007 sale. Good job Dolly! She would also like to thank Kelly Jo Smolarek, Carol Rose, and Grace for their invaluable assistance!

Journal

Schoolhouse has HEAT and Other Improvements

Members of the Chesterfield Historical Society will be glad to know that most of the upgrades planned for the Weller School in the Chesterfield Historical Village have been completed! These include a sewer line that has been added from the road to the school. This will allow us to complete the plumbing to have a bathroom in the annex. We now have gas, electricity, running water, and heat in the schoolhouse, allowing us to book more programs! Recently, the gas company installed a meter and Roy Rivard and George Deeby finished installing the permanent heater for the Weller School.

One of our last major items to acquire will be a pedestrian bridge leading to the village from the township offices.

Christmas Open House Big Success

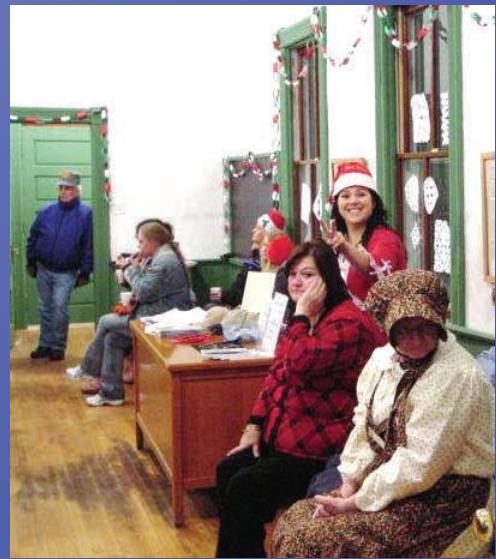
The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society has been participating in the township Christmas festivities for a number of years now. The most recent was December 7, 2007, when once more the Weller School in the Chesterfield Historical Village was open to the public. After the official Christmas tree lighting, participants were ferried to the village to tour the school, which was festooned with

Christmas decorations.

Every year, we seem to get more people! Page 2 and 3 have more pictures.



December Open House Photos at the Weller School





Archive News

The Chesterfield Township Public Library has purchased a file cabinet to be used for our historical archives, known as the Trinity Collection. The cabinet has an antique look, perfect for historical documents! We have begun transferring some of the Chesterfield Township archival materials to the cabinet and hope to have everything, including a guide, available to the public by the summer months. The cabinet will be located near the Reference Desk in the library.

Archive rules for members of the public will be roughly as follows:

1. Check with the librarian for a particular file, such as *Chesterfield Fire Department*.
2. The librarian will pull the file and the patron will be allowed to examine and read the materials while in the library. Making copies will be permitted. No pen or pencil marks, or alterations of any kind, will be permitted.
3. A driver's license or state ID will be held until the safe return of the items, usually no more than an hour or so after the item has been borrowed.
4. Some fragile items will only be stored within the library and not open to the general public. In these cases, if the item is deemed of sufficient importance, a digital or similar copy will be made for the public.

Historical Village Girl Scout Workshops

The Chesterfield Historical Village offers Girl Scout Workshops at its Historic Village, located at 47275 Sugarbush in Chesterfield Township (next door to the township buildings). The workshop topics are related to history and community service. If you would like to schedule a workshop with us, please contact Kathy Vosburg at (586) 949-3810.

The available workshops are:

Daisy Petals: Friendly & Helpful, Responsible for what I say and do

Brownie Try-Its: Listening to the Past, Brownies Through the Years

Junior Badges: Local Lore, My Heritage

Cadet Interest Project: Heritage Hunt

Cost is \$5 per girl, per workshop.



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The Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Senior Center in the Chesterfield Township offices at 47275 Sugarbush Road. Meetings start roughly at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome!

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