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THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF LOUDOUN COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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VALENTINE RECEPTION AT GOOSE CREEK MEETINGHOUSE

The Preservation Society looks forward to holding its annual Valentine Reception at the Goose Creek Meetinghouse in Lincoln on Sunday, February 10, from 3-5 p.m. The snow date is February 17. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend who may be interested in joining. The Preservation Society was formed on Valentine's Day in 1974, and we have continued the tradition of meeting on or near Valentine's Day to socialize with one another, renew our memberships, and celebrate our heritage.

It is an honor and privilege to host our event at such a distinguished and historic location. Suellen Beverly will provide us with tours of the building and grounds and can answer questions about the history of the Friends and the Lincoln area.

The current building is the third to exist in Lincoln. Built in 1817, it is constructed of brick in the Flemish bond style and is built on a fieldstone foundation. The structure was remodeled in 1943 after a severe windstorm damaged the roof, and the remodeling included lowering the roofline to make the building one story instead of two. A social hall was added to the building in the 1980s.

The Meetinghouse is the place of worship for the Goose Creek Friends Meeting. The Goose Creek Meeting was founded in 1749 and meetings were held in members' homes until a log meeting house was built about 1751. A ten acre parcel was purchased by sev-

eral members in 1757 for the purpose of building a meetinghouse and school house and establishing a

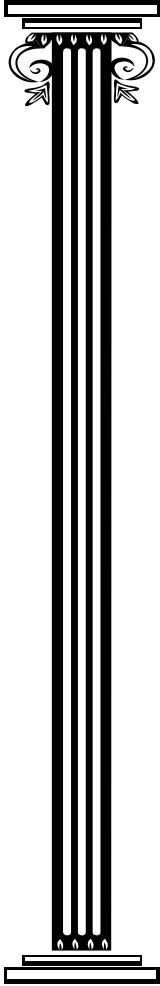
cemetery. In 1765 a stone meetinghouse was built on the parcel, but by 1815 the Meeting had outgrown it. The present day brick meetinghouse was erected across the road. The old stone meetinghouse is still standing and is currently a private residence. This area was known as Goose Creek until after the

Civil War when it was renamed Lincoln in honor of the President.

The Meetinghouse is located at 18204 Lincoln Road in Lincoln, however Mapquest identifies it as Purcellville. Also note that South Maple Avenue becomes Lincoln Road, and the Meetinghouse is roughly a mile after the turn onto South Maple. Parking is in the lot across the road from the Meetinghouse.

Directions from the east: Take Route 7 West to the Rt. 287/Purcellville exit. Turn left on the Berlin Turnpike/Rt. 287. Turn right onto East Main Street. Turn left onto South Maple Ave. Directions from the west: Take Loudoun St./Rt. 7 east into Purcellville. Turn right onto South Maple Ave. Directions from the north: Take the Berlin Turnpike/Route 287 south to Main Street in Purcellville. Turn right onto Main Street. Turn left onto South Maple Ave. Directions from the south: Take St. Louis Road/Rt. 611 north. It becomes Silcott Springs Road/Rt. 690. Turn right onto W. A Street. Turn right onto Lincoln Road.





PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As we welcome a new year, it is worth looking back and celebrating the organization's accomplishments from last year. Our biggest and most visible was the publication of the Citizen's Guide to the Historical, Cultural & Environmental Organizations in Loudoun County. It is a compilation of 42 historic preservation and environmental groups. Released in May, 4,000 copies were distributed by the end of 2007. It is a distinctive booklet that has been warmly received in the community.

In May we participated in the county's 250th anniversary celebration. We had a display at the Day in the Country event in Middleburg in September and at Court & Market Day in Leesburg in October.

On the legislative side, PSLC members spoke before the Board of Supervisors in opposition to the Crosstrails development proposal near the Leesburg Airport and against allowing property owners to opt out of the Goose Creek Historic District without going through the proper process. We also spoke at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources hearing against the de-listing of Waterford's historic district status.

Members of the Preservation Resources Committee attended several Urban Foresters Roundtables and gathered information and made contacts that will be helpful with this year's projects. White papers were written on tree preservation and river and stream corridors, and they will be part of our legislative agenda. Members worked with county staff to encourage the addition of a historic resources overlay to the county's mapping system. In February, members worked to prevent the demolition of a historic log cabin in Sterling. Two big projects will carry over to 2008 and will be our focus this year: the Endangered Site Program and a shared legislative agenda with other organizations in the county. These projects are detailed on page three.

I'm proud of the organization's accomplishments in 2007, and I know we will have an even more productive and fruitful year in 2008. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and help.

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BITS AND PIECES

Photo exhibit: Preservation Society member Jim Hanna has an exhibit of his award-winning photography at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg. Titled "Rural Culture on the Edge", the exhibit is located on the lower level of the Library and runs through the end of April. Jim's photos capture the beauty of western Loudoun, and the exhibit provides a selection of images depicting the county's precious rural ecology and heritage. Featured photos include "Furnace Mountain by the Potomac", which won First in Show in Photography at Oatlands last July, and "Wheatland Manor", which placed first in the American Historical Buildings category at last year's Waterford Fair.

The Thomas Balch Library is located at 208 West Market Street in Leesburg. Operating hours are: Sunday 1-5; Monday 10-5; Tuesday 10-8; Wednesday 2-8, Thursday 10-5; Friday 10-5; and Saturday 11-4. 703-737-7195. <http://www.leesburgva.org/services/library/>

Historian needed: After many years of serving as the Preservation Society's historian, Dorothy Evans stepped down in January 2007. She created lovely and thorough scrapbooks that documented our activities, including photos, newspaper articles, meeting minutes, and event invitations. If you are interested in filling this important position, or just getting more information about it, please contact Lori Kimball at 703-669-2506 or LHINTERL@AOL.COM.

2008 PROJECTS

Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition: The Preservation Society has always been active legislatively, and a logical step for us was to see if other groups in the county had shared interests and concerns. In mid-December we organized a meeting of historic preservation and environmental groups to discuss the idea of working together on a local legislative agenda. The meeting was very productive and resulted in the formation of two subgroups, one to work on historic preservation issues and the other on environmental concerns.

Each group has identified a list of priorities and action items for moving forward. Recognizing that historic and environmental preservation go hand-in-hand, the subgroups are kept apprised of each group's progress and will meet regularly as a combined group. Because there will be times when the group wants to refer to itself as a single entity, the organizations agreed on the name Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition. This is a name only. It is not the formation of a new organization.

Endangered Site Program: In 2007 the Preservation Resources Committee started to plan a comprehensive program for recognizing, helping to save, and educating the public about endangered sites. Our work on the log cabin in Sterling and several of our members' efforts to save the Selma mansion made it clear that a publication was needed to guide people through the process and to explain the many options available when trying to save a site. It would include items such as information on conservation easements and rehabilitation tax credits, a getting-started checklist, and a list of local organizations that might be of help. Work has begun on the guide and we plan to publish it this year. Another component of the program is an annual endangered site list. Its purpose would be to educate the public about the danger to the site and ideally lead to its preservation.

Anyone interested in working on the Endangered Site Program should contact Lori Kimball at 703-669-2506 or Al Van Huyck at 540-338-3524. We welcome more volunteers!

FRIENDS OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS INITIATES PROGRAMS

In 2006 the Preservation Society identified the need for a new group concerned with the preservation of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A group headed by Al Van Huyck (Vice President of the PSLC), Lella Smith, and Jane Pratt met throughout 2007 with other interested people to plan for the organization of the Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains (FBRM). The Friends was incorporated on September 17, 2007. The Preservation Society received contributions from interested people to provide the initial working capital during the organization process.

The FBRM held their first event at the Bear's Den Lodge in December. The reception attracted over 70 participants who enjoyed a lively mix of mountain music, food, and story telling of the 19th and 20th century life on the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The mission of the FBRM is to preserve, enhance, and celebrate the Blue Ridge Mountains as a valuable

resource and treasured space for present and future generations.

Half of the world's fresh water supply comes from mountains, therefore they are critical resources for all people. In addition, mountains enhance the natural beauty of an area; provide opportunities for research, education and recreation; and stand as a living monument to the history and heritage of a region.

However, the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Short Hills continue to be threatened with development and are vulnerable due to weak county regulations. The FBRM believes that, given the significance of the Blue Ridge and the considerable risk to this resource, urgent action is called for to prevent the degradation of its fragile ecosystem.

Anyone interested in joining the group is invited to contact Al Van Huyck, Membership Chair, at 540-338-3524 or avanhuyck@aol.com.



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ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held in September at Rust Nature Sanctuary in Leesburg. The keynote speaker was Paul Hodge, president of the Unison Preservation Society. Paul, shown at right, talked about how his organization was formed and the Unison Historic

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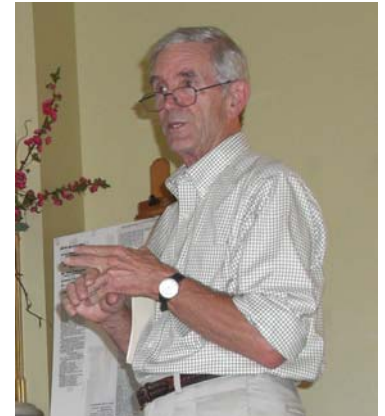
Recording Secretary: Cheryl Sadowski

Treasurer: Rene Dennis

Membership Chair: Reg Jones

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District created. Unison is on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. UPS is working with the National Park Service to have the Unison battlefield area designated as an official Civil War battlefield site.



Below, Patty Rogers-Renner, Lori Kimball, and

Jean Brown with her granddaughter pose with Jean's Preserva-



tionist of the Year award. Jean was nominated by Patty for her many years of preservation work, including the formation of the Goose Creek Historic District.