



YORKTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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Staff Changes

Frank Edwards has decided to step down as Director, so Barry Shrout is filling in at that position. The position of Vice-Director is temporarily vacant. Other current officers are Nancy Kane, Recording Secretary, Joy Phillips, Corresponding Secretary, Rosalie Mitchell, Treasurer, Frank Edwards, Immediate Past Director, and Jerry Thompson and Lois Winter, Board Members at Large.

Spring Garden Party Fund Raiser

May 24th found YPS gathered in the lovely garden at Carolyn Weekley and Angier Brock's home on Bacon Street in the heart of the village. Can you imagine having a true redoubt in your front yard! The weather was perfect and the party was enjoyed by all. The food brought by the members was delicious and, as always, a treat. The \$20 per person charge brought in \$800 and contributions were \$50 giving us a net income of \$850. Expenses were \$36.60 giving us a profit of \$813.40 to be spent on community projects. Our thanks to all who attended and contributed to a successful afternoon but especially to our gracious hostesses, Carolyn and Angier, who made it all possible. We appreciate everything they did to make it a perfect afternoon gathering.

***Hermione* Visit**

When the French sailing ship *Hermione* visited Yorktown in early June, the Yorktown Preservation Society set up an information booth on Main Street on Saturday and Sunday. Nancy and Barry Shrout set up the display on Saturday morning and Frank Edwards and Jerry Thompson manned the display on Saturday and Sunday. Frank and Jerry also took down the display Saturday afternoon and set it up Sunday morning and took it down Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to them. A visitor to our booth, Mark Shyman from Miami, FL, was so impressed with the work YPS is doing that he made a donation to the Society.

YPS Website

Please remember the YPS Website is available for information about activities sponsored by YPS both future and past. The address is www.ypsva.org. When you are seeking information about the organization regarding

meetings, membership dues, tours, photos of activities, organization contacts, etc. remember to log on to the YPS website. You will find a wealth of information there about YPS and Yorktown.

Committees

Members are encouraged to volunteer to serve on one of the YPS committees. Current committees and their Chairs are:

Preservation: Bonnie Karwac (757.898.3727),
Lois Winter (757.898.0782)
Membership: Nancy Shrout (757.898.4174)
Tours and Events: Joy Phillips (757.898.1243)
Meeting Refreshments: Nancy Shrout (757.898.4174)
Publicity: Jennifer Carver (757.898.7789)
History Committee* : Jerry Thompson (202.441.7455)

*This includes the history of the Yorktown Branch of APVA and Preservation Virginia as well as the Yorktown Preservation Society.

YPS Archived Files

Through an agreement with The Earl Gregg Swem Library of the College of William & Mary, all meaningful documents of the Yorktown Preservation Society will be housed in the Manuscripts and Rare Books section of the Library. The documents will be submitted to the Library on an annual basis. The documents, once submitted, will become the property of the Swem Library. All documents will be available for viewing and copying to members of the public with advanced notice to the Library. Also all archived documents for the Yorktown Branch of the APVA/PV are also housed at the Swem Library and are available for viewing and copying with advanced notice. This arrangement helps to ensure that the documents housed at the Library will be available to anyone with an interest in the history of the two organizations with assurances that they will be maintained in a safe and secure manner. Anyone requesting access to the documents can contact the Swem Library at 757.221.3095 for an appointment. For more information please contact Jerry Thompson at JerryLThompson@Yahoo.com or 202.441.7455.

Preservation of York County Records

One of the projects that has been a major accomplishment of our organization in the past has been the preservation of York County Records. Most recently, some of the older marriage records have been bound and preserved. We are looking into the possibility of preserving additional marriage records starting with 1877. This preservation work is done by a private firm, C.W. Warthen, under contract to the Circuit Court Clerk's office, but funded by the YPS.

Applying for Grants

There are organizations which are willing to provide funds or in some cases matching funds for projects that they deem worthwhile. Some of our restoration and preservation activities fall into that category. Holly Jonak, who had been investigating the possibility of acquiring grants for some of our preservation activities, has accepted employment with Colonial Williamsburg in grant acquisition. Because of the obvious conflict of interest, she cannot continue working on grants for the Yorktown Preservation Society. However Holly has said she would be able to provide general information on the process of applying for grants if we find someone in YPS to take over this task. So if you might be interested in such a position, please let us know.

Member Assistance with Updated Material

Many of the members of YPS are familiar with the booklet *The First Sixty-five Years 1921 -- 1986*, of the Yorktown Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, especially those long time APVA Yorktown Branch members. This booklet provided a history of the goals, activities and achievements of the Branch from its creation in 1921 to the publication of the booklet in 1986. The members of the YPS Board are seeking assistance from you long time Branch members to help us update this history from 1986 until the dissolution of all Branches by Preservation Virginia in 2013. We would like this to conclude the history of the Yorktown Branch, APVA for inclusion in the Swem Library files. Anyone who has personal anecdotes, photographs, fundraiser information for tours, restoration projects or summer or Christmas fundraiser parties or any documents related to the Branch activities between the years of 1987 through 2013, please contact Frank Edwards at sfeinyorktown@aol.com or (757) 898.6638. We would also welcome anyone who would like to review with Frank and Jerry the Yorktown Branch APVA records at the Swem Library to capture information for this final history. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.

Next YPS Business Meeting

The next meeting of YPS is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm. As per usual, the meeting will be held at the Grace Parish House. There will be a short business meeting followed by the program and ending with refreshments. You will receive a notice of all the particulars shortly.

Email Addresses

As a monetary concern, we wish to communicate by email as much as possible. If you are not receiving emails or snail mail, please let us know at either yps2013@aol.com or Joy Phillips at (757) 898-1243. Thanks for your help on this issue.

Reminder

Renewal for all YPS memberships will occur on September 1, 2015. Please make a note of this date to ensure that your membership does not lapse. You will receive a notice providing you with details of renewal in the near future.

Year-End Financials

Yorktown Preservation Society Profit & Loss July 2014 through May 2015

	Jul '14 - May 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Member Dues	1,740.00
Donations	2,160.00
Fund Raising	1,773.40
Grants	100.00
Donations for Books	4.00
Total Income	5,777.40
Expense	
Donations Given	310.00
Dues & Memberships	575.00
Franchise Fee	25.00
Gifts	75.00
Insurance	250.00
Meetings	55.02
Miscellaneous	351.00
Postage	43.80
Printing	31.80
Safety Deposit Box Rental	55.00
Web and Domain Expense	14.99
Total Expense	1,786.61
Net Ordinary Income	3,990.79
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	0.42
Total Other Income	0.42
Net Other Income	0.42
Net Income	3,991.21