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NETHERLAND INN *Schedule of Events*

May–October • 2004

Open Sat. & Sun. 2–4 p.m.

2144 Netherland Inn Road
P. O. Box 293, Kingsport, TN 37662
(Telephone: 423-246-6262

www.netherlandinn.com

May 1, Saturday:
Antique Show with appraisals,
11 a.m.–4 p.m.

May 22, Saturday:
White Elephant/Yard Sale,
8 a.m.–2 p.m.

June 11, Friday:
Wine & Cheese Party, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

July:
Special Event . . . Look for announcement.

August 21, Saturday:
Teddy Bear Picnic, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

September 25, Saturday:
Olde Time Fiddler's Convention &
Bluegrass Festival.

October 28–30, Thur., Fri., Sat.:
Haunted House and Scarecrow
Competition, 7–9 p.m.

December 12–14, Fri., Sat., & Sun.:
1818 Candlelight Christmas Party,
Fri. & Sat., 7–9 p.m.; Sun., 2–4 p.m.



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EXCHANGE PLACE *Schedule of Events*

May–October • 2004

Open Thur. & Fri. 10–2 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 2–4 p.m.

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(Telephone: 423-288-6071

www.kingsport.com/exchangeplace
email@exchangeplace.info

April 24 & 25, Sat. & Sun.:
Spring Garden Fair, Sat. 10–5 p.m. &
Sun. 12–5 p.m.; Admission.

June 20, Sunday:
Old Fashioned Games, 2–4:30 p.m.

July 18, Sunday:
Farmfest, 2–5 p.m.

September 25 & 26, Sat. & Sun.:
Fall Folk Arts Festival, Sat. 10–5 p.m.
& Sun. 12–5 p.m.; Admission.

October 22 & 23, Fri. & Sat.:
Witches Wynd, 8 p.m.; Admission.

December 4 & 5, Sat. & Sun.:
Christmas in the Country, Sat. 10–3
p.m. & Sun. 12–4:30 p.m.

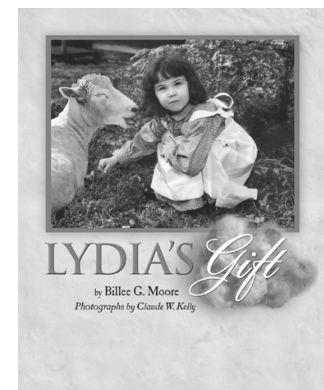
December 5, Sunday:
Yule Log Ceremony, 4:30 p.m.

Lydia's Gift

A year in the making, the Exchange Place "Sassafras" publication, *Lydia's Gift* is set to debut at the Spring Garden Fair, April 24 and 25. Geared for young children, the book explains the sheep-to-shawl process through photographs and a story line. A second section provides further information relating to the story.

Beginning with the birth of the spring lambs and progressing through shearing, washing, carding, dyeing, spinning and weaving, the sequence unfolds as Kate learns by helping Grandmother with the chores.

Suzanne Burow as the grandmother, instructs her grandchild, "Kate" (Sidney Moore) in the steps necessary in the 1800s to transform wool into clothing. The photographs were taken on Exchange Place grounds by Claude Kelly, while Ellen Turpening provided the finished woven garment, and Jack and Amy Boyles lent their artistic and technical skills in laying out the pages. Billee Moore wrote the text.



Available at Exchange Place, the book will retail for \$8.00. Its aim is to offer youngsters an entertaining educational experience and their elders with beautiful scenes of the valley farmstead.

Life is what happens while you're making other plans.

Attributed to John Lennon.

New Steering Committee Members

We are delighted and fortunate to welcome two new members to our steering committee.

John A. Scott, a well-known resident of Kingsport, joined our steering committee in December 2003. He was also elected a Director of the Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association Board at the annual meeting of the association held on January 16, 2004. He will serve a three year term on the board. John is a native of Memphis, TN and has been living in Kingsport, except for a two year assignment in Rochester, since joining Eastman Chemical Company in 1972. John has been active in several organizations, having served as president of the Kingsport Jaycees of the Boys Club. He was one of the early coordinators of Fun Fest in 1982. John and his wife, Nancy, live in the Ross Thomas House, circa 1818, at 2305 Netherland Inn Road. Look at the beautiful work they have done on this home and gardens and you know they love historic preservation and gardening. They also own the John Martin house, circa 1818-1830, next door to their home.

Diane Neeb joined our steering committee in January 2004. Diane returned to Kingsport a little over four years ago from El Paso, TX, where she retired from Southwest Floors and Interiors Inc., which she owned and operated for over 12 years. Her husband Randy is retired from the Military (Lt.Col.) and the University of Texas at El Paso. They have one son Patrick who resides in San Jose, CA with his wife Steffanee. Diane is very active in the community as a volunteer and serves on many boards.

Diane said that she has been volunteering for the past 47 years. She started as a candy striper on Long Island, NY and has been a volunteer ever since. She enjoys working with people and said that she will volunteer as long as she can. Diane is glad to be back in Kingsport after such a long absence. She said that the people here are so friendly, it's good to be home again.

Ms. Kellum emphasized that this is a participation rather than a performance; the group sits in a square so that their voices are directed at each other. The leader keeps time, sometimes "lining out" the text.



volunteer vt: to offer or bestow voluntarily ~one's services~

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary

By the early 1800s, the practice had died out in the northeast, but remained popular in the south. Today it is enjoying a resurgence all across the country. (Photos By Dick Burow.)

Billee Moore

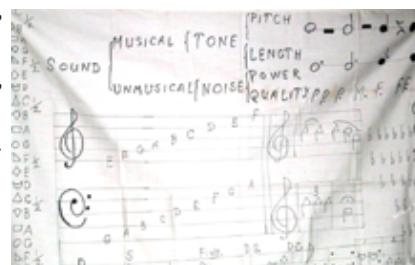
The Shape Note Tradition

Members of the association attending the annual dinner on January 16 were presented a program on shape note singing by Sharon Kellum and friends. Ms. Kellum, who has an extensive background in music and musical instruments, is leader of a group in Ashe County, NC, and an enthusiastic advocate of keeping the shape note tradition alive.

With origins in the 11th century, it was brought to this country by European colonists and quickly took root as a method of teaching singing to those without formal music training. Singing schools sprung up and rapidly proliferated.

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Speakers Available

Speakers to tell our Netherland Inn story are available to address civic clubs, private organizations, social clubs, etc. If you belong to one of these groups and you think there would be an interest in a speaker, please contact me at 247-4043 and I will happy to arrange for one.

We give the history, not only of the inn, but also of Kingsport. It is important for us to interest people in our heritage, the inn, and to encourage membership in the association. We have had many complimentary remarks about the program. All requests will be honored.

Jane Gibson, Curator