

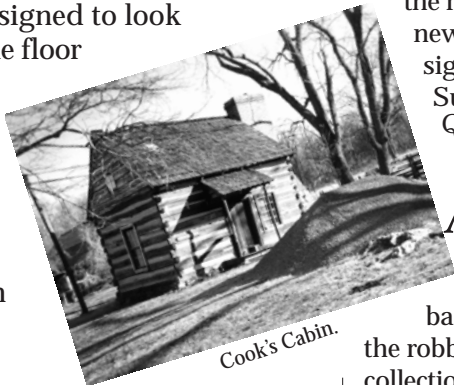
Exchange Place Projects

Cook's Cabin

The Cook's Cabin floor, thanks to the resident groundhogs, is being redone. The groundhogs tunneled under the floor causing massive cracks and finally holes into the cabin. The first floor has been removed, an additional ten inches of dirt has been hand dug out of the cabin to provide room for four inches of gravel, a vapor barrier, and finally, four inches of tinted concrete as a floor foundation. Designed to look like sod, the floor was made with a combination of concrete and epoxy tinted with red clay.



Volunteers from Stone Soup, a Dobyms Bennett HS service organization, shovel gravel into the Cook's Cabin as well as onto the two track road.



Log Corncrib

The reconstructed log corncrib will be located along the old road bed across from the blacksmith shop. The original crib stood on property that was given to the city of Kingsport by the Preston family so that Orebank Road could be relocated and not run through the initial gift of land and buildings. This reconstruction is made possible by the gift of a duplicate log corncrib from the W.E. Moody family, and is financed through the gifts of Mrs. Eudora Anderson and Rogers Stuart.

Log Gift Shop

A log gift shop with an attached shed containing larger bathrooms will be constructed near Roseland with a handicapped ramp connecting the

new structure to the visitor's center. Bus tours and increased number of visitors to Exchange Place have necessitated the need for better bathroom facilities. Combining these facilities with a gift shop will also allow for part of the store structure to be period furnished.

The "new store" will have a sign which says: Jno. Gaines, Merchant, Postmaster, Edens Ridge, Te.

The sign will be built in the old manner of a shingle with the three narrow boards held together with bread board ends. The original sign was discovered during the restoration of the store and the new sign will be placed there. The sign is a gift by the Long Island Sunbonnets Chapter of Questers.

Additions to Collections

"Mrs. Preston" can move back into Exchange Place after the robbery thanks to the magnificent collection of antiques recently donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Spainhour.

This collection, numbering over 50 items, perfectly matched many of the items stolen. There are enough beds for the family again, covered by beautiful handwoven coverlets or quilts; there are enough chairs once again and an unusual footstool where the legs are attached through the top with mortise and tenon joints; the tiger maple spinning wheel is in perfect condition for spinning plus a beautiful clock reel with which to make the skeins of yarn (560 yards each). The items for the kitchen include a country Hepple-

white work table with tapered legs and the top is attached with pegs and hand wrought nails; a dough tray, dough box, candle mold, choppers, churn, meal sifters, and a cradle to keep the baby happy while one cooks!

Part of the donated items will be used to "stock the store" to initially recreate half the structure as an early store. The store will be anchored by an early desk/spool cabinet, coffee grinder, lamps, lanterns, and nineteen wooden planes with various cutter designs, all given by the Spainhour Family.

The total value of this gift is priceless not only to the visitors who learn about our rural heritage but especially to the volunteers who were beginning anew after 30 years of collecting representative furnishings of a rural 1850 East Tennessee farming family. (Photos By Suzanne Burow.)

Suzanne Burow

Gifts to the Inn

Since the last newsletter, the inn has received several gifts that will enhance our collection. One is a beautiful watercolor of the inn by well-known local artist, Ray Williams donated by Mr. & Mrs. Norman Sobel. It now hangs in the parlor in place of the portrait which was stolen in 2002.

Another is a wonderful large copper kettle from the



mid-1800s that came to us from Dr. and Mrs. Monty Stirman.

We continue to receive many questions from the public as to whether there was a locked tea caddy originally in the inn. Tea was such a valuable luxury in the early 1880s that we are sure there was one. The Sun Bonnet Chapter of the Questers has generously donated one from the Monticello collection. While it is a reproduction of beautiful finely-grained walnut, it will serve our purpose of illustrating the times and life

of the early inn. They have also donated enough funds for us to purchase five expensive and sorely needed large acid-free curator storage boxes for protection of our costumes.

Mrs. Nancy Mallicote has given us an early 20th century 12-foot long store table that we use for display purposes and a lovely old woven vegetable storage basket with a lid. The basket will be displayed in the restored kitchen.

We are deeply appreciative for all these items that add charm to the inn and keep people coming back. The inn is still evolving and there is always something new to see.

Jane Gibson, Curator

Annette Pannell Honored

Annette Pannell, chairman of the Netherland Inn Docent Committee and member of the Steering Committee, has recently been elected President of the Tennessee Federation of Republican Women.

We are very proud of Annette's accomplishments, but even more proud of her ongoing success and accomplishments with the inn's docent committee. She spends countless hours developing schedules and recruiting the important Docent Team for each year. And after completing the above tasks, she and Bobbie Carrico plan and manage a docent training program each spring. Annette's never-say-die attitude and gracious manner are definite assets to any organization and we are pleased that she lends these traits to the inn. We like to think the inn is her #1 priority.

Thank you Annette for a job very well done and congratulations on your election.

Jerry Eaves

Farm Expo

Farm Expo, held at the Meadowview Convention Center in January, was well-represented by the 1850 working farm at Exchange Place. This was the first year that Exchange

Place had participated and the response to our exhibit was second only to the Hog Calling Contest!

It is a very family oriented event and Exchange Place was one of the few exhibits that had something of interest for all ages. Having a large room was a big advantage since visitors did not just walk by, they came in and "sat a spell." Six volunteers stayed Friday night, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon for show and tell about Exchange Place, making rope, quilting, spinning,



Allen Calcote demonstrates rope making, with the assistance of Margaret Calcote.



Billee Moore shows some visitors to the Expo how wool is carded.

not least, exhibiting the "Daniel Boone is not my Friend" bear.

Farm Expo was indeed a good experience for Exchange Place—



Eleanor deNobriga demonstrates quilting by hand at the Farm Expo.

servicing jumbles, carding wool, shearing sheep, selling items from the store, and last but

farming through the ages appealed to the people there; the problems of minor breeds, such as those found at Exchange Place, was understood by the farmers; volunteers

signed up; new members joined; schedules of events were handed out; and a good time was had by all! (Photos

By Suzanne Burow.)

Suzanne Burow

Remember When, 1966...2004

Mrs. Lloyd Cloud Parker of Knoxville, TN agreed to sell the Netherland Inn with the proviso that it be preserved as a historic site and open to the public. In 1966, under the able leadership of Mrs. Lucy May Crymble and Mrs. Mimi Spoden, the Netherland Inn Association was formed.

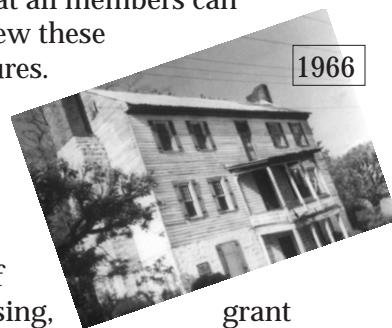
It is with tremendous pride that all members can view these

pictures.

From those days of hard work, hours of fundraising, writing, re-donated items, talks to civic organization, keeping records, working with governmental agencies and having the wonderful support of our citizens, we were able to earn the prestigious designation of National Historic Site.

Today, our future is bright.

When it is finished, the Greenbelt, along the river, will highlight Great plans for the area to the early days of Kingsport are being planned. We hope to bring the riverfront back as it was then...a boatyard, wharfs and a true flatboat.



1966



2004

The architectural plans for the great barn are finished and when our grant request is approved, work will commence.

All this would not be possible without the support of many volunteer workers and donors who give their resources to bring a dream to life. Yes, we can be called a museum but we are a "living museum," one you can touch and feel and be proud of.

Jane Gibson, Curator

"Etiquette for Ladies" HINTS ON FEMALE BEAUTY

Suzanne Burow presented a ladies program about Exchange Place for a garden club meeting at my house one day. She was an absolute hit as "Mrs. Preston," dressed in her 1850s outfit, explaining how different life was back then for the women who lived at Exchange Place. Suzanne continues to perfect her role as Mrs. Preston, and, therefore, is always in demand by various groups as she brings Mrs. Preston to life.

After discovering the intriguing book, *Etiquette for Ladies*, it's not surprising that Suzanne decided to add a new program on the ladies of Exchange Place. She took a part from Mrs. Preston's book from the 19th of April 1839 signed by C.A. Greenway, later becoming, Mrs. Catherine Ann Greenway Preston. The complete title of the book is, *Etiquette for Ladies, Hints on Female Beauty*.

From the book on the subject of introductions:

"Formerly it was the habit for the ladies to curtsy on being introduced, but this has latterly been changed into the more easy and graceful custom of bowing...At present, in the best society, all that a lady is called upon to do, upon a first



introduction either to a lady or a gentlemen, is to make a slight, but gracious inclination of the head. Upon one lady meeting another

for the second or subsequent times, the hand may be extended in supplement to the inclination of the head; but no lady should ever extend her hand to a gentleman, unless she is very intimate, a bow at meeting, and one at parting, is all that is necessary. Ladies should never bow hastily, but with slow and measured dignity."

Suzanne Burow
Comments by Barbara Baker

Sassafras, etc.

The leaves of the sassafras tree have been the logo of Exchange Place since its beginning as a restored historic site. This tree was selected because of the multi-leaves of the shaped operation of a self-representing multi-faceted sustaining farm. Thanks to the efforts of Witt Langstaff, two new sassafras trees, along with a sycamore, have been planted between the smokehouse and the greenbelt parking area.



Suzanne Burow

January Lambs

For the past two years, Holly has surprised everyone at the Exchange Place farm with January lambs. Suzanne Burow, who cares for the sheep, thought she separated Holly the ewe from Gladstone the ram in time, but apparently old Gladstone still can outsmart his shepherd.

Meet Henry and Hiram, Holly and Gladstone's cute little winter ram lambs.



Suzanne likes to time the

birth of the lambs for

March or April when the weather is milder and the mothers won't be dropping their babies in excessive cold, or possibly, in the snow.

But Henry and Hiram survived just fine under Suzanne's watchful eye and the help of a heat lamp set over their stall in the barn. Amazingly, within two to three days, the lambs are ready to begin their life of exploring the pasture with mom.

Barbara Baker

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