

## How Many Phone Calls?

How many phone calls did it take to provide the goodies for the three-day Netherland Inn 1818 Christmas Party held in December 2003? In all, we placed about 100 phone calls—some were not

completed—out of town, not home, or whatever. But, 75 loyal members of the entire association graciously added our request to their busy

Christmas schedules. That's why the whole town is still talking about the fabulous refreshments served at this event!

Only about three of the hundred gave us a "no," but some, even if they were to be out of town, said, "Sure, I'll get the cookies to you before I leave." And they did! And, so we were

provided with forty or more batches of cookies, six or eight cakes and fruit breads and a dozen cheeseballs with crackers to match. If they were not inclined to bake, those

generous donations of us crispy red apples to be sliced and dipped into cinnamon sugar, always a treat for our littlest guests.

And then we had the "old faithfuls" who show up every year with their specialties such as cream mints, peanut brittle, cheese straws, special dips, tiny quiches and pecan pies. And we

always add mini-slices of the popular Claxton fruit cakes to provide variety and color to our serving plates.

Although the parties were back in December, it's never too late to say "thank you" to those who came through at the busiest time of the year. You helped ensure the success of our open house and, while it's not possible to write individual thank you notes, we hope you know how much you are appreciated. Happy 2004!

Betty Elam



Vice Mayor, Larry Munsey (left), Betty Elam & Tom Parham at the 2003 Christmas Party.

Photo By Diane Armstrong, KCVB.



Lynn Petrey and Jerry Eaves in front of the Schoolhouse during the 2003 Bluegrass Festival.

Photo By Angela Johnson, Johnson City Press.

## Gifts for 2003

*Betty Grubb*

by Norman and Hanna Sobel

*Ruth Ann Wiseman*

by Louise Ammons

by Suzanne and Dick Burow

*Marvin Simpson*

by Barbara and David Baker

*Paige Eaves Brown*

by Perry Crocker

*James Robert "Robbie" Nottingham*

by Toni & Hershell Cave

*Ann Brooks Shivell*

by Celia Cox

by Ann K. Morison

*Joseph Nelms Tipton*

by Ann K. Morison

## Editor's Note

As you read this newsletter, do you wonder where or how it's being published? I thought I'd take a few minutes and answer these questions for those who might be curious, now that the newsletter is almost ready to go to print.

Ruth Ann Wiseman and Rita Groseclose were co-editors of the newsletter until I became responsible for its publication with the first issue of April 2001. I lived in Kingsport, behind Exchange Place in Pendleton Place then. In December of 2002, my husband David and I moved back to Spencerport, NY, near Rochester to be closer to our children; however, I continue to publish the newsletter from here in New York.

Twice a year, the news is sent to me, either in the U.S. mail, or mostly by e-mail. Pictures come as attachments to the e-mails or by the postwoman and then I scan them and prepare them for the newsletter.

You might be surprised to learn that I use a fourteen-year-old Macintosh computer, that balks at me using *Freehand*, a graphics design program to do the publishing. But together we work it out. It's magic to send the printer a disk, or sometimes an e-mail file, and a few days later, you have your printed newsletter.

Barbara Baker

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