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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 1985                      Bell School Museum                      7:30 P. M.

As a kick-off for our Heritage Month exhibit on the architecture of Richmond villages, Robert Ornstein, architect and member of the Richmond Historic Preservation Commission, will show slides of the outstanding architectural features which differentiate the housing styles in the various villages of our town.

The fact that each village has its own distinct architectural personality may have escaped the notice of most of our townspeople. When called to our attention, the differences are striking and tell a story about the people who settled in each of the areas. Bob does an excellent job of revealing this side of Richmond History.

EXHIBIT

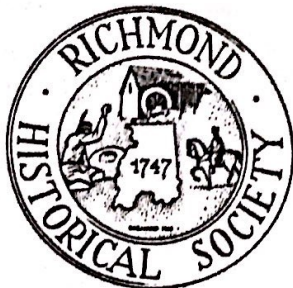
This year's pictorial exhibit of Richmond villages will elaborate on the main street and the housing construction as we seldom bother to look at it.

The streets of Richmond are rapidly changing; we will endeavor to bring into sharper focus some of the substantial and familiar facades of earlier years, but which are still with us to lend the dignity of maturity to our developing town. If you have pictures of your home to share with us, please do.

The exhibit will be open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 17th, 18th, and 19th from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. Stop by and bring a friend!

SOCIETY DUES ARE DUE! -- Still only \$3.00 per family.





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ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 1985 Carolina Fire Station (Rt. 112) 6:30 P. M.

A covered dish supper begins at 6:30 to be followed by a brief meeting, then a stimulating program. For the covered dish supper, bring your favorite dish to share at the buffet table, and your own table service. Once again, Hank Handell will be on hand to prepare his not-to-be-missed jonny cakes. They are a specialty of the house and have become a wonderful tradition with the Historical Society---in fact, these are some of the things that become part of the history of a small town.

Program: We are privileged to have with us once again local herbalist Lillian Posten. Several years ago Lillian did an afternoon program as part of a special interest series coordinated by Virginia Arnold. At that time Lillian concentrated on the many uses of herbs from the garden.

In addition to herbs, Lillian has added to her repertoire considerable knowledge about the nutritional value of foods, learning more about the fact that we are what we eat, and has been looking beyond the table to our larger environment and its effect upon our daily health. Lillian is going to speak to us about wholistic health and has some surprises in store for us. Wholistic health is state of the art language for the process of maintaining a state of well-being with ourselves as the motivating source. Wholistic health seems to be a study which has gained momentum as we become more aware of the need for physical fitness and rising health care costs, yet it has a historic precedent in that as our country grew and times were hard, many people were totally responsible for their own health and that of their families, with limited professional help available.

Lillian is going to bring us up to date, combining some past expertise with modern day knowledge. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what might appear to be a current fad, but which indeed has its roots deeply imbedded in the history of people.



## MEMBERSHIP

Since the inception of the Richmond Historical Society in 1968, the annual family membership dues have remained at \$3.00. For this fee, members receive advance notice of meetings, are irregularly supplied with bits of Richmond history via this NEWSLETTER, and have a voting privilege. The latter is perhaps the most important opportunity provided by your \$3.00 because you help to determine the direction the Society takes in collecting, sharing, and maintaining its collection of Richmond history..

Take this opportunity to <sup>take</sup> be part in the recording of change in our rapidly growing town or to learn more about the place in which you live.

Enclosed is a membership application. If you are renewing your membership, please share the application with a friend or neighbor and encourage them to take part. YOUR \$3.00 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

## ELECTION PENDING

Another year has rolled by with all of us being busier than we thought we could be! And it is time for a change at the helm. The Nominating Committee is Johanna Wolke, Peggy Whitt, and Eleanor Smith. One of them may be calling upon you to take a larger role than you have in the past. Please give their request careful consideration and become part of a growing institution. New ideas are always welcome.

Election and installation of officers will take place at the annual meeting. If you are not opting for a leading role at this time, come and give a supporting vote to your historical friends!

## RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR PROGRESS

Ray and Ida Bader have left their mark again! Visible from highway is that the lawn at Bell School has been kept mowed. That means time, and energy, and the hauling of equipment has gone into keeping us looking like that asset to the Town of Richmond that we are!

Ray has also been putting made time into the restoration of the heating system. That means that he has been working on the inside chimney, pointing, and plastering and painting. When he finishes, the chimney will look as if it has always been this way and the fact of the earlier suspended chimney will be part of the history told when people come into our museum.

## EXHIBIT

Speaking of people coming into our museum, brings us to an exhibit report. The colored enlargements of key architectural structures in each village did not arrive in time for the exhibit this year! We did, however, have some interesting street scenes to display and the few people who came to view them were very interested and interesting. It is wonderful to meet so many people who share interest in history and who have collected bits of family information which constantly add to our archives. AT each event we seem to collect almost as much information as we share! All agree we need to have the building open more often. This will be our goal for the coming year, especially as we prepare to help Rhode Island celebrate its 350th birthday.