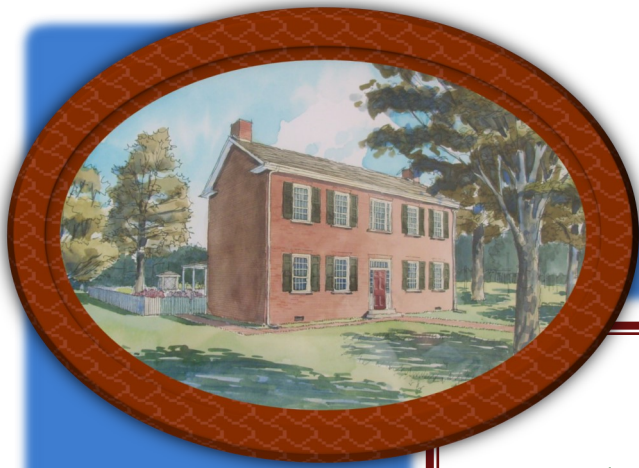


The Volunteer

The 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House



January
2016

Inside this issue:

2016 Schedule of Events	1
Restoration Donations	2
December Photos	3
Calendar	4
Upcoming Dates	5
Thank You!	5
News & Needs	6

Contact:

RoxAnn Raisner, Director
P.O. Box 754
Edwardsville, IL, 62025
618-692-1818
stephensonhouse@sbcglobal.net
www.stephensonhouse.org

Julie Mangoff, Editor
jamangoff@gmail.com

Starting January 1st,
the Stephenson House will
be open only on
Saturdays and Sundays

2016 Schedule of Events

January 23, 1820 *American Girl (Girl Scouts Program)*, 9a.m.-12p.m., \$16 per girl. Limited to a minimum of 12 and maximum of 15. Participating Girl Scout troops earn the 'Playing the Past' badge as they experience the life in the 1820s. Troops tour the historic house and experience life for a girl in the 1820s with hands-on activities. Cost includes badge, butter making supplies, use of a dress, simple journal, and all activities associated with the badge. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat on the property after the program. *Troops must register through Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.* Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692). **SESSION FILLED. REGISTRATION CLOSED.**

#playingthepast

January 26, *Annual Meeting*, 7 p.m. This meeting is open to all members of the

Friends of the 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House and current board members. A short reception of cookies and drinks will usher in a new year as the 2015 board of directors is inducted.

February 6, 1820 *American Girl (Girl Scouts Program)*, 9a.m.-12p.m., \$16 per girl. Limited to a minimum of 12 and maximum of 15. Participating Girl Scout troops earn the 'Playing the Past' badge as they experience the life in the 1820s. Troops tour the historic house and experience life for a girl in the 1820s with hands-on activities. Cost includes badge, butter making supplies, use of a dress, simple journal, and all activities associated with the badge. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat on the property after the program. *Troops must register through Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.* Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692). **SESSION FILLED. REGISTRATION CLOSED.**

#playingthepast

Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692).

#playingthepast

March 5, 1820 *American Girl (Girl Scouts Program)*, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$16 per girl. Limited to a minimum of 12 and maximum of 15. Participating Girl Scout troops earn the 'Playing the Past' badge as they experience the life in the 1820s. Troops tour the historic

house and experience life for a girl in the 1820s with hands-on activities. Cost includes badge, butter making supplies, use of a dress, simple journal, and all activities associated with the badge. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat on the property after the program. *Troops must register through Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.* Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692).

#playingthepast

Events Cont'd

May 7, Junior Girl Scout Gardening Badge (*Girl Scouts Program*), 8:45 a.m.-12 p.m., \$12 per girl. Limited to a minimum of 15 and maximum of 30. Troops tour the working gardens of the historic Col. Benjamin Stephenson House and earn the Gardener badge. Participants will learn about soil, native plants, plant selection, planting seeds and plant their own container to take home. Attendees will receive handouts to review prior to event. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat on the property after the program. Event held rain or shine. *Troops must register through Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.* Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692).

June 15-17, 1820 Wilderness Camp, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., \$85 (*due at registration*). Open to students in grades 4th-8th. Activities included: plant identification, different types of trees, starting a camp fire, cooking a simple meal over the camp fire, identifying animal tracks, sewing a simple hunting bag, items needed to fill the hunting bag to survive the wilderness. Participants should bring a sack lunch; midmorning snack and drinks provided. Space is limit to 12 participants. *Registration begins January 2, 2016.*

July 13-15, Mrs. Lucy's Academy for Young Ladies, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., \$85 (*due at regis-*

tration). Young ladies attending the Academy will discover what it was like to be a real American girl in 1820. Participants dress in reproduction clothing similar to styles worn in the early 1800s. At the end of the camp, a tea will be hosted by participants for their mother (or father) showcasing the skills learned during the three-day camp. Dress size is needed for each participant. Pre-registration is required. Ages 8-12 years. Participants should bring a sack lunch; midmorning snack and drinks provided. Space is limit to 12 participants.

Registration begins January 2, 2016.
#mrslucysacademy

October 1-31, Special Exhibit: Mourning Col. Stephenson, Join us as we explore the macabre side of the Stephenson House history. Col. Stephenson died in the house on October 10, 1822 and visitors will get a glimpse of the mourning customs practiced by the family almost two hundred years ago.

October 2, 50/50 Antique Auction, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Come find an antique treasure at the annual 50/50 Antique Auction. A variety of collectibles are offered including: ceramics, crocks and jugs, Native American artifacts, old pocket knives fishing equipment, holiday decor, costume jewelry, toys and furniture. Auction takes place on the grounds of the historic home. For more information: [618-692-1818](tel:618-692-1818). *House tours will not be available during this event.*

November 5, 1820 American Girl (*Girl Scouts Program*), 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$16 per girl. Limited to a minimum of 12 and maximum of 15. Participating Girl Scout troops earn the 'Playing the Past' badge as they experience the life in the 1820s. Troops tour the historic house and experience life for a girl in the 1820s with hands-on activities. Cost includes badge, butter making supplies, use of a dress, simple journal, and all activities associated with the badge. Participants are welcome to bring a sack lunch to eat on the property after the program. *Troops must register through Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.* Call [800-345-6858](tel:800-345-6858) or [618-692-0692](tel:618-692-0692).

#playingthepast

November 25 & 26, Christmas Candlelight Tours, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (*closed during the day*), \$10 Adult, \$5 child (6-12 years), children five years and under admitted free. Come experience Christmas at the Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House. The customs of the 1820s will surround guests as Father Christmas, and his mischievous brother Rupert, entertain children and adults alike. Historically garbed docents will be throughout the house as guests take a self-guided tour through the festively adorned rooms. *Stephenson House will not be open during the day on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.*
#1820christmas, #stephensoncandlelight

Restoration Donations

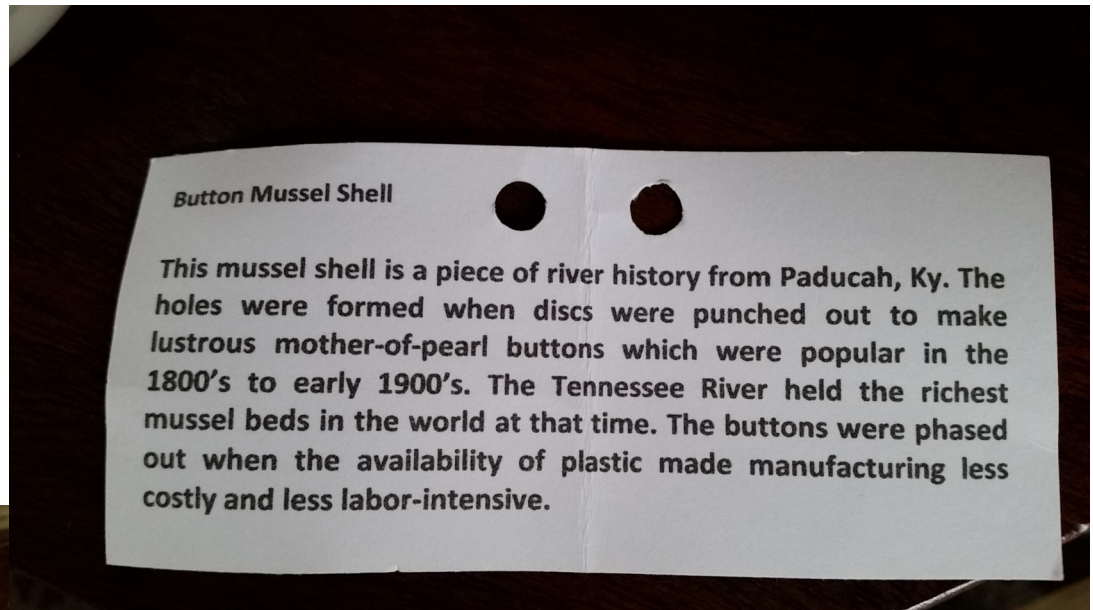
By RoxAnn Raisner

I am seeking donations for an upcoming project at Stephenson House. We have an intern from SIUE starting her senior project in January. Her project is the restoration/repair of our 1820s clock damaged last year (located in the master bedroom). I am asking for donations to help keep costs down for the house as well as for her. Below is a list of items she will be needing very soon. If you are able to supply any of

the items, please let me know as soon as possible:

- Painter's palette - Michael's
- Dish soap - Walmart
- Extra fine steel wool - Walmart
- Vinyl gloves - Walmart
- Animal glue (16 oz.) - Walmart
- Ball Peen Hammer - Walmart
- Foam Sheet (24"x96"x1") - Walmart
- 5 pc tweezers - Walmart
- 5pc Jeweler's files - Walmart
- 5 pc pliers - Walmart
- Dremel - Walmart
- Rubbing alcohol (16oz) - Walmart
- Cotton balls - Walmart
- Tackle box - Rural King

December Photos



Photos of this month's new display sitting on the sewing table in the Parlor. Photos by RoxAnn Raisner.



December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sewing Circle 1:00 P. M.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Playing the Past 9:00 A. M. — 12:00 P. M.
24 Sewing Circle 1:00 P. M.	25 31	26 Board Meeting 7:00 P. M.	27	28	29	30

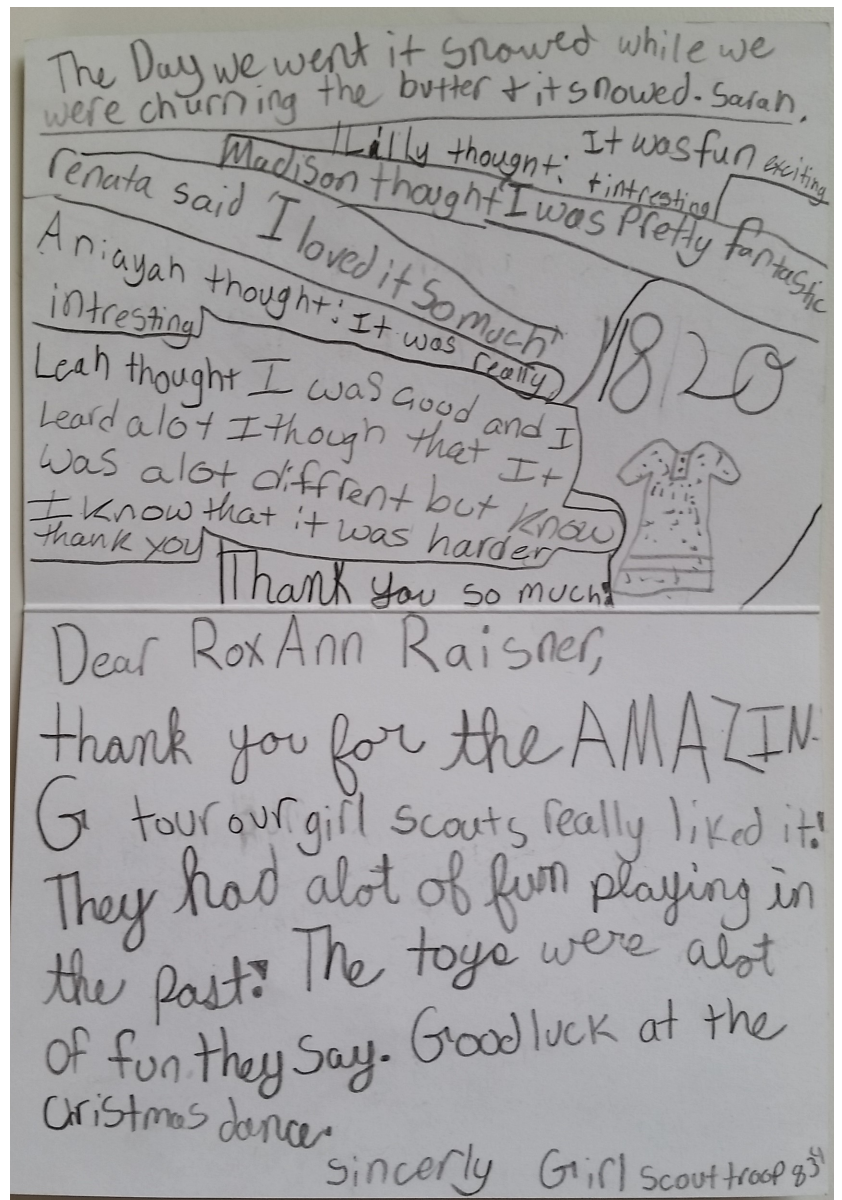
Upcoming Dates

- January 10: Sewing Circle,
1:00 P. M.
- January 23: Playing the Past,
9:00 A. M. — 12:00 P. M.
- January 24: Sewing Circle,
1:00 P. M.
- January 26: Board Meeting,
7:00 P. M.

Thank You!

- Amy Mullane for the donation
of paper towels
- Sid and Jane Denny for the
feather/shell edge platter and
plates

This past December, the Stephenson House received this Thank you letter from Girl Scout Troop 834. Photo by RoxAnn Raisner.





The Volunteer

1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House
P.O. Box 754
Edwardsville, IL, 62025

Phone: 618-692-1818

Fax: 618-692-6418

E-mail: stephensonhouse@sbcglobal.net

If you have any articles or stories you would like to be added to next month's edition of *The Volunteer*, please contact the editor at: jamangoff@gmail.com.

www.stephensonhouse.shutterfly.com

News & Needs

Needs...

- volunteers to help with school tours and girl scout troops
- unprocessed honey
- volunteers to help with house tours, gift shop, garden & grounds, grant writing & research, as well as special events
- cleaning supplies such as Windex, toilet bowl cleaner, hand soap, disinfecting wipes, bleach, and toilet paper
- seamstresses to sew clothing for the volunteer wardrobe
- bolt of 100% cotton batiste