

Maple Shade Historical Society

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Overview of Yearly Events-

The purpose of the Historical Society is to try to save and preserve historical places and items and educate people on Maple Shade's history.

The Maple Shade Historical Society has Open Houses at the one room schoolhouse on West Main Street for people to see the school and museum items of the township. The items are not at the school now due to a few things one of which is the need for display cases.

The school is one of Burlington County's one room schoolhouses and is in that tour program.

For years there were school class trips to the schoolhouse. That was many years ago. I was there when Betty Procopio had young Girl Scouts (Brownies) there or maybe they were girls from OLPH. It was fun because Betty would pick old antique items from the museum items and ask, "Does anyone know what this is? Maurice Rudderow in his 90s was there and would wind up giving the answers.

There was Edith Cutler's talk about "Maple Shade Before Electricity" where she would show the museum items and explain how people lived then.

There was Arthur Cutler's slide show which Joe Dugan later did.

Back to the present, meetings, usually featuring a guest speaker, are held at the Senior Room in the Municipal Building. One of the best ones we had was when Coles Roberts spoke. Some Open Houses are at the Train Station. They were done on 4th of July parade day and around Christmas time.

There is a Christmas Dinner at a restaurant in town.

There is oral history work where someone is interviewed perhaps on video or could be written and anyone could take part whether a member or not.

The Burlington County Farm Fair has a History Tent with table space for whatever Historical societies. (In future have a table.)

There are a few Work Days each year like when we pick up the sticks at the schoolhouse with the coming of spring. We do not have to do this as the Twp. takes care of the grounds but it helps and gives you some pride.

We could plan a yearly trip or two to other Historical Societies or places.

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Attached is a Membership Form. We do not need your phone number.