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Museum News

Since the October newsletter many things have happened at South Union, both good and bad. A new board of directors was elected, with Mr. Grover Corum of Auburn now as president. The museum begins its 21st season with an extended schedule. This year the museum shall open May 1 and remain open daily at least through October 3, possibly longer if the weather permits though probably on shorter hours each day. The severe weather this past winter caused some damage to the Centre House. The paint on the walls in several rooms peeled and the ice storm in December caused some damage to the gutters. Repair work is expected to be completed by late April. The high winds of early April caused damage to the gutters of the Tavern and to the gutters and roof of the Store. Damage was not extensive at either place and should be repaired soon.

Because of the time required for storm repairs, a few hoped for projects this winter have been delayed, most notably the cataloguing of the museum’s manuscript collection and stripping the paint from the remaining four rooms that have
yet to be cleaned. There has been time though to re-vamp a few exhibits, especially the design of one on textile production and comparative exhibits of eastern and South Union chairs. Another new "exhibit" for this summer is that the attic area will be available for viewing allowing visitors the chance to study the superstructure of the building and the damage caused by a fire in the 1870's.

At the Store, the building this summer is getting a "face-lift". The roof on the annex is to be rebuilt, as is the front overhang. Screen doors will be installed on the front doors and a handrail installed on the steps at the main entrance. The antique mall and post office will continue to be open daily all year.

**Festival**

Plans are well underway for this summer's Shaker Festival. The dates are July 8-17. Again this year we will have a Shaker-style dinner served and the history of South Union presented through the music-drama, "Shakertown Revisited". Mr. Andrew Stahl of Bowling Green will be directing the show again this year. As last summer, we again hope to have area arts and crafts on display at the Tavern. Anyone interested in participating should contact the museum by June 1.
Membership

In response to several suggestions, membership renewal reminders will be sent out during the month of each person's membership expiration. After a decline in membership in 1980 and early 1981, we are again building a strong base of support for the continuation and expansion of the South Union programs. A special thanks to those members who have elicited the support of friends for our preservation endeavors!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a member of Shakertown at South Union in the class checked below:

- Life Membership $1,000.00
- Sustaining Membership 500.00
- Contributing 100.00
- Associate 25.00
- Active 10.00

Husband and wife are included in one membership.

Check name_________________________________________

Address____________________________________________

City________________________________________________

State_______ Zip_______

Checks should be made payable to Shakertown Revisited Inc.

All contributions are tax exempt. Your check is your receipt.

PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO:
SHAKERTOWN
SOUTH UNION, KENTUCKY 42283