



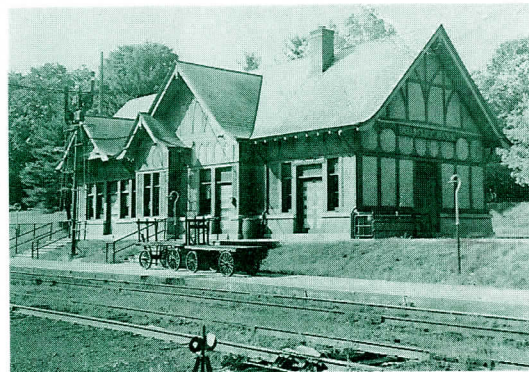
March 31st, 2009

2009 Annual Meeting - Wednesday, April 29th - 7:30 pm
Briarcliff Manor Public Library - Crandall Community Room

Dear Members and Friends:

You are most cordially invited to the Society's Annual Meeting in the second floor Crandall Community Room of the newly expanded Briarcliff Library and Community Center. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30 pm and will center on the following items:

- Review of the past year, announcement of upcoming events and a very brief business meeting
- Information about the Society's new home in the Library and a special opportunity for memorials
- Announcement of upcoming events, including a church tour, our annual garden tour and a fall indoor-outdoor family fun history day
- Thoughts on her life in this wonderful Village by our own Eileen Weber
- Remarks on the history of this wonderful country by one **Benjamin Franklin**, who is stopping by to see us on his way to Philadelphia -- it is quite possible he will be telling you something about himself as well as the country he calls his own
- Refreshments, special music and spirited conversation among friends and neighbors.



You'll discover how this ~~1909~~ railroad station became our new home at our annual meeting.



Benjamin Franklin will be stopping by on his way from Boston to Philadelphia to bring us up-to-date on important happenings - and to say hello to Eileen Weber!

This event will give us all a chance to get better acquainted with the Village's newest attraction in the spirit with which it was put together - as a meeting place to enjoy each other's company, learn new things and view interesting performances. No need to carry on about our program. Eileen Weber, Benjamin Franklin and Carmino Ravosa and his music certainly need no further introduction. Please do join us!

This is not a "member's only" function, but space is limited to approximately 80. Please put the date on your calendar and reserve space now by calling 941-4393 with the number in your party. This will help us give the library an accurate count. Many thanks

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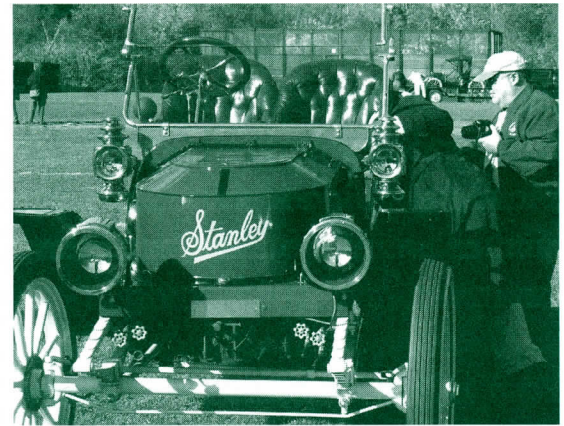
To report on major 2008 projects, our March 1st Gala for Walter Law's 171st Birthday - honoring Carol Haddad and Bill Sharman - surpassed all expectations. More than 125 members and friends gathered at Unique Affairs to celebrate these two special citizens and our founder, as well as drink, dine and dance the night away. Walter Law III presented the awards to Carol and Bill.

In other news, the 2008 Annual Meeting at Beechwood was our best-attended meeting to date. We are grateful to their board for providing us with such a magnificent setting. Richard Anderson's *SS Columbia* presentation gave us all hope the Hudson will provide passenger travel again, the desserts were delicious and it was good to learn more about Beechwood's storied past.

Our Third Annual Garden Tour in June was also a wonder, and included the Marie Alpert, Ciancio, Goldschmidt, Payne and Saxton gardens - and, of course, the Red Barn. We are indebted to these families for the hard work and hospitality they provided. We hope for another great turnout and fine weather on Saturday, June 6th, at our Fourth Annual Garden Tour. If you're interested in showing your garden, please let us know now.

Our Hudson Cruise last September was a popular choice. Nearly 100 sailed with us and enjoyed good food, great weather and a wonderful narration of the up-river scene. We have decided to skip a year and concentrate this fall on an event in our new library home, but we'll probably cruise again next year. Look for it!

In October we were co-sponsors of the 1908 Briarcliff Road Race Centennial Celebration, involving nearly 100 antique and vintage cars. It included a parade through the Village, lunch and awards at Law Park Pavilion and lots of time for spectators to examine cars and talk to owners and drivers. Attendees could also drive the original route in their cars. It was truly a day to remember.



Cars in the 1908 Briarcliff Road Race Centennial parade in October included a beautifully preserved Stanley Steamer

We plan that our new home in the expanded Briarcliff Library will be ready this summer. More about that at the Annual Meeting. You'll find information about the meeting and all our 2009 activities — and our newly expanded website — on the enclosed "Mark Your Calendars" page.

Your Society membership enables the Society to provide meaningful and unique activities that help keep the past alive. Please do send your membership dues right now while you're thinking about it. We appreciate your financial help and would also welcome your personal involvement. There's so much talent out there! Please share it with us and with your fellow residents! E-mail or phone us to discuss your comments and ideas.

We believe the last few years have shown the Society is an increasingly important voice in promoting our Village's special nature, and a force in our community. We believe we will become an even stronger and more meaningful presence now that we have a new home. Please join with us in linking the past to the future of Briarcliff Manor and Scarborough.

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Please Note: Membership dues cover our yearly operating costs. Additional donations are welcomed and can be designated for any special fund - scholarship, preservation or museum/archival center (our planned home). To ensure proper credit for membership or special contribution, please complete the entire return envelope. Many thanks.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2009 ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 29th – Crandall Community Room,
Briarcliff Library – 7:30 pm**

News of our new home, interesting words from Eileen Weber and Benjamin Franklin, refreshments and lively conversation. All welcome but we are limited to 80 attendees. Please make reservations now by calling 941-4393 with the number in your party so we may have an accurate count. Many thanks.

INAUGURAL CHURCH TOUR

Sunday, May 3rd – All-Saints Church, Scarborough Road – 1:00 pm

This tour premiere will include three of our most historic churches: All-Saint's Episcopal (1854) on the site of Rev Ogilvy's summer home "Brier Cliff"; Scarborough Presbyterian (1893) with its exquisite coffered-wood ceiling and semi-circular chancel skylight; and Briarcliff Congregational (1896) graced with several beautiful Tiffany windows. Refreshments and discussion at BCC after the tour. The Church Tour cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for friends. Please call 941-4393 for reservations.



Our church tour includes Briarcliff Congregational, built by Walter Law in 1896, and where members celebrated its 90th year in 1986.

FOURTH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 6th – Briarcliff Congregational Church

Parking Lot – 11:00 am

Earlier this year to take advantage of early plantings, you'll want to sign up soon. As many as six very special private gardens will be on display thru the tour list distributed that morning. Visit them at your own pace and order of preference. Light refreshments and comparing notes at tour end. Garden Tour Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for friends. Please call 941-4393 for reservations.

INAUGURAL FAMILY FUN HISTORY DAY

**Late September- Early October – Briarcliff Library
and Park Grounds**

This will be a full-family, indoor-outdoor celebration of U.S and local history — the latter centering on the Quadricentennial of Hudson's journey up the river – held in our new library home, Law Park and the Pavilion.

Children may be able to fly a kite with Ben Franklin, toss a coin across the Potomac with George Washington or ride to Boston with Paul Revere. Adults will be able to find out how to discover their home's history and get a suitable plaque to identify it.

There will be a display of Hudson-Fulton-Champlain memorabilia, special music and refreshments suitable for the 400th and lots of other unique activities, games and prizes. It will be held in late September or early October and the admission fee will be minimal. More specifics about this over the summer.

BMSHS WEBSITE

Almost completed, www.briarcliffhistory.org has a wonderful "thru the years" home page, an interesting history page on our Society and lots of product information. Shortly after you read this, it will also include pages on Village history and a list and information on the 2009 events you see here. If you have any historic pictures of the Village and/or its citizens, we'd love to look them over, since we always need good pictures. We'll scan them and get them right back to you. Thanks!

BMSHS GIFTS

Our website gifts page includes 12 great historical items for your home or special occasions, plus three items from last October's Road Race Centennial. Rhoda Holzer's wonderful Briarcliff Rose lithographs are also available in two sizes of numbered lithographs – both fully matted. These lithographs are on display and for sale at *Images Gallery* in the Village. There is no shipping cost for local delivery on any of the items for sale.

JOIN US IN OUR NEW HOME

In moving into our new quarters later this year, we are going to need interested members and friends to help us live up to the Society's promise. We plan to have revolving displays, archives available for research, a bulletin board for historical items and articles, administrative area with computer and a conference area for meetings. We also plan to develop a special program to help you trace the history of your home – and perhaps mark it with a suitable plaque.

We'll need help in design and operations in all the above areas as well as records management, grant proposals and developing new ideas. Now that we have a home, we hope you'll want to be a part of it.

Please do talk to us about your interests at the Annual Meeting or contact us by phone or email.

Briarcliff Manor/Scarborough Historical Society

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2 Preservation Fund

3 Museum & Archival Center (Our New Home)