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This coming Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 PM at the Museum, we have the honor to present Mark Finley and his talk, *Growing American Rubber*. Mark will relate many facts surrounding the experiments by Henry Ford and Firestone to find alternative sources of rubber for the United States in labs here, in Richmond Hill. Our Museum collection includes samples of their experiments done with goldenrod, dog fennel and black gum trees.

Sign-up now to participate in the Tea and Tour at Holly Farms event scheduled for Saturday, May 8th from 3:00—5:00 PM. This is for current members of the Richmond Hill Historical Society and is limited in number to 60 people. Please call the Museum to have your name placed on the list. Note: only those who have paid their 2010 dues are eligible so check to see if your dues are paid. New dues paying members are welcome, too, as long as there is room.

Buddy Sullivan's most recent book, *High Water Mark*, is now available at the Museum Gift Shop.

The Bailey Carpenter house now belongs to the Museum! We are currently asking for bids to move the building to our grounds. We are also looking for donations to complete this project.



The Annual RHHS Museum Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th from 8:00AM to 2:00 PM. Please save up books, items you no longer want, and special projects such as potted seedlings, paintings or hobby crafts, etc. and deliver them to the Museum. Or, you might want to plan what baked goods you can donate to the bake sale part of the yard sale. This will be the only yard sale this year, so we hope you can participate in this fundraiser.

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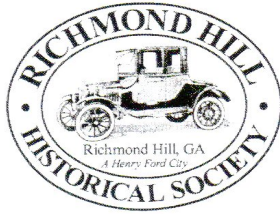
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We need your help...on Tuesday, April 20th the RHH Society will go before the RH City Council to request support for the Museum. We will need all of the members who are available to come to the Council Meeting at 7:30 PM. We believe a large contingency of members would help to demonstrate to the Council that there are a number of residents who are interested in making sure the Richmond Hill Museum continues to function at its current level and, perhaps, even increase its footprint in the area. Richmond Hill Historical Society's mission is to make available to local residents, tourists and historical researchers the story of Bryan Neck and Richmond Hill. We believe we have an impact on tourism and are a benefit to the Society, the Museum, and the City of Richmond Hill.

Many, many thanks to Duncan and Roy Ogletree of Ogletree Construction for repair the leak in the roof of the Museum free of charge. They climbed through the attic and onto the roof, found the leak and repaired the problem by removing and replacing the existing chimney cap and adding a vent to it. It's this kind of volunteering that keeps us going!



The Richmond Hill Historical Society Museum is open to the public on Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The additional hours have been added as volunteers have committed to manning the Museum at specific times.

If you are able to volunteer time on Thursdays during the months of April and/or May, please call the Museum at 756-3697 for a list of open times.

Several long-time, local residents have graciously allowed us to record their oral histories of what they experienced living and growing up in the Richmond Hill area. One of the goals of the Richmond Hill Historical Society is to convert these existing interviews from tapes to disks and then to package them as vignettes on a DVD. The present interviews are from various Bryan County residents who have many interesting memories and anecdotes to share about what life was like in the early days of Richmond Hill. We will need to seek grants and/or donations to cover the production costs of this project. If you have resources and/or expertise to donate, please call the Museum.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE....Please remember to either send in or bring in your dues payment. The Museum depends on the dues paid by members in order to stay open to the public and pay things such as utilities and basic upkeep. Also, encourage people you know and the businesses you frequent to become members. Use the attached membership form.