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NOTICE: NO MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 6TH

We are having no meeting on our regularly scheduled evening because we are having the special Tea and Tour of Holly Farms on Saturday May 8th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. This special event is restricted to 60 members of the Richmond Hill Historical Society (be sure that you have renewed your dues). If you are interested in this event, please call the Museum at 756-3697 to make a reservation. If you would like to carpool to Holly Farms, meet at 2:30 PM at the Museum.

Holly Farms is the home of Francis and Walter Meeks who have invited us to tour their historic home and grounds, formerly named Myrtle Grove. We are thankful for this generous offer to share this wonderful Bryan County landmark with us.

On Tuesday, April 20th the City Council of Richmond Hill presented a check for \$7000 to the Richmond Hill Historical Society as a way of partnering with the Society in an effort to keep our Museum open making the story of Bryan Neck and Richmond Hill more available to local residents, tourists, and historical researchers. We are grateful for the Council's kind consideration. We are looking for ways to enhance the operation of the Museum with these funds.

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. Ron Burns, Frank Grimm, and Art McAuley are working on getting approval from the Department of Planning and Zoning for this project and will schedule the move as soon as possible.

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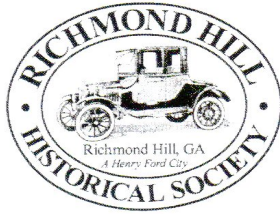
Saturday, May 8th
Tea and Tour of Holly Farms
home and grounds of Francis
and Walter Meeks
3:00 PM—5:00PM
Limited to 60 RHHS Members

Thursday, June 10th
7:00 PM @ the Museum
Chica Arndt
The Life of Mary Musgrove

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Author and Richmond Hill Historical Society Board Member, Victor Pisano has kindly rescheduled his presentation from May to our November meeting so that we could make the Tea and Tour of Holly Farms our May event.

The Annual Yard/Book/Bake Sale on April 18th was a great success! We are so thankful to Christy Sherman, Misty Hess, Marianne Izzo, Bob Izzo, Ron Burns, Frank Grimm, Leslie Murphy, Jay Volker, Daniel Grant, Barbara Estes, Joe Volker and the many others who took time from their day to stop by, bake something, buy something, help move things from here to there. The tasks of setting up and putting away are quite difficult, but these busy hands made every job go smoothly and quickly. Our sincere thanks to these people who work so hard and often for the benefit of our beloved Society and Museum.



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 May and/or June, 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.

We are hoping to be able to schedule another docent training session soon. If you are interested in becoming a docent for the Richmond Hill Historical Society, please call the Museum and have your name and contact information placed on a list. Also, we will announce dates in a future newsletter.