

ARTS

Citizens to 'dress up' for Antiques and Arts Festival

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The cabin committee heard a presentation on period clothing last week during their meeting. They are interested in learning about the clothing because period clothing will be a factor in the Gateway Antiques and Arts Festival this fall. Many of the participants will be dressing as historic characters.

Linda and Doug Bell, who participate in many reenactment activities, did the presentation. They brought their own period clothing and talked about the various fabrics of the time period. They also passed around booklets so that the committee could look at the options available for those who want to buy the clothing.

Some will choose to make their own clothing, however. Linda Bell said she makes most of her clothing.

Men typically wear breeches, drop-front trousers, long socks, vests, and night shirts. The night shirts are included as part of the outfit. The night shirts are typically made of linen and are not hemmed. Most of the trousers are baggy in the back because the men of that time period did not want to look malnourished. The kerchiefs are made of linen. The hats are made of felt.

The jacket that Doug Bell wears, which is called a "frock coat," has fringe all

over it so that the water runs off easier.

Women typically wear mop caps, which should be made of natural fibers to keep the head cooler, said Linda Bell. She said that linen is typically a better fabric for most of the clothing because it washes, irons, and starches better.

Plus, linen is more like what people would wear during the Revolutionary War era. Cotton was much more expensive then and extremely hard to find. Most people used linen or wool. Members of the upper class wore silk, but that was mainly found in cities like Charleston, not in Kings Mountain.

Aprons were also very important parts of women's outfits. Linda Bell showed both a pinner apron and a linen apron during her demonstration. Most of the clothes did not match because people used the fabrics they could find. They did not worry about matching.

Women also wore dresses, petticoats, and capes. They typically used natural colors, like blue, gray, and a particular shade of green.

The cabin committee also discussed their need for more funds to finish the cabin. The flooring for the downstairs and upstairs of the cabin has been ordered. The committee hosted a cleanup time for the area around the cabin and was able to get the yard cleaned



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Linda Bell demonstrates the use of a Revolutionary-era hat for women. She and her husband, Doug Bell, discussed the various items of the Revolutionary-era clothing for the city's cabin committee last week.

up. They also thoroughly cleaned the logs on the cabin.

The roof was finished several weeks ago. Cedar shingles were used on the roof and placed in a turkey feather design, meaning that the cabin will be better protected from the weather.

The cabin committee recently received a \$250 gift from the Rotary Club. They have also written several grants but will not hear whether they will receive any for a while.

In order to be finished, the

cabin needs a staircase, windows, doors, and chimneys. The chimneys will cost approximately \$4,000 each because stonemasons are expensive.

"We just don't have that right now," said Shirley Brutko, chair of the committee. "We're so close to being done. I just feel so positive about it happening. We will have the reenactment regardless of whether the cabin is finished."

The reenactment will take place during the Gateway Antiques and Arts Festival

in October and will involve approximately 20 people. Those people will be cooking, paper cutting, and storytelling, as well as participating in several other activities around the cabin.

Those interested in participating in the activities, getting involved in the Gateway Antiques and Arts Festival, or learning more about the cabin can contact Shirley Brutko at the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at 704-739-4755 or call the museum at 704-739-1019.

BRIEFS

Bible School slated at Eastside Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 from 6-8 p.m. at Eastside Baptist Church, York Road, Kings Mountain.

There will be classes for K-6th grade.

For more information call 739-8055.

Grace Lutheran sets yard sale June 21

Grace Lutheran Church of Bessemer City will have a yard sale Saturday, June 21 at 7 a.m. in front of O'Briens Frame & Art Shop on Virginia Avenue.

All proceeds will go toward publishing a centennial book.

Dixon Presbyterian sets benefit luncheon

A hot dog and hamburger sale will be held Saturday, June 28 beginning at 11 a.m. at Dixon Presbyterian Church fellowship building, 603 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain.

All proceeds will go to church member Tony Stewart, who recently had major back surgery.

The public is invited.

Skorman selected physician of year

Dr. Steven E. Skorman of Shelby is recipient of the National Republican Congressional Committee's 2003 Physician of the Year Award.

Dr. Skorman, a foot and ankle surgeon, was chosen for his participation on the NRCC's Physician Advisory Board for the last several years.

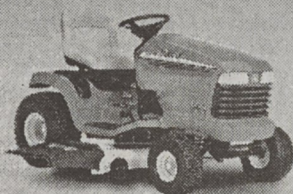
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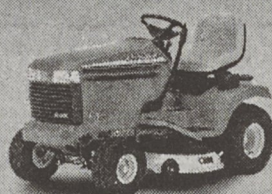
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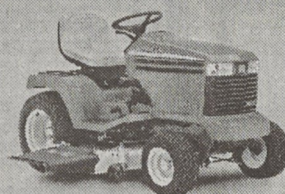
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