



Newsletter

Jack Allen Memorial

Early Country Living Museum

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It has taken us a long time to get here, but here we are. Publishing our very first newsletter for the Jack Allen Memorial Early Country Living Museum.

First we would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. We hope that it will be prosperous for all of us.

In October, the Allen family, put together a Halloween float and entered it into the Medford Halloween Parade. The float was called "A Farmer's Graveyard". We took first Place. The plaque and pictures will be on display in the Museum for all to see. We all had such a good time, that we are planning our float for next year. We will keep you posted.

We also hope that you had a chance to drive by the farm house and Museum, if you have we hope that you noticed the fresh coat of paint and new shutters .Over the Christmas Holiday the house was decorated with a Christmas tree, complete with presents underneath it. There was a lighted horse and carriage on the porch roof. It looked very nice.

We are pleased to announce that Jean Allen has purchased a new 16 ft. enclosed trailer, and has donated it to the Museum. This trailer is being used to display a small portion of the collection at local functions.

On July 31, 2005 the first annual Chicken Barbecue was held to raise money for the Museum. It was held at Bamboo Gardens in Vincentown. It was a great success and we look forward to doing it again this year.

The construction of the Museum is now moving ahead. There was a major set back, the roof had to be replaced on the complete building. The large building that will house the artifacts was formally a horse riding rink. Now we are back on track and the first thing we had to do, was remove all the dirt and level the surface for the concrete. Haas Construction was called in to haul the dirt and place it outside for a parking lot. Then the walls and rafters were power washed. Phillip's Heating and Oil Company installed the heater. We will be using radiant heat in the floor, so the next thing to be done was to install the tubing for the heat. D'Amico Concrete Construction came in to pour the concrete. As soon as the concrete is cured and sealed, we will be ready for the final step. All of the artifacts must be cleaned before we can place them into the Museum. If you or anyone you know, are interested in volunteering to help with this task, please call Coles Roberts (609)859-2240. We hope to have enough done to be partially open for Farm Fun Day at the end of April.

Farm Fun Day will be held on April 29 & 30, at Allen's Auction Barn, 231 Landing Street, Vincentown, NJ. This is a fun filled day with something for everyone. For more information call Rick (609)267-8382.