



The Log Book

What's New at the Snickersville Academy & Bluemont

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Snickersville Academy Stabilization Update

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A delicate process began in May to level the floor of the Snickersville Academy and to repair or replace some logs in the south wall.

The first step in investigating the cause of the sloping floor on the north side of the building was to open the floor to gain access. We found that a few of the stones supporting the floor joists in the northwest corner have moved over the century-plus, removing solid floor support. We placed temporary jacks under the joists to aid in the replacement of permanent stonework beneath them.

We have also removed some of the stone above the fireplace to allow proper access to the damaged chimney and to expose the logs that extend the entire width of the cabin in front of the chimney. Slowly, the south facing log wall will be jacked up to allow for removal of three time-worn logs and to fit new logs in the joinery style of 1825 log cabin corner joints.

We anticipate completing the log replacement on the south wall by the end of August.

Feeding the Muse Fundraiser Lawn Party Held at Carrington House

Feeding the Muse -- a new company that creates a community that nourishes and inspires the individual artist - sponsored a spring lawn party at historic Carrington House in Bluemont to raise contributions for the Snickersville Academy.

Annabel Hughes, a long-time friend of the Academy and owner of Carrington House, arranged the June 2nd outstanding evening of music, wine, flowers, and conviviality.

Grandchildren of decades-long Academy resident Susie Neal returned to their "homeplace" to join the festivities. □

At *Feeding the Muse* fundraiser, Sue Gibson Colbert hugs her grandmother's (Susie Neal's) old neighbor, Betty Poston Colbert. Photo: Cynthia Morris.

See picture, right. ⇨

Come to the Bluemont Fair—

Visit the Snickersville Academy

On September 15 and 16, 2012, from 11-3, Friends of Bluemont will offer hourly tours of the Snickersville Academy as part of the Bluemont Fair. This will be the second year for this fun and fascinating activity. Learn about the people who-over time--studied, worshipped, and lived there. □

Fundraising Campaign for Snickersville Academy Makes a Strong Start

An outpouring of community support is swelling our 2012 efforts to raise funds to stabilize and restore the 1825 Snickersville Academy in Bluemont, the village's first school and church. These grants represent, not simply generous donations, but also crucial votes of confidence in our restoration work. Thank you!

- ◆ Loudoun Preservation Society: \$8,600
- ◆ Bluemont Citizens Association: \$5,000
- ◆ Falke Family: \$5,000.00 (matching BCA)
- ◆ First Potomac Foundation: \$1,200.00
- ◆ Appreciation Earth & Animals Fdn: \$500

Plus about \$4,000 in contributions made in excess of membership dues and other donations this year. We are now about one-third the way to our goal. Estimated total needed for stabilization and restoration: \$60,000-\$70,000. □



