



2018 FALL HISTORIC CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER

2018 SEASON

The 2018 season is over and we had the best year yet. After considering all the visitors, youth activities, treks, weddings, historical societies, school groups, dances, concerts and family reunions and let's not forget all those DUP ladies, we had over 11,000 visitors! This is truly amazing. Forty-three states and 8 countries were represented in that count. Chesterfield is certainly making its presence known far and wide. We hope that each of you, as members of this foundation, will promote the exciting and educational benefits offered here. Let your friends and family know about Chesterfield!

NEW CHESTERFIELD COOK BOOK

Back by popular demand, a limited number of the Historic Chesterfield "Recipes and Remembrances" will be available once again. Shipment from the publishers is expected the week of November 5th, so we will have them in time for Christmas. It has over 1050 recipes dating from Aunt Ruth Piede Davids to present day contributors in an attractive padded tan 3-ring binder. It contains several old time recipes and they have a * by them. Cost will be \$30. Shipping and Handling will be \$7 per book. Make checks out to the Chesterfield Foundation. We will be happy to ship them to you upon receipt of your payment.

Pearl Mickelsen will have them at her house, 2002 Lund Road, Bancroft, 843217, until we open up next spring. so you can pick them up from her. Call 208-648-7177, or order on line at www.historicchesterfield.org or email historicchesterfieldidaho@gmail.com or on Facebook under Historic Chesterfield.

NEW CHESTERFIELD BOARD OFFICERS

On September 17th the Chesterfield Foundation held their annual member meeting. Kathy Racine was retained as President, DeVaughn Shipley accepted the position of Vice President, with Randy Ruger remaining as Treasurer and Marco Lloyd as Secretary. If anyone of you would like to attend that member meeting, it is always the third Monday in September at the Amusement Hall in Chesterfield.

SITE DIRECTORS REPORT

What a wonderful summer! Thanks to all who came to help, to visit and to share. We enjoyed everyone that came to Chesterfield this summer.

The last ten summers we have served here in Chesterfield and have created memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. We have met 'cousins by the dozens' and gave hundreds of tours to the most elect people from France, England and other foreign countries and from coast to coast of the USA.

We have loved all that we have met and love to share stories of our ancestors who homesteaded here. We love the people who serve here and their hard work.

This year a member of the International Board for the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers – Maryann Jensen – wrote the DUP lesson on Chesterfield. Members from all over the world were introduced to this beautiful little restored town and many visited here to learn more about Chester Call, Ruth Piede Call Davids, Christina Higginson and more. It was a wonderful lesson for all to enjoy. We gave tours to hundreds of DUP ladies this summer. We toured the Meeting House, the Amusement Hall and all of the houses and taught how the pioneers worked hard, loved the Lord and each other. What a great opportunity this lesson provided.

We enjoyed youth coming for treks with the handcars and then the service they gave. We also enjoyed many family reunions. We had the opportunity to host the NCF Envirothon. There were nearly 500 people on site for that afternoon. They played games, roped, made ice cream and butter, took pictures, toured the site and had a big square dance at the Knox arena. A great big thank you to Chris Banks and Rhonda Banks for organizing this and including Chesterfield.

The August talent show was great! Rulon Westinsen played his accordion while Shirley Christensen entertained us with the bones. The Gem Stones sang and Ragtime Annie made the piano come alive. Our fun emcee, Ron Hughes, brought it all together for a great night of fun

We will miss serving here as it has been one of the greatest blessings in our lives. We will be back to help out though and hope to see many of you next year.

Jack & Jenni Jensen

Memorial Day 2018

The Memorial Day celebration was well attended. We had 1075 sign the guest register at the store – there were lots more on site that didn't sign. Our 5K-Fun Run had over 90 people pay to run – one of our biggest. Jim Summers and his family set up a large tee pee near the store surrounded by many flags and had lots of Native American activities. Everyone enjoyed that. There was butter to make and eat with bread and jam at the Jensen house with rug tying at the Davids house. Dr. Fransen's horses pulled the large wagon and took people all around the site. Brantly Hatch pulled it with the tractor after the horses tired. Lamar Larsen filled the stage with vintage sewing machines that people could use to make cute things and Dorothy Ackerman put smiles on everyone's faces with about 30 pies and lots of other goodies. Craig Call showed many the challenges of a blacksmith shop and then gave out 520 'prairie diamond' rings and made yards of rope. The crew at the food tent, under the direction of Brian and Michelle Stanger, served up delicious hamburgers and hotdogs to squelch the hunger of all. The auction was well attended and raised some good money. Thanks to Carl Loveland who is so willing to be the auctioneer. All in all it was a great day and hope everyone will make plans to come next year and enjoy the spirit of Chesterfield.



SERVICE PROJECTS

This year DeVaughn and Pat Shipley headed up the service projects on the town site. There were many projects and a score of volunteers involved.

We were involved with many wonderful families and church groups that helped with projects. Throughout the summer months, the town site of Chesterfield was busy with Family Reunions and Trek groups that wanted to include in their experience service projects of 1- 3 hours. Groups of all sizes came ranging from ten to nearly two hundred at a time. Big groups split in half so that one half could tour while the other half helped with the service of that day.

Youth groups were very helpful in staking the new trees, cleaning out the back room of the Holbrook Store, painting handcarts and the outside porch rail at the Meeting House. Some even scrubbed the headstones at the cemetery.

Other projects included gathering and hauling trash and debris to the burn pile or county dump, termite control at the Tithing House, the oiling of the pavilion and restroom roofs as well as some other varied small projects as needed. We so appreciate all the hard work that was accomplished by these helping hands.



A NEW LAWNMOWER

The Foundation was able to purchase a new Zero-Turn lawnmower to help maintain the townsite. This new lawnmower will cut the mowing time in nearly half. Thanks to Rosco and Andrew May for helping purchase this and mow the lawns this year. This is a big job and is certainly appreciated by the board and everyone who comes to visit the site.

If you would like to receive your newsletter through E-mail, that would be great! Copying and mailing is very expensive. Please send a response to: racineka@gmail.com **THANKS!!!!**

NEW WINTER DOOR COVERS

New volunteers, Gary and Teri Miner from Alaska, worked hard all summer to create specialized door covers for every door on the townsite. New plywood was purchased, painted and cut to specifically fit each individual door. Gary even routed the initials of each house into the cover so in the future others would know where the cover was to be placed. They even constructed covers for the Holbrook Store to protect the stained glass and wavy glass that is original in those windows. This was a huge project but so important for the preservation of the homes. If you are in the area, drive by and look at the great job they did. Thanks Gary and Teri for all your hard work and expertise.



40 NEW TREES PLANTED

The Chesterfield Foundation was awarded a \$5000 grant to purchase trees for the townsite. We were able to get those trees this spring and with the help of board members and youth groups the trees were planted and staked. Thanks to Brian and Michelle Stanger for digging the holes for the trees. There are Chokecherry, Maple, Poplar, Box Elder and other varieties. We have lovingly called the row of trees south of the Holbrook Store “Jack’s Orchard” because it was due to Jack’s care and watering that helped the trees to flourish. They were all alive this fall and we hope they will make it through the winter. The trees will add beauty and shade to the townsite.



PEARL MICKELSEN - DUP REPORT

Pearl, our scheduler and historian, made arrangements for about 40 camps to visit the site and she taught the lessons. All the DUP ladies helped with tours and the lessons. The interest was sparked by the National DUP selecting Chesterfield for the April lesson. Ladies from all over the world studied and learned about Chesterfield. Maryann Jensen, a part-time volunteer here at Chesterfield and now a board member, researched and wrote the lesson.

The summer season started out by having the town site open a week early. The first of the year Pearl contacted the companies and camps in the immediate area and invited them to swap the May and April lessons and to come to Chesterfield for a ‘once in a lifetime’ experience of doing a lesson on-site. In two weeks time, 37 camps came and over 350 members to visit. Pearl gave them an overview lesson - The Rise and Fall of the Community - and then our guides took them on tours - especially the Meeting House, Chester Call Cabin, Barlow House and Museum, the Davids Cabin, the Tolman home and the Tithing House. These were the places talked about in the lesson. Many brought a picnic lunch to enjoy as well. Hopefully, they brought their families back during the summer. We had several other camps come during the summer. This lesson added greatly to our number of visitors this season and the great people we got to meet.



ROBERTSON CABIN

The new Robertson cabin is well underway. The footings and foundation are poured with lots of hard work by Gary Hatch, Thayne Keele, and Rulon Arvanitas. The big logs are in the field waiting for the saw to create logs that will form the cabin. This will be a fantastic addition to the town site and a nice point of interest for visitors. Chesterfield is proud to claim the author Frank Robertson and the Robertson descendants. Included in this newsletter is a letter giving more information about the cabin and its construction.



TWO HOUSES PAINTED

We have long referred to the house that Jack and Penni were living in as the “Green House” Well, no more. That house was painted a beautiful tan color and it blends in with the town site much better. Thanks Jack and Dustin for doing the painting. The “Little Yellow House” also received a new coat of paint. The original color was yellow and it is YELLOW once again. It brings sunshine and smiles into the townsite with its bright color. Thanks to the Glen Loveland Family, Alan Brady, Janette Neff and Kathy Racine for getting it done before winter. Both these houses will endure the winter much better.



THANKS TO DUSTIN BANKS AND JANETTE NEFF

Dustin has been serving Chesterfield for over 12 years! There has never been a day when he didn't come with a smile for everyone. He worked hard and made Chesterfield a happier place to be. Janette Neff has spent the last four years as a tour guide, repairwoman, and uplifting personality here at Chesterfield. Everyone who visits the town site is uplifted and enriched for their experience with Janette. She and her husband, Tom, have accepted a mission call to serve at the Heber Valley Girls Camp. We will miss her. Have a great time!

SAYING GOOD-BYE TO FRIENDS

Recently Chesterfield lost three good friends. Wilda Phelps, Ada Smith and Alan Smith. All three of these great people served here in Chesterfield - some on the board and in other ways through the years. Wilda was 102, Ada 92 and Alan was also 92. They will be missed greatly.



MAKE PLANS TO COME NEXT SUMMER

With another year come to a close, we on the Chesterfield Board encourage you to make plans to come and visit next summer. Tell your friends about the town site and share your experiences from here. This is a special place with a touching spirit. Make it a part of your heritage and that of your children.

NEW SITE DIRECTORS

The board is so excited that Jim and Jolene Douglas have consented to be the town site directors for the 2019 season. They came in the fall of 2017 to help put away the houses and they were hooked. They have spent many days here in Chesterfield this summer and have assumed some of the responsibilities. Jolene has managed the Holbrook Store and Jim has given tours, made repairs and created a maintenance log for each of the structures on the town site. This will be immensely helpful in the years to come.

Jim and Jolene live in Preston, Idaho. They have been married 52 years and have 2 children. They have 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Jim graduated from Utah State University, with a degree in History and a minor in Geography with a teaching certificate. He loves history and spent his career working for U.S.U. physical plant. He did a variety of jobs from heavy equipment to manager of HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical. He retired as the Energy Engineer. Jolene has worked in several jobs from welding wires smaller than a human hair under a microscope to the manager of housekeeping at the Franklin County Hospital. They have been officiators in the Logan Temple and did a year mission in the Bishops Storehouse. They are always looking for a new adventure and that's how they ended up in Chesterfield. What started as trial has become a lot more. They both enjoy meeting new people and doing new things.. They are excited to move forward with several projects that will help preserve the buildings and the future of the site. With a lot of help they feel that they will be successful reaching the goals of Chesterfield.