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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Highland Historical Society will be held on **Sunday, January 14, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Mountain View Room at the Highland Public Library.

All members of the society are invited to attend, and are eligible to vote for the 2001 Board of Directors. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP?????

And - Have you renewed
your membership
for 2001?

If not,
PLEASE DO IT
TODAY!

*We need your help
and support
in order to
continue
our work!*



SAVING THE BULLPASTURE RIVER FIELD

HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUCCESS STORY

The Highland Historical Society will announce at its annual meeting that the nearly two year effort made by the society to save and protect the Bullpasture River Field, a part of the core area of the McDowell Battlefield, is nearing success. This exciting news has been made possible by an almost unprecedented outpouring of support by Highland County resident and non-resident landowners, descendants of Highlanders, and history-loving friends of the county alike.

Early in the fund-raising campaign, society Life Member Louisa Barry made a generous offer to match the first fifty \$100. donations made to save the field by either descendants of Highland countians, or by non-resident landowners. The fiftieth "match" was made on December 16, 1999, thus giving the fund-raising
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campaign a terrific boost of a total of \$10,000.

The well-known Civil War artist Bradley Schmehl, who painted "Reconnaissance at McDowell" offered some of his Artist Personal Proofs of the prints of "Reconnaissance at McDowell" to the society at half of their cost, allowing the society to sell them and put the profits to the Save the Field Fund.

In addition to a fundraising mailing to all county landowners, the society put all profits from the 1999 McDowell Battlefield Days into the Fund. McDowell Battlefield Days T-shirts were sold, and those proceeds also were put toward saving the Field.

The generous support of hundreds of Highlanders and friends also included Civil War reenactors who had learned of the county through McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days and who gave their support by both direct donations and by participation in three separate preservation events: The *Bentonville March*, *The Kelly's Ford Reenactment*, and the *Preservation March 2000* held in October 2000.

The society also sold a conservation easement on the property: thus the property is preserved and protected for all time! The Highland Historical Society hereby gratefully acknowledges the support and encouragement given by so very many special and wonderful people!!!



MCDOWELL BATTLEFIELD HERITAGE DAYS - 2001

The fourth McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days, sponsored by the Highland Historical Society and the Highland Chamber of Commerce, will be held on the weekend of **May 5-6, 2001.**

The event, which draws visitors and reenactors from across the county, is expected to be an even larger one than in previous years, and will feature almost 1000 reenactors.

There will be horse-drawn wagon tours of the area, various lectures on the period, crafts, demonstrations, and living history presentations throughout the weekend.

The Highland Historical Society will once again present an authentic costuming workshop in February to assist interested persons beginning to prepare outfits in time for the event. The date will be announced in *The Recorder*.

For information on McDowell Days, please contact the Highland Chamber of Commerce at 540-468-2550, or write to the Highland Historical Society, Box 63, McDowell, VA 24458, or visit the society's website.

3RD HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO JUSTIN WHITE

The Highland Historical Society awarded its third annual scholarship to Highland High School graduating senior Justin White, class of 2000.

The Highland Historical Society award to a graduating Highland High School senior is a yearly event. The society makes the award based on recommendations made by the History Department at the school.

Mr. White was given a cash award and a certificate which reads "Award for Excellence for Outstanding Interest and Achievement in History by a graduating senior." He is studying Marine Biology at Texas A & M, and is in the Corps of Cadets.

CIVIL WAR DOLL RAFFLE

A very special display at McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days 2001 will be a "Civil War" doll and complete sets of exquisite clothing and accessories which have been made by women from all over the United States.

"Sarah Ellen MacDowell" is the name of this doll which is presently on her year-long journey to various "heirloom" seamstresses throughout the country. At the end of her journey, on May 5-6, 2001, she and her outfits will belong to some lucky person whose ticket has been chosen at random.

Elizabeth Stewart Clark, an heirloom seamstress in Idaho, conceived of the doll idea as a way to raise money for the preservation of Civil War sites. She put the information on her website, and the doll raffle idea was an immediate success. (The website is: www.ElizabethStewartClark.com) After asking various people who are interested in preservation for recommendations of a worthy recipient for the funds which will be raised, Ms. Clark told the Highland Historical
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Did you know that the society gives handsome 8x11 membership certificates with the society's gold seal to all Business Members and Life Members? And, for a limited time, as a special offer, the society will be providing the certificates framed and ready for hanging.

We urge you - or your business - to join us now!

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Society that the place most often mentioned was the McDowell Battlefield. So, all of the funds raised from the sale of the tickets will go to save and preserve the McDowell Battlefield. Tickets may be purchased at various stores in the county or through the society (see the order form below.)



The Highland Historical Society now has its own website - at:

members.nbci.com/highlandhistsoc/MyWebSite

And you may email the society at:

highlandhistoricalsociety@usa.net

And don't forget: If you are interested in Highland history, and if you are doing genealogical research, make sure you check:

www.rootsweb.com/~vahighla/index.htm

Just a few of the things you'll find there:

- On-line records of early Highland families - including 6,450 individuals
- Indexed queries and surname registry
- Genealogies of Highland Pioneer families
- Highland soldiers in the Revolutionary War
- Highland soldiers in the War of 1812
- Population per census year

QUERIES COLUMN TO DEBUT IN NEXT ISSUE

Are you doing genealogical research? Want to know if anyone else has some information you are seeking? All Highland Historical Society members are eligible to insert a "Query" in our newsletters. This "Queries" Column will debut with the next issue, which will be coming out this spring. If you would like to have a query published, send it to the society, and we will be happy to include it in the new column.

ordering from

The Highland Historical Society

Available items:

(please indicate number)



- ___ 1847 Campbell Map of Highland County - \$15.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling
- ___ Mapsets of the Battle of McDowell \$8.00 plus \$1.00 s/h
- ___ T-Shirts - McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days - with Bradley Schmehl art \$15.00 plus \$2.00 s/h
- ___ Book: *Gollodays in America* \$15.00 plus \$4.50 s/h
- ___ Book: *Coler/Colaw Family in America* \$15.00 plus \$4.50 s/h
- ___ CIVILWAR DOLL RAFFLE TICKETS \$5.00 for a book of 5 tickets
- ___ "RECONNAISSANCE AT MCDOWELL" by Bradley Schmehl -Numbered, signed \$225. Plus shipping (billed separately)

Send to:

THE HIGHLAND HISTORICAL SOC.
BOX 63
MCDOWELL, VA 24458

(Please indicate T-Shirt sizes and number of shirts)

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Signed _____

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Annual Individual..... \$5.00
 Annual Business or Organization..... \$25.00
 __2001__ RENEWAL __NEW__
 Life Membership..... \$150.00
 Patron - any amount over..... \$250.00
Gift to the Endowment Fund for future Highland Museum.....

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