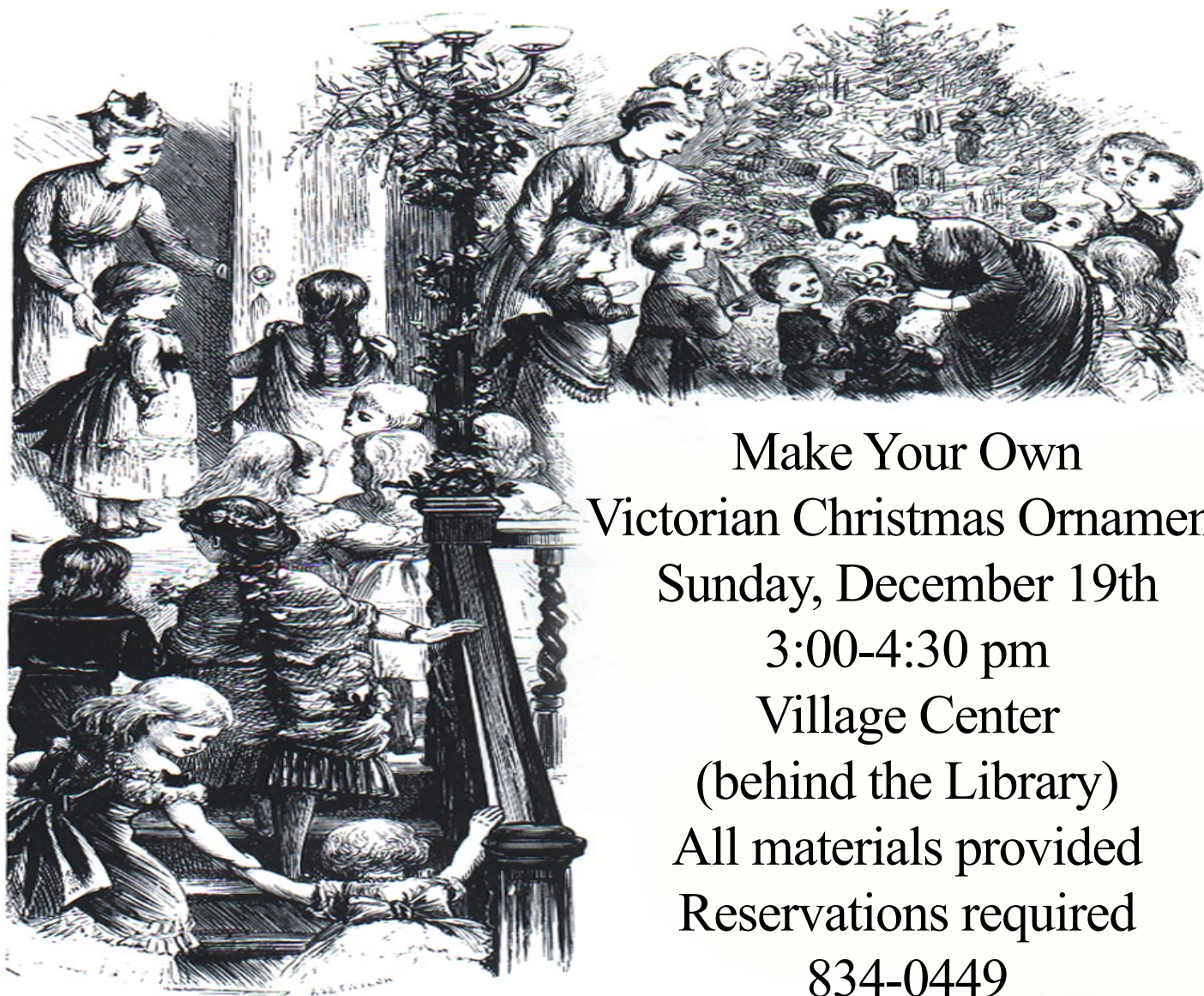


The Newsletter of the Larchmont Historical Society

December

2004



Make Your Own
Victorian Christmas Ornament
Sunday, December 19th
3:00-4:30 pm
Village Center
(behind the Library)
All materials provided
Reservations required
834-0449

What made the Victorian Christmas tree so special was its elaborate decoration. Families often made their own ornaments with supplies that were available around the household. Join us for a Christmas ornament workshop to make an ornament in the same fashion that Victorian families did over 100 years ago. Trustee Dee van Eyck will help you create a paper cornucopia (a Victorian favorite) while explaining the history behind many of the holiday traditions we still celebrate today. Examples of other handcrafted ornaments will be displayed, and directions will be available. Please note that this event, like all our programs, is free and open to the public--but please reserve in advance so that we can have sufficient materials available.

President's Message

By Barbara R. Newman

It's been another hectic month for LHS, but one that continues to show great progress. Each of our committees is continuing to expand and develop its agenda.

The Program Committee has scheduled enriching monthly programs for the entire year. I know you will enjoy them. Look for information in the newsletter each month and make an effort to attend. Our new lecture series, "Larchmont Houses of Worship," starts November 14 and will continue in 2005. Join us on December 19th to make Victorian Christmas ornaments with Dee van Eyck.

We have a great group of go-getters on our board, but to put all our ideas into action, we need more people doing the work! That's why I am asking the members to get involved. We have lots of opportunities to participate if you love history and Larchmont. We're not asking for a great deal of your time, just a couple

of hours a month to volunteer to work on some of our truly interesting projects. The following is a list of areas where we can use your help:

Grant Research/ Writing
Special Events and Fundraising
Quaker Cemetery Research
War Memorials Research
Oral History, including Video/Film
Special Exhibits
Intern Coordinator
General Publicity
Website Development (historical on specific topics, annotating photos for online photo museum)
House Tour (publicity, fundraising/ sponsorship, logistics)
Archives (research, filing, data input)
Monthly Programs
Century Homes Club

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at newman@thorn.net or call the Archives at 381-2239. And don't forget to try to learn something new about Larchmont's history this month...and pass it along to our children. Happy Thanksgiving!

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The Larchmont Historical Society was founded in 1980 and chartered in 1981 as a not-for-profit educational corporation by the New York State Board of Regents to discover, preserve, and disseminate information concerning the natural, social, and civic history of Larchmont, and to promote the preservation of local historical sites and structures. The Society maintains an archives in the Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck; publishes a newsletter; offers programs; conducts tours for school children and adults; and offers outreach lectures to other community groups.

The newsletter is published to provide news of the Society and occasional articles of related interest. Opinions expressed are those of their authors; publication should not be construed as endorsement by the Society.

The Archives are located in Suite 301 of the Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck. 10543.

Regular hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-2. Appointments on other days, including Saturdays, may be arranged. Please call 381-2239 for more information or to make an appointment.

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Announcements

Next Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, December 14th, 8pm in Village Center

Check out the new Alton Tobey Lifework Commemorative Website: www.altontobey.com. It was under construction for a year and completed for Alton's 90th birthday as a gift to honor this great man. An accomplished artist, Alton Tobey has been a Larchmonter for 50 years. His works may be seen in the Smithsonian Institution, the Metropolitan Opera Gallery, the Museum of the City of New York, and West Point, among others. We were honored by his membership on our board of trustees, and he has been among our honorees for lifetime achievement. For more information, visit the LHS Archives or his new website.

Program Wrap: Tour of Woodlawn Cemetery

Thanks to all who participated in our tour of Woodlawn Cemetery. It was a picture-perfect autumn afternoon, and the Woodlawn grounds were absolutely beautiful. Our tour guide pointed out many of the famous, notable, and interesting New Yorkers buried there, including Irving Berlin, Duke Ellington, F.W. Woolworth, J.C. Penney, Robert Moses, Fiorello La Guardia, Joseph Pulitzer, and many more. We even toured a vacant mausoleum on sale for a cool \$3 million, as well as the elaborate architectural gem belonging to the Belmont Family. Thank you to Dee van Eyck for a truly rewarding and enriching afternoon.



Internship Program

For the past several years, the LHS has had an internship program with Mamaroneck High School, in which two students participate in research into local history. Last year, our interns researched the Quaker cemetery in Larchmont Village. This is a project for interns to continue to document. We have plans to honor this land, but we need to finish the research before continuing. There is a rumor that the Underground Railroad, which helped slaves escape to freedom in Canada, may be

linked to the Quaker cemetery and some houses in Larchmont. This is a popular topic to explore.

Since the inception of the internship program, past trustees Bruce Allen, Ed Jacobson, and Jan Northrup, as well as archivist Sandy Tashoff, mentored the interns. This year, however, we lack an intern coordinator, and we are looking for someone to meet this need. Requirements include working with Mamaroneck High School in selecting one or two interns, and then meeting with the intern(s) in the Archives weekly to get started on a

project and carry it out. In the past, interns have received a stipend of \$250 a semester, and the program has been beneficial both to the students and to the Society. If you enjoy working with young people and can commit a few hours a week to this project, please contact Barbara Newman (newman@thorn.net) as soon as possible to discuss the upcoming spring semester. And if you know a high school student who would be interested in the internship, ask her or him to contact Barbara, as well.



43 Magnolia Avenue, c. 1890. Courtesy Debbie Shepard.

Job Well Done to board member Theora Hahn for producing her annual 18 radio spots for WVOX and WRTN in honor of Constitution Week, September 17-23. Also for her article "Fly Our Flag" that appeared in local papers and her overall efforts to promote history education within our community.

A Veteran's Day Memorial Service at the Kemper Park Memorial on the grounds of the Mamaroneck High School was held on Friday, November 12, at 11 a.m. MHS students, the Citizens Group for the

Preservation of Kemper Park, the VFW, and other members of the community saluted our war veterans. Those interested in joining the Citizens Group to save the Kemper Memorial should contact Jan Northrup.

The passing of Carl Mydans, Larchmont resident and famous *Life* photographer, is acknowledged with sadness. He shot some of the most memorable images of WWII. Our condolences to his family, which includes Seth Mydans, *New York Times* foreign correspondent.

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Membership Form

Please enroll me as a member of the Larchmont Historical Society. My tax-deductible dues for one year are enclosed. Membership year ends December 31, 2004.

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Renewal

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$15. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$25. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 or older) or student | \$5. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional or Business | \$25. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$50. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (individual only) | \$150. |

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