



INSIGHTS

May 2016

2016 Dues Invoices

Dues invoices for 2016 were mailed or emailed in December, 2015 to SHS Members (depending upon members stated preferences). If you missed yours, or have not yet paid, a second notice is included in this mailing for your convenience. *Please note, your dues must be paid in order to participate in the 2016 election.*

2016 Rendezvous Registration OPEN

The 2016 Rendezvous Committee, comprised mainly of New York's Colvin Crew members, has done a great job planning this year's Rendezvous!

2016 Rendezvous: The Verplanck Colvin Story September 28 – October 1 Lake George, New York

Enclosed with this mailer is the 2016 Rendezvous brochure with all the information and registration forms. You can register two ways – complete and return the form to the SHS office with your payment by check, or pay by credit card using online registration (linked from the SHS website at www.SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com)

The Planning Committee, chaired by SHS Member Jim Vianna, has some great sessions and excursions planned for the event. **SHS wants to extend their thanks and appreciation** for all the hard work the committee has devoted to planning this wonderful event for our organization. *Learn more about Verplanck Colvin and his contributions in the enclosed issue of Backsights!*

2016 Directors Ballots

Enclosed in this mailing members will find their ballot for the 2016 SHS Board of Directors. Please participate! Candidate biographies are included for your review. Complete your ballot and return it to the SHS office in the included, pre-addressed envelope by the deadline of August 10, 2016.

Rendezvous Lodging

Registrants are responsible for their own guest room arrangements. The final deadline for reservations for the SHS Rendezvous is August 28, 2016. SHS recommends you reserve early, as our event will be held during fall foliage season and the hotel is expected to be sold out. (Please see the enclosed brochure for detailed information on page 9)

To make reservations, contact the hotel directly and be sure to mention the "Surveyors Historical Society Rendezvous" to get the group rate.

Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center
48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845
(toll free) 1-800-234-0267 or (local)1-518-668-3081



Planning for Bilby Historical Marker Dedication Moving Forward

Thanks to the efforts of SHS members Bart Crattie and Jeff French, progress toward dedicating the Indiana State Historic Marker honoring Jasper Bilby is moving forward nicely. The marker text has been finalized and the sign is now being manufactured. A dedication ceremony is being planned for fall, 2016, and may include a workshop with a partner organization outlining Bilby's contributions as part of the event. Look for more details coming soon!

The cost of this marker (\$2200) has been entirely underwritten by an individual member of SHS who wishes to remain anonymous at this time.

Their generosity is sincerely appreciated!

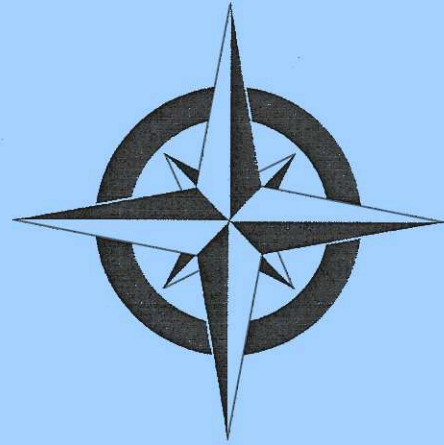
Special Projects Fund Needs Your Help

The SHS Board of Directors established the "Special Projects Fund" to support SHS involvement in future initiatives that highlight surveying history. Proceeds from Rendezvous Auctions and other donations will support this fund. If you are attending the 2016 Rendezvous, please consider donating an item to assist in building this fund so SHS can support activities highlighting the contributions of surveyors and the profession.

Want to support the event, but can't attend? Donations of small items for the Rendezvous' Special Projects Fund auction may be shipped to the SHS office by September 15, 2016 to be taken to the event on your behalf. As always, monetary donations towards the fund are always appreciated!

Have an idea? See a need? Let us know!

If you are aware of an opportunity to assist a local or state organization conducting a project that may be appropriate for SHS support, please contact the SHS office at (614)798-5257 or by email at info@SurveyorsHistoricalSociety.com



SAVE THE DATES!! Future SHS Rendezvous Events

September 28 – October 1, 2016
Lake George, New York
"The Verplanck Colvin Story"

September 12 – 16, 2017
Concord, Massachusetts
*"Henry David Thoreau,
Surveyor-Author-Naturalist"*

September 11 – 15, 2018
New Orleans, Louisiana
*300th Anniversary of New Orleans
(Theme to be announced)*

Doing what you do...

Are you involved in your local area with educating the public about land surveying and its history? Making presentations? Participating as a reenactor at events? If so, we want to hear from you! SHS would like to build a list of events and efforts among our members that promote the profession of surveying and its contributions. We know lots of you are participating in local and regional events, and we would like to develop a list of ways our members are involved in these kinds of activities. We don't know our own impact – let us know what you do!

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