

Historic Rivers Chapter - VMN

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 3, 2015

For the December General Membership Meeting of the Historic Rivers Chapter - VMN, we held our End of the Year Holiday Party at Legacy Hall, 4301 New Town Avenue, Williamsburg, VA. Doors opened at 6:00 p.m. Guests arrived and were welcomed at the door. They were given raffle tickets and had the opportunity to purchase additional tickets for the special prize of an Inge Curtis photo of a Cedar Waxwing.

Tables in the Hall were arranged for the potluck buffet at one end and round tables for dining filled the room. The tables were beautifully decorated with native plants and greenery provided by Mary Turnbull using designs that incorporated other natural elements. Guests provided their own dinnerware.

From 6:00-6:30 guests socialized and participated in a fun game called "Hustle" which allowed members to brag about past experiences and activities!

President Shirley Devan called the gathering together at 6:30 p.m. and explained the events for the evening. Shirley welcomed everyone and gave special thanks to the Host Committee, Joe Beene, Barb Bucklin, and Maud Ann Wilson and their committee for their outstanding work in preparing the event and making it all possible. Guests were called to the potluck by table name. Members from all 10 cohorts were present as well as several special guests.

Throughout the evening guests were entertained with a slide show prepared by Ted Sargent displaying the entries to the Chapter photo contests. Alice Kopinitz put together the fun games for the evening and she raised the bar high with her "Eye Guess" game which challenged us to identify creatures just by seeing their eyes. Easier said than done!

A highlight of the evening was a special slide presentation of the Mastodon Dig narrated by Dr. Jerre Johnson. Seig and Alice Kopinitz did an amazing job of compiling members photos into an excellent slide show of the project from beginning to end.

Winning raffle tickets were drawn during the evening and there were a number of very happy winners.

Some of the prizes were a bird house, a pumpkin pie, and the Waxwing photo by Inge Curtis. George Reiske, Cohort X, took photos of the members present by each Cohort.

As the party wound down Shirley thanked everyone for coming and for bringing such delicious food to share. A number of members stayed to help with the clean up which made for fast work.

80 guests were in attendance and all expenses were covered.

The party ended at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Barnhart, Co-recording Secretary