

Helping Our Senior Citizens

The Historic Oakwood Society has recognized the need to serve the elderly within our community, and has asked Jack Wheatley and me to establish a committee for that purpose. In order to use our resources effectively, *we need your help* to identify the needs of the elderly in Oakwood that are not being met by other agencies. Some possibilities are: transportation, regular phone calls, pet sitting, and assistance identifying resources presently available to assist the elderly at home in Wake County.

HELP US by:

- calling to share your ideas with us
- volunteering to help
- being on our committee

We hope to have our first committee meeting in May and would like to have your ideas as soon as possible. A call to Jack or me, or a note in our mail box would be greatly appreciated.

Jack Wheatley
325 Polk St., 834-3245
Sandy Hendrickson
516 N. Bloodworth St., 828-9882

REMEMBER the Historic Oakwood May Day Festival, Sunday, May 5 from 1-5 at the 400 block of Elm Street!

Easter Egg Hunt

Oakwood's Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful success. Barbara Wishy was again the hostess and, as usual, saw to it that everyone enjoyed themselves. The older children met at 12:00 for a cookout then hid the eggs for the little ones to find. We would all like to thank Barbara for a lovely afternoon.

Parents of any age child may expect to get a call for help from the social committee. We would like the children, with a parent supervising, to man the cookie tables at the May celebration. Parents will also be called on to bake cookies or brownies. Please be generous with your time and abilities when called. If everyone helps a little, no one will have to help a lot and everyone can enjoy themselves!

—Pat Cowan

Allinger's KONDITORI

lunch: 11:30 - 2:30 127 W. Hargett St.
dinner: 5:30 - 10:00 828-9112
Sunday Brunch: 11:30 - 2:00
Beer and wine available

Fine Scandinavian Dining
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DINE FOR COFFEE AND DESSERT ON US!

Thank You, Carriers!

This year your newsletters are being distributed by six Oakwood residents. Meeting notices are also delivered by this group. We make an effort to reach *all* residents with the newsletter and spot distribution of meeting notices. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact your carrier.

Sara Stronach
300 & 400 E. Lane
300 Oakwood
300 & 400 N. Bloodworth
Person Street
Chris Yetter
300, 400 & 500 E. Jones
400, 500 & 600 Oakwood
Linden Avenue
Oakley Herring
300, 400, 500 & 600 Polk St.
300 Pell St.
500 Bloodworth

Newsletter Staff

Chairperson Susan Lambeth
414 N. East St., 833-2620
*Drop off information or call by
June 5th for next newsletter.*

Committee members:

Melissa Dahler
Oakley Herring
Lynn Lyle
Lynn Mindel

Ames Christopher
500 & 600 E. Lane
200, 300, 400, 500, 600 Elm St.
Nancy Grier
100 & 200 N. Bloodworth
300, 500, 600 Boundary St.
100, 200, 300, 400 N. East St.
Lillian Hunter
500 Euclid
600, 700 N. Bloodworth
500, 600, 700 N. East St.

Oakwood Library

The books *Century of Color* and *Painted Ladies* have been well used since publication of the last Oakwood Newsletter. Call and get your name on the list of borrowers if you're interested in exterior house colors.

The library has received the March and April issues of the *Old House Journal*. If you need help repairing your standing seam roof, you'll want to read the March *OHJ*. Other articles include "The Story of Breakneck Hill" (which focuses on a restoration completed over forty years ago), "Improving Old Walls and Ceilings with Lining Materials," "The Amazing Water Level" (a tool used to level porches, set tops of fence posts, establish a sloping grade) and "Old Fashioned Whitewash." April's issue of *OHJ* illustrates the "Restoring of 1919 Stencils" and "Carpet Bedding in the Victorian Landscape." The use of opaque stains is also discussed. As always, each issue contains the Emporium which lists items for sale, inns and historic houses, real estate and restoration services. Another section describes restoration products.

As you take your spring walks, you may wish to know what style houses you see in our neighborhood. *What Style Is It?* may help you recognize Second Empire, Italianate, Greek Revival, NeoClassical and Queen Anne styles. *American Architecture Since 1780* and *American Victorian Architecture* are two other surveys filled with photographs to illustrate style differences.

Spring is the perfect season to enjoy and learn about Raleigh. The *Architectural and Historical Inventory of Raleigh, North Carolina* is a "visual architectural directory of Raleigh's past and present." Published in 1978, the 228-page survey includes pictures and descriptions of Raleigh's prominent buildings and neighborhoods. Oakwood and surrounding areas are important sections to the inventory.

The Oakwood Library is located at my home, 406 East Lane Street, phone 834-6003. Please come by or call to borrow any of the library's collection.

—Kathy Miller

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Babysitting Co-Op Update

Spring is here and the co-op is thriving. The list of involved families is current and several of us are using the co-op services regularly. For anyone needing information on how to join, call Margaret, 832-2112 or Alice, 834-8537. For anyone who has signed up but hasn't yet indulged — make that first call and enjoy your evening out!

The next co-op meeting is scheduled for May 5th, Sunday at 4 p.m., 321 Oakwood Avenue. Please join us and bring your little one(s)!

Thanks Neighbors!!

Several months ago the interior of our house was badly damaged by fire and smoke. But thanks to the cool-headed behavior of the babysitter, Amy LaBarber, our most important possessions, Kathleen and Emily, were carried to the safety of a neighbor's home. While the smoke still swirled through our house, the Community of Oakwood rallied to the cause. People brought hammers and nails to board up windows, boxes to pack dishes in, trucks to carry household goods away. Homes were opened to us; our food and laundry needs were taken care of; toys and crayons were brought for the children. Through all of this, the spirit of support and caring that is Oakwood, prevailed.

We know that with the help of dozens of good neighbors we will be able to overcome the tragedy of the fire. It is impossible to mention all the individuals who have done so much to give support to the four of us. We want you to know how much we appreciate everything you have done and are continuing to do for us.

We will be living temporarily at 509 North East Street while our home is being renovated; please come by and let us thank you personally. To each of you we say, "Thanks, neighbor!"

—Jack and Bonnie Wheatley

Society Meeting Programs

With the change in format in the Society Meetings, we have been making an effort to offer a variety of programs to meet the needs and interests of our community.

Our programs thus far have included Lee Grier — February 14th — The Heart of the Matter — Carole Woodward — Haywood Hall Garden Reconstruction and Dan Ellison — Mordecai Historic Park.

In May Ms. Gordon Folger, Executive Director of the Women's Center will tell us about the history, purpose and programs of the Women's Center. Mark your Calendar for Thursday, May 9th, 8:00 P.M. — Tucker House. Learn more about an agency which is a part of our Oakwood neighborhood.

John Kinney, an Oakwood resident and President of the Raleigh Historic Districts Commission, will join us Thursday, June 13th to discuss Guidelines and Standards for the Rehabilitation of Oakwood Homes. Bring your questions and find the answers.

—Nancy Grier, Program Chairman

Oakwood Exchange

We will start a column for Oakwood residents to list any restoration materials they might like to sell, trade or give away. Doors, mantels, wood, molding, light fixtures, footed bathtubs are some items that may be useless to one neighbor and needed by another! Contact Kathy Miller at 834-6003 with your information.

—Kathy Miller

Oakwood as Seen from the Hammock!!

Now that spring is upon us and everyone is busy working in their yards, we should see more of our neighbors and be aware of what is taking place in Oakwood.

First and foremost let me gently remind all pet owners to please watch what and where their pets make their little deposits as we have a great number of little ones waddling throughout our neighborhood and they know no evil but will feel of it if given a chance. As a courtesy to everyone, please help us with this problem.

I am pleased to see the number of children in Oakwood as to me this shows that the neighborhood is becoming a permanent home-place and not just a stopping place for a few years. I hope that a park of some kind can and will be arranged for them soon. We have procrastinated on this subject long enough.

With planting time at hand (or maybe just passed), I would think that Ames Christopher is perhaps the most popular man around because everyone is asking how, when or where should this and that be planted. Ask him and he will be glad to share his knowledge with you. If you have walked through his yard at any time, you will know that it is done not only with knowledge and care but with love.

To the newcomers in the neighborhood, this is the time to meet your neighbors and make friends. Oakwood is a neighborhood where you can live for two months and feel as if you have been here two years or you can live here for two years and feel as if you have been here just two months. The choice is yours as I think that this is the friendliest and most caring neighborhood in all of Raleigh.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter egg hunt at Barbara Wishy's house and will participate in the May Day Celebration on May 5th. Please remember that all of these events were planned for our enjoyment and to be a success they need our help in some small way. There are many choices of things to do during May Day so find your forte and show your neighbors the way.

Due to many hours put in at the Oakwood Inn, I have not had the time recently to play the Squire of Oakwood in my hammock but with a good Innkeeper locked in the Inn and warm balmy days at hand I hope to see all, know all and tell all in the very near future.

—Oakley Herring

Oakwood Remembers

Mr. Green lives on Polk Street now but lived at 406 East Lane Street as a young boy in the thirties. He remembers playing under the house and watching as adults walked downtown to work and then back home. There were few cars in our neighborhood then. He, like other Oakwood neighbors, had no screens in his upstairs windows. He remembers playing cards on hot summer days and reaching up to scratch his neck — but got stung by Mr. Smith's bees instead!

Barnes' grocery, at the corner of Lane and Bloodworth, is also a treasure of memories for Mr. Green. Mr. Barnes could not always remember all the neighborhood children's names, so he called them all "Doozy." The Barnes used to keep chickens under the grocery store to sell. — Just a few Oakwood memories!

Free Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are available through The Council on Aging free of charge if you are 60 years of age or older, have a low to middle income, and don't already have a smoke detector in your home. The fire department will install it in your home free of charge. If you want more information call CINDY BATTON at 755-6444.

Allinger's Konditori

Only four minutes away from Oakwood, Allinger's Konditori is a very special treat for a restaurant so conveniently located downtown at 127 W. Hargett Street. The fare is a combination of Scandinavian and American. For dinner I had the curried breast of chicken which was very simply and subtly prepared, served with rice, fresh broccoli, and peas and carrots, slightly al dente, and artistically presented. The food has so many special touches; for example, the homemade bread has a hint of anise; the desserts, like rice pudding with raspberry sauce, are unusual but subtle; and the coffee is rich and strong.

One of the few downtown restaurants open for dinner, the Konditori is small and personal. The owner and chef, John Allinger, is a native of Sweden and the atmosphere reflects his heritage. The lines of the decor are clean and open, making the surroundings very pleasant and comfortable. The service plays no small part in making the family operation a friendly place. Late one Saturday night the employees were all sitting together for a meal. With the help of several members of the Friends of Scandinavia, Allinger opened first for lunch which is busy and more recently for dinner, which is still somewhat slower. He's also open for breakfast and Sunday brunch.

Allinger plans to expand his dinner menu as the weather gets warmer. Now he serves hearty soups, Swedish meatballs, roast pork, pot roast, and slices of filet mignon, all with vegetables and potatoes. The seafood salad is lighter but nothing seems too rich. He plans to add seafood and vegetarian dishes.

For a lovely meal and for the sake of downtown development, try the Konditori for dinner. It's an Oakwood kind of place.

Athletic Club

Our monthly social gatherings are held the last Sunday of every month (except December) and are open to all Oakwood residents, past residents and possible future residents. All Athletic Clubs will start at 6:00 p.m. BYOB and an hors d'oeuvre. Dress is casual. Note: Invitations will not be distributed this year so cut out this list and tape it to the inside of a kitchen cabinet door! See you soon!

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HISTORIC OAKWOOD REMEMBERS

Savon Horton, who has lived on Bloodworth St. most of her life, is filled with many happy memories of her childhood in Historic Oakwood. On Easter Sunday, her mother held a traditional Easter Egg Hunt for Savon's neighborhood and school friends. The hunt was held on a large lot owned by her father. The lot had a deep crevice, small stream and banks where Mrs. Horton hid the boiled and candy eggs for the little children. Savon remembers that her mother wrapped each egg in tissue paper so they wouldn't get dirty. The lot used for the hunt is located at the corner of East and Lane, where a church now rests.

- Kathy Miller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OAKWOOD INN

That's right, it's been a year since the Inn opened! We wish her a happy birthday! If you havn't spent the night in The Oakwood Inn you've been missing out on a real treat! Consider the Inn for a romantic anniversary evening, a great celebration of a promotion or just a way to relax and be pampered whenever necessary! Call today! 832-9712.

ANOTHER THANK YOU!

In our last newsletter we thanked our newsletter carriers. We forgot, however, to say thanks to the person that gets the newsletters from the printer to each carrier. Thanks, Lynn Mindel, another helpful Historic Oakwood neighbor!

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Drop off information or call by September 5th. Susan Lambeth - 414 N. East St. - 833-2620

SPREAD THE NEWS!

Don't just throw this newsletter away! Why not give it to a friend in another part of Raleigh or in Cary? Let's let folks know how great it is to live downtown in Historic Oakwood! And just think...if we all did that there would be about 350 people who would learn about Historic Oakwood!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Summertime - life is more relaxed and casual. You'll note that our newsletter is also this way! Actually, in an attempt to keep costs down I decided to type this newsletter rather than incur the cost of typesetting. Thanks for your understanding, neighbors!

- Susan

OAKWOOD AS SEEN FROM THE HAMMOCK

Now that it is 90° plus, can anyone remember back in January when we said that summer couldn't come soon enough? I believe most of us would gladly have a bit of January now! I know I would!

The nice things about summer time is that people are out walking around and working in their yards and we get to see a little more of our neighbors. Also, with the help of some water, fertilizer and luck our grass will grow and turn green and the flowers will look and smell better than in the winter!

I understand that both Jimmy Stronach and Harvey Bumgardner have been sick. It's good to see them up and around now.

It seems our neighbors are doing a better job of minding their pet's affairs. It's noticeable and appreciated! Also, let's not forget our older neighbors during the real hot weather as it imposes a greater danger to them than to most of us. Visit or call to see if they need anything.

As the sun is shining strongly onto my hammock I will close. See you 4th of July!

- Oakley

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The May Festival on Sun., May 5th on Elm St. was a wonderful way to welcome spring and both children and adults enjoyed the delightful afternoon. Children's art was displayed, May flower baskets adorned neighborhood porches and entertainment was provided by The Dixie Dew Cloggers and The Capital City Chorus. Ames Christopher's backyard was the perfect setting for the visiting storyteller and Androgena the Puppet delighted children. Many thanks to Beth Dyer and all her little elves who helped put this event together.

Now that summer is upon us we can all look forward to our annual 4th of July Celebration. This year's event, coordinated by Kathy Miller, will include a parade, a picnic, entertainment and games! The festivities will begin at 3:00 with the parade. Plan to assemble at the Medical Society's empty lot on Bloodworth (beside The Brass Key and Side Street Restaurant). The picnic, following, will be held on the Stronach's vacant lot on Bloodworth St. - beside The Oakwood Inn. In case of rain, a sign will be posted on the lot by 2:00pm giving an alternate site. Residents are asked to bring a main dish and a side dish to feed your family and/or guests. Beverages will be provided.

Mark your calendars now and look for further details in a special flyer prior to the 4th.

Additionally, the Social Committee is making plans for an ice cream party for the children in early September. A million thanks to the Smith family for offering their lovely yard.

Plans are also being made for the Annual Pig Pickin' the following month. October brings Halloween Festivities and in December we can look forward to Oakwood's First Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Carol-Sing.

My personal thanks to the Social Committee members - Beth Dyer, Jean Bradshaw, Kathy Miller and Andy Wood - as well as the Children's Committee of Pat Cowan and Rita Bublitz - for all their hard work and effort. I know all Oakwood residents join me in a salute to their sharing of their time and talents.

- Bonnie Wheatley

WHERE'S THE OAKWOOD STORK?

I haven't received any news of new little arrivals for this edition. Please let me know when you have such good news to share!

- Susan Lambeth 833-2620

OAKWOOD REACHES OUT TO THE ELDERLY

Due to the great interest shown by Oakwood residents in supporting the Senior Citizens in our neighborhood, a Committee for the Elderly has been formed with Sandy Hendrickson (828-9882) and Jack Wheatley (834-3245) as co-chairpersons. The current committee consists of Heather Craig, Teresa Marray Hayes, Marian Shepherd, Drew Wood, Nannie Wynne and Chris Yetter.

At the present time members are in the process of identifying the Oakwoodites who are 65 years old and older. The committee then plans to send a letter to these individuals asking for their help in determining how this committee can best be of assistance to the elderly. Some suggestions received already are making residents aware of services provided to the elderly by state agencies and assisting individuals contacting these agencies; providing transportation for the elderly to doctor offices and grocery stores; and arranging for yard care and leaf collection during the fall of the year. The committee is also discussing plans for a social especially for the older Oakwood residents as an opportunity to get to know one another. It looks like it's going to be an active summer and fall for the young and old!

- Sally Hendrickson

OAKWOOD LIBRARY

Oakwood residents have loaned several books to the Historic Oakwood Library. Norman and Kay Olson have contributed Preservation Comes of Age, From Williamsburg to the National Trust, 1926-1949. This two-volume work reviews the history of preservation activity in the United States from 1926 to 1949. the

formative era of the American preservation movement."

Mike Weeks has loaned A Field Guide to American Houses, an excellent guide to houses from 1600 to the present. This book contains photographs, a pictorial key and glossary and style descriptions which enable the reader to identify the style of any American domestic building. Historic Oakwood residents will be pleased to see several Historic Oakwood homes included in the photographs, such as Bill and Pat LaBarbera's home at 503 E. Jones and Becky French's and Bill Harazin's home at 304 Oakwood.

Mike Weeks has also loaned Ben Karp's Ornamental Carpentry on Nineteenth-Century American Houses, a book of 186 photographs of sawn ornaments found on exterior houses dating from 1820's to 1910. These photographs are coupled with symbolic interpretations and provide clear examples for Historic Oakwood residents to copy for front or side porches, gables, porch posts, balconies and bays.

The May issue of Old House Journal is devoted to bungalows and contains the following restoration accounts and aids: "The Bungalow and Why We Love It So," a story of "bungaliving", stripping ceiling beams, stucco repairs, craftsman fabric accents, doors of the 1920's and things for bungalows.

The June issue of OHJ discusses the removal of interior woodwork without destroying it, the story of a restoration of an 1858 Minnesota house and how to hold a house tour. The last article mentioned is very pertinent to Historic Oakwood and may be useful reading to our new tour chairperson as well as to Historic Oakwood homeowners. The article discusses three major elements involved in an annual house tour: persuasion, (persuading homeowners to open their houses), planning and publicity. Since good publicity is the key to a successful tour, the author covers the press release and special gimmicks to make this year's tour different from previous tours and, therefore, insure great press coverage.

As always, the library welcomes patrons. All library materials may be borrowed. Books loaned to the library are always encouraged. The two most requested books are Century of Color and Painted Ladies which concern exterior paint colors.

The library is located at my home, 406 E. Lane St.. 834-6003.

- Kathy Miller

IDEA: DISPLAY THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOME

A wall that is sure to be a discussion-starter is one which displays before and after photos of your home; coins, inkbottles, hardware, etc. found in or under your home; a "family tree" of your home's inhabitants and any photos of them, especially in the home; and copies of any records that you can obtain from the city. You'll have a documented history of your precious home.

OAKWOOD EXCHANGE

For Sale: Olympic Franklin woodburning stove, brand new. Antique double iron bed. Ten light brass chandelier. Nine by twelve Karastan rug, rust and navy. Thirty-six inch brass table lamp. All in excellent condition. Call Jack or Bonnie Wheatley, 834-3245.

For Sale: Hand crafted twin bed with trundle bed that pops out and raises to be beside twin bed, making queen size bed. Headboard with book shelf. Painted burgundy with Snoopy characters. Needs a little touch up. Matching dresser. Bed and dresser - \$125.00. Call Susan Lambeth, 833-2620, day or evening.

Contact Kathy Miller, 834-6003 to list items for sale, for free or items you're trying to find!

LOST AND FOUND

Several dishes, a knife and a pitcher were discovered after the July 4th Picnic clean-up. Please claim these items from Kathy Miller, 406 East Lane St., 834-6003.

ATHLETIC CLUB 1985

September 29 - Barbara & Scott Crawford
405 Polk St.

October 27 - Bonnie & Jack Wheatley
325 Polk St.

November 24 - Don & Sandy Hendrickson
516 N. Bloodworth St.

6:00 pm, BYOB and hors d'oeuvres, casual dress.

ATHLETIC CLUB 1986

If you can open your home to host Athletic Club in 1986 please contact Susan Lambeth, 833-2620.

OAKWOOD LIBRARY

The library has received two issues of The Old-House Journal since the last newsletter. The July OHJ discusses the advantages of awnings and contains a list of awning suppliers. The issue also explains the use and types of scaffolds. Wooden swings, rockers, wicker seats and hammocks are pictured and sources listed for those interested in indoor/outdoor furniture.

The August-September OHJ describes the renovation of an 1870 Italianate house in Urbana, Ill.. Another article describes wood cornice restoration and repair. This issue includes interior pictures of the English Revival era of 1910-1930 and explains how to repair a mechanical doorbell. Some OHJ old house and garden discoveries pictured in this issue include an iron park bench, garden trellises, tree fences, wooden screen doors, an Adirondack chair and reprints of the 1888 Burpees Farm Annual of garden, farmland, and flower seeds. Sources and prices are included. The main article is on the salvage of original clapboards.

Oakwood Library (cont'd)

Even if no particular article listed sounds as if it applies to you, you may be able to pick up general tips from the OHJ.

Fall is the typical painting season. Remember to borrow Painted Ladies and Century of Color for exterior color ideas. The library is located at my home, 406 E. Lane St., 834-6003.

Kathy Miller

COMMUNITY WATCH NOTICE

Two separate homes have recently been disturbed by an early morning "peeping Tom." The tall, slim, fair haired white male is climbing fences to peer in for up to 15 minutes. This is a scary thing. Please be on the lookout even a bit more for disturbances such as this and call the police immediately!

There have been several break-ins and walk-ins (doors left unlocked even when residents are in a different part of the house) in our neighborhood also. Let's get rid of this! Please be AWARE!

HISTORIC OAKWOOD REMEMBERS

Before the turn of the century, 528 N. East St. was "in the country." Mrs. R.L. Maxey has always called this house her home and her father also grew up there. Mrs. Maxey remembers her father's stories about our neighborhood and laughs about one story in particular. Her home was on the way to a small park which was located across from the Boundary Street side of the Oakwood Cemetery. One day as adults and children from in town were being brought to the "country park" by pony and cart, the ponies became frightened, bolted and overturned the cart. This happened in front of 528 North East and the people were taken into the house to recover on the porch.

Her father saw children hook dogs to small carts and fill buckets with water from a well at the corner of Polk and East Streets. The dog and cart team regularly brought the water to the ponies on their way to the park.

The large hill on Boundary St. was Oakwood's sledding area. Children rode on the backs of wooden chairs.

Thank you, Mrs. Maxey, for more memories of Historic Oakwood in another day!

Kathy Miller

EDITOR'S NOTES

The last newsletter of 1985 will come out in late November. Please have all articles to me by Nov. 15th. Thanks to so many of you for your contributions! And another big thanks to our newsletter distributors!

1985 Susan Lambeth 414 N. East
833-2620

The Historic Oakwood Newsletter

Summer 1985

Welcome to autumn in Historic Oakwood! It's the busiest and most exciting time in our beautiful neighborhood!

If you're new to the area you'll feel so proud to not just be here but to "live here" during the holiday season. It's almost like living in Williamsburg.

One of the best holiday gifts you can give yourself is to become a part of the activities. As you read this newsletter MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the many wonderful events. You'll even find some unexpected events like Christmas carolers complete with costumes and candles singing outside your door. And lastly, speak up and let us know what you might do to help during the tour. Hosts and hostesses, public relations, refreshments, distributing posters, advertising...there's so much to be done. And what better way to get to know your neighbors...right here in beautiful Historic Oakwood!

Susan Lambeth

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's 4th of July celebration was so much fun! The parade, underway after a brief delay, was simply the prelude to a delightful afternoon. Gaily decorated tables were laden with delicious food for sharing and entertainment by Suzie Crate was a fine accompaniment to the day's festivities. Young and old and in-between thoroughly enjoyed this community event and you folks who missed it should mark your calendars now for the next neighborhood get-together...the October Pig Pickin'! Details to follow. A million thanks to Kathy Miller, who coordinated the July 4th event and to all the neighbors who contributed their time and effort. Special thanks to Mary Lou Wooten for all her yummy home-made ice cream!

On Sunday September 15th, a happy occasion for the children of Historic Oakwood - an ice cream party, complete with story teller! It was held in the beautiful yard of the Neal Smith family. Thanks to Andy Wood, Kathy Miller, Pat Cowan and the Smiths for this lovely afternoon. And to Pine State for the ice cream!

Plans are now being made for the Pig Pickin' to be held in the backyard of Ames Christopher on Sunday, October 20th at 4:30 p.m.. Residents are asked to bring a side dish to feed your family and/or guests and the pig will be provided by the Historic Oakwood Historical Society. Watch for additional information in a flyer prior to the event.

Other upcoming social events will include a Halloween cookout for the younger ghosts and goblins of Oakwood. Interested in hosting this party in your yard? If so, please call Pat Cowan.

On Thursday, December 19th at 6:45 p.m. we can all look forward to Historic Oakwood's first tree

lighting ceremony and carole-sing! Our community Christmas tree will be (is) beside The Oakwood Inn.

And finally, a committee has been formed to work on the possibility of a dance to be held, hopefully, in February as a very special occasion help brighten the dark days of winter.

Bonnie Wheatley

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Historic Oakwood's 14th Candlelight Tour will be held December 14th and 15th from 1-7pm.. Tickets will be \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children. A special group rate will be allowed for 25 or more of \$6.00 per person.

The theme of the tour this year will be "Family Living in Downtown Raleigh" and will feature homes geared to family living. There will be six homes on the tour representing restored homes in Historic Oakwood and one home that will be in the process of restoration.

Again this year, we will be joined that weekend with the opening of the Governor's Mansion, the State Capitol, the North Carolina Museum of History, Haywood Hall and possibly others in the New Bern Place area. The Museum of History plans to have afternoon shows to entertain children who may not want to tour the homes.

Tickets will be sold at the Oakwood Inn and refreshments served at the Tucker House.

We expect that nearly 4,000 people will tour our neighborhood this year. Since this is the Society's largest project, it demands that everyone join in the effort. There are plenty of jobs for all, and your help is needed. Please give some thought as to how you might spruce up your home for this tour. All yards and homes are scrutinized by the guests walking our streets. Let's let them see how pretty and well-cared for our neighborhood can be. I would really love to see every home with candles in the windows. Nothing spoils a Candlelight Tour like a dark house. If you are unable to secure candles for your windows, please let me know.

Let's have the best tour ever!

Hildred Hutchins
Tour Chairman
504 E. Jones St.
832-3280

TO DECORATE YOUR HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Society for the Museum of Natural History is having a greenery sale of wreaths and roping to raise money for the museum. Special consideration will be given to Oakwood residents in the form of a 10% discount and early delivery. Furthermore, contributions are tax deductible.

Order forms will be distributed throughout the neighborhood. Additional forms may be obtained from Susan Bailey at 828-2058.

Make this Christmas tour the prettiest one yet and support your Museum of Natural History.

IMPORTANT TRAFFIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30 7:30pm

For many years Historic Oakwood residents have been concerned about traffic in the neighborhood. The Board recently hired a consultant to study the traffic patterns and flow throughout our neighborhood. Bill Thorne will share the results of this study and his recommendations at a special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 30th at 7:30pm at the Tucker House. PLEASE come and hear his recommendations. Your input is wanted and needed!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

This year's theme for the Historic Oakwood Christmas Tour is "Family Living in Downtown Raleigh." This is an appropriate year to bring together Oakwood's children to make Christmas ornaments. We plan for these ornaments to be displayed on an indoor Christmas tree at our Bloodworth Street business district for all to see. We'll make the ornaments in November, well before the tour frenzy begins. Details of time and place will follow as arrangements are made.

Please help us gather materials now. We could use old Christmas cards, all colors felt, ribbons, bells, fabric scraps, colored tissue paper, Christmas wrapping paper, sequins, glitter, yarn, lace, lace seam binding, pipe cleaners, trims, egg cartons, etc.. If you have anything appropriate for our Christmas ornaments please bring them to 406 East Lane St., 834-6003 by October 15th. Thank you!

Kathy Miller

HISTORIC OAKWOOD REACHES OUT

The Oakwood Outreach Committee (formerly the Committee for the Elderly) has expanded its goals to provide assistance to those in our community who may need a neighborly hand. The committee members are in the process of identifying and speaking with these residents to determine the ways we can be of assistance. We hope this task will be completed by the end of October. With this information the Committee will turn its attention to the types of services that can be best provided by social agencies and those that we neighbors can carry out. As fall approaches keep an eye out for neighbors who need assistance with yard work or leaf removal. If you are interested in helping the Outreach Committee or are concerned about the well-being of a neighbor call Jack Wheatley (834-3245) or Sandy Hendrickson (828-9882). Remember - Oakwood Cares!