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September Open House

If you happened to be walking along Kings Highway on the afternoon of September 19th, you might have checked your watch or better still, a calendar to be certain that the year was 2009. But for those attending the Tavern's Open House, a trip back in time was just the experience they came for. The afternoon included cannons, wooden muskets, men and women in 18th century clothing and most exciting, a visit from Ned Hector (Noah Lewis), an African American Revolutionary War hero.

The event was considered a huge success, with over 140 people attending the afternoon's activities. The Tavern was filled with families, Road Rally participants, and the curious who had the opportunity to learn more about the tavern's history, Ned Hector's story as well as participate in the children's militia training.

Thanks to all who gave their time as docents for the afternoon, to Ed, Betty and Karen for their work in the garden and to Margie for her help with the housekeeping. Additional thanks to Tom for transportation of wooden muskets and cannons and to Anna for her help cutting out tricorn hat patterns. A special thank you goes to Dr. Garry Stone for planning this special event.



Volunteer Training

It's never too late to learn a few new facts about the Indian King Tavern and its important history. All volunteers will be invited to participate in a two part training session in the spring of 2010. (Please note that this is a change from the original plan.) You will have the opportunity to learn

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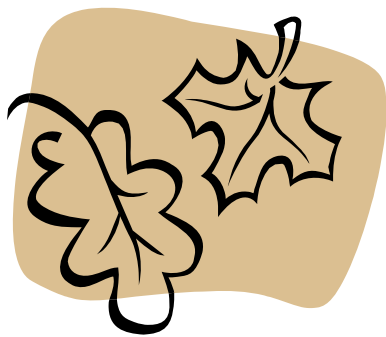
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more about proper period clothing, tour techniques, and 18th century tavern life. More information about the workshops will be forwarded to you as we get closer to the date.

Fall Festival Days

The Friends of the Indian King Tavern will be hosting a table at the Fall Festival Days, Saturday, Oct. 17th. Information about the Tavern as well as information on ways to become involved will be available to those who stop by.



Volunteers Highlights

No organization can function successfully without a core group of volunteers to support the group's efforts. The Indian

King Tavern is no exception. The Tavern is fortunate enough to have a faithful group of volunteers that are willing to take on all types of challenges. From gardening, to dusting and cataloging newly acquired items, our volunteers find many ways to support the Tavern and tell its story.

We are pleased to welcome several new volunteers. They are Nancy Calabretta, Anna Payne, Kevin McGonigle, Ed Hess and Karen Mazak.

Betty Runge, a volunteer since 1997, first responded to a newspaper article written by Bill Mason, then Tavern Historian, seeking volunteers. For the next 7.5 years, Betty gave 3 to 4 hours a week to helping out at the Indian King. Her first assignment was gardening, but soon included dusting, vacuuming, stuffing envelopes and any other task that was asked of her. Betty also put her sewing skills to work for the tavern by making the curtains,

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and the mattress and bed ticking found in the innkeeper's room. Betty has spent time as a seasonal employee of the tavern, but states that she much prefers being the volunteer. At present, Betty serves as a member of the board for the Friends of the Indian King Tavern and is a docent during open house. You can find her in the kitchen of the Tavern. Betty states that she is committed to the Indian King Tavern and will continue to work to keep it open. Thank you, Betty, for all that you do for the Indian King. We are fortunate that you choose to share your time with us.

Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, December 5th, the Indian King will be filled with the sounds of the season as the Friends Group sponsors its winter Open House. Music will be provided by Dave Fields and John Burkhalter. Later in the

afternoon, Mr. Burkhalter will provide a 50 program on colonial music. We hope that you will join us on that afternoon to serve as a docent or as a guest.

As Always

Please feel free to stop by the Tavern at anytime that it is open. And be certain to bring your family and friends!

