Dear Member:

As we approach the end of 2018, it is good to reflect on the work of our society and thank our members for their support. We continue to struggle with our membership numbers, but have had a good year with those dedicated individuals who have worked to discover, record, review, and share the history of our town.

Much of our time this year was taken by the Centennial Commemoration of The Great War. What we know as World War I, was the subject of four unique programs in 2018. I was honored to be asked by Mayor Salvagno to chair this project. I learned a great deal and was able to share much information about this distant and sometimes forgotten war. In April we did an in depth photo/lecture program on the entire war...its causes, its timeline, its horror, and its long term effects. In June we had an afternoon of Poetry From The Great War, examining the poems, the poets, and the stories behind them. In September, I shared an afternoon of Human Interest and Little Known Stories of WWI. On Veterans Day, 100 years and 5 hours after the signing of the Armistice, we presented, with the help of The Hancock Arts Council, A Musical Review Of The Songs That Helped America Through The War To End All Wars. These were powerful and educational gatherings and I thank all the Society members who contributed to the success of this commemoration.

At our October meeting we were fascinated by local historian Steve French as he presented a lecture on his latest book: Phantoms of the South Fork Captain McNeill and His Rangers. Copies are available with a check for $41.50, sent to 8604 Martinsburg Road, Hedgesville, W.Va. 25427. For all his great research and writings through the years, we presented Steve French our Historian Of The Year 2017 Award. We all look forward to Steve’s next project.

Also at that same meeting we recognized and awarded Historian Of The Year 2018 to Walter “Buddy” Dyer. Bud is a charter member of the Historical Society and has used his skills to help restore and repair a variety of brick structures in our community. Historians certainly come in many different forms. Congratulations to both Steve and Bud and thank you for what you do.

So as we get ready for 2019 we ask you to consider helping the Historical Society with your membership, financial gifts, suggestions for improvement, donations of artifacts, and leads on the stories and records that help us paint the picture of our town through the years. Have a great holiday season and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Dan Murphy, President

November 26, 2018
Membership Application / Dues Renewal
Hancock Historical Society

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