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Barbara A. Baker, Editor

EXCHANGE PLACE, NETHERLAND INN ROBBERIES: Rooms stripped, robbers seemed to know what they wanted

HISTORY STOLEN

By Suzanne Burow

The recent robbery at *Exchange Place* was extensive and devastating. Two whole rooms of furniture and irreplaceable accessories in the Preston House were stripped—corner cupboard, drop-leaf tables, mammy's bench, chairs, rockers, quilt frame, rope beds, foot warmers, deer-skin document box, quilts, coverlets, flow blue and feather edged china, etc.—yes, stripped. Boxes of items stored in the boy's bedroom were ransacked and the best of everything taken—the rarest being museum quality, pottery canning jars with bladder rims, a fine leather and walnut lap writing desk, and a very early

chip carved box tape loom. Taken from the kitchen, cook's cabin, and store were chairs, quilts, blanket chests, baskets, pottery, and cooking items. A total of 142 items were stolen. The 1820s walnut corner cupboard and the Windsor chairs were alone worth over \$25,000.

A letter to the editor appearing in the February 23rd issue of the *Kingsport Times News* said it best:

"I read with disgust and anger about the break-in at Exchange Place. The history of this area is what makes us unique and should be a source of pride for all of us. For some in the area, however, they are things to steal and sell to the highest bidder.

By stealing historical items and

selling them, the thieves have stolen a piece of local history from all of us.

"Places like Exchange Place and the Netherland Inn are islands of local culture and history floating in a sea of urban sprawl and unplanned development that is taking place in our area. If places like Exchange Place continue to be ransacked and eventually disappear, we lose our connection with the past and our anchor for the future. I hope that the miscreants who committed this crime are rapidly caught, convicted, and given the harshest sentences possible for their crime."

Joe Allison, Johnson City

BURGLARLY AT THE INN

By Jane Gibson, NI Curator

On October 31, 2002, thieves cut through a padlock on the second floor main door to gain entry into the *Netherland Inn*. Due to a malfunction of the security system, the alarm did not trigger and the burglarly wasn't discovered until November 1st when it was reported. The Kingsport police were immediately called to the inn.

Our total loss is \$26,500; however, it would cost much more to replace these historic treasures at their current market value. Some items that were taken, such as the Tennes-

see muzzle loading rifle and the painting of Eliza Netherland, cannot be replaced. We have received some restitution from the insurance company, but not for the total amount.

The Kingsport police have been following up on the robbery but have no new leads. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation also met with us and

have an active, ongoing investigation, but the general feeling

is that the robbers knew exactly what they wanted and were in and out in a matter of minutes.

Lib Findley and I went to the Meadowview on November 1st to a large gun show to talk to dealers, but the consensus was that the gun was immediately taken out of state to be sold. Area antique stores and some of the large auction houses were notified and provided with a list of the stolen items.

If anyone has news of the items taken during the October robbery, please contact Jerry Eaves



Stolen oil painting of Eliza Netherland

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at 423-292-9649 or Jane Gibson at 423-247-4043.

Following are descriptions and pictures of the stolen items:

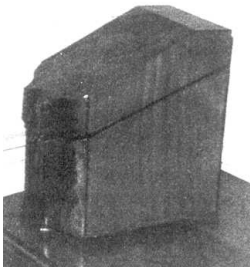
OIL PAINTING OF ELIZA NETHERLAND

(see previous page)

- Valued at \$5,000.
- Dimensions 24" x 20" in 4" deep frame.
- In full color, pink dress with lace, cameo at neckline, dark hair.

TILT TOP TABLE

- Valued at \$6,000, Era 1825.
- Hand-crafted in Greeneville, TN.
- Walnut wood.
- Birdcage design under tabletop.
- Pedestal supported by 3 cabriole legs.



KNIFE BOX

- Valued at \$3,500.
- Mahogany inlay with brass trim.
- Full dividers inside.
- "72.6" written on bottom with indelible ink.



LIQUOR DECANTER

- Valued at \$1,500.
- 3 sections, crystal with gold trim.
- 19th century French.

TENNESSEE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE

- Valued at \$5,000.
- Cap and ball.
- Stock is curly maple, brass and iron trim hardware, brass pocket on side of stock.
- Made in 1810 as a flintlock, modified to percussion in 1850.



WINE CHEST

(also called a cellarette)

- Valued at \$5,000.
- Mahogany wood, inside, rose colored.
- 18" x 18" x 17".
- 3" legs with brass castors.
- 9 compartments inside to hold wine decanters.
- "72.4" is marked on the bottom in indelible ink.



We appreciate the generosity of our Friends of the Inn and all donations and gifts we receive. Roy and Liza Harmon have just given us a beautiful Civil War musket handmade in Tennessee in 1850. George Eaves (Durham, NC) and Jerry Eaves, who gave us the rifle that was stolen and also are brothers of Paige Eaves Brown, have just given us an Enfield Civil War Musket.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS FOR 2003 AT 7 P.M.

- JUNE 12 – Netherland Inn
- SEPT. 11 – Exchange Place
- NOV. 13 – Hammond House

EXCHANGE PLACE QUILTERS

By Eleanor deNobriga

The quilters are back stitching. One of our experienced quilters, Lynn Chadwell, recently married Ray Baker and moved to Florida. But, a new quilter, Edell Hawley, has joined us around the frame, and we couldn't be more pleased.

The quilters have purchased a television/VCR to be used in conjunction with tours and for the training of volunteers. To show our visitors the beauty of the Preston Farm, Joe Green made a video of Suzanne Burow leading a tour around the farm.



CHAIR NOTES

By Jerry Eaves

- Welcome to Bunky Oaks, Ailsie Straley, Martha King and Tom Parham, new members of the Netherland Inn Steering Committee.
- Anne Young will coordinate the Group Tours again, with special emphasis on School Tours. Call Anne at 423-246-7986 for additional information.

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NETHERLAND INN 2003 Schedule • May – October

Open Saturday & Sunday 2-4 p.m.
2144 Netherland Inn Road
P. O. Box 293, Kingsport, TN 37662
Telephone: 423-246-6262
www.netherlandinn.com



Netherland Inn photo by DICK BUROW

May 3, Saturday:
Inn opens for public tours, 2-4 p.m.

May 4, Sunday:
Children's Tea, 2-4 p.m.
Storytelling, herbal displays.
\$5/person

June 13, Friday:
Wine & Cheese Party, 6-8 p.m.
\$15/single; \$25/couple

July 12 & 13, Saturday & Sunday:
Civil War Exhibition, 2-4 p.m.

August 16, Saturday:
Teddy Bear Picnic, 2-4 p.m.

October 11, Saturday:
Scarecrow & Pumpkin Painting Contest

October 18, Saturday:
Bluegrass & Fiddlers Festival, All day

December 12-14, Fri, Sat, & Sun:
1818 Candlelight Christmas Party,
7-9 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 2-4 p.m.
Sunday: \$5/adults; \$2/children ages 6-10.
Decorations by local garden clubs; violin,
dulcimer, and fiddle music.

EXCHANGE PLACE 2003 Schedule • May – October

Open Thursday & Friday 10-2 p.m.,
Saturday & Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.
4812 Orebank Road, Kingsport, TN 37664
Telephone: 423-288-6071
www.kingsport.com/exchangeplace



Exchange Place photo by DICK BUROW

April 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday:
Spring Garden Fair, Saturday 10-5 p.m. &
Sunday 12-5 p.m.; Admission

June 22, Sunday:
Old Fashioned Games, 2-4:30 p.m.

July 20, Sunday:
Farmfest, 2-5 p.m.

Sept. 27 & 28, Sat. & Sun.:
Fall Folk Arts Festival, Saturday 10-5 p.m.
& Sunday 12-5 p.m.; Admission

October 24 & 25, Fri. & Sat.:
Witches Wynd, 8 p.m.; Admission

December 6 & 7, Sat. & Sun.:
Christmas in the Country, Saturday 10-3
p.m. & Sunday 12-4:30 p.m.

December 7, Sunday:
Yule Log Ceremony, 4:30 p.m.

DOCENTS ORIENTATION MEETING

By Annette Pannell, Docent Chair

First, let me thank Bobbie Car-
rico, who has been such a big
help in coordinating the Docent
Program at the *Netherland Inn*.

Important announcement

On April 17, at 11:30 a.m., Bobbie
and I will be hosting an orientation
program for active and prospective
Docents. We will meet at the
Schoolhouse at the inn. The pro-
gram consists of an orientation ses-

sion, a tour of the inn, and a light
lunch that will be served. Bobbie and
I will be sending out individual let-
ters announcing this meeting.

If you would like to serve as a
Docent and have not already indicat-
ed your interest, please call me at
423-245-1794.

CHILDREN'S ENGLISH TEA

By Liza Harmon

The *Netherland Inn* will be
opening its 2003 season with an
annual tradition, the "Netherland
Inn Children's Tea and Tour." This
event will be held on Sunday, May
4, from 2-4 p.m.

We especially welcome daugh-
ters, mothers, grandmothers and oth-
er friends of the inn and promise
you a delightful afternoon featuring
traditional English tea foods such as
scones, lemon cake, cucumber sand-
wiches and fruit bread,

along with East Ten-
nessee favorites.

The second
floor of the inn
will be trans-
formed into an
English tea parlor,
just as weary 19th
century travelers
might have enjoyed,
where ladies will be of-
fered a special blend of hot tea or
cold lemonade.

In addition to the tea foods,
guests may enjoy a leisurely tour of
the inn conducted by docents who
will describe the historical context
of your surroundings as well as an-
swer your questions. The inn con-
tains many museum quality an-
tiques, which you will enjoy.

One of the special features of the
tea will be provided by "Grandmoth-
er's Attic," located in the third floor
exhibit room. Young girls may play



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dress-up with fun clothes and jewelry from the closets of Netherland Inn volunteers. A storyteller will be weaving her tales at 2:30, 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. with fascinating stories for all ages.

Pam Butcher, from Westfield Herbarry, will again entertain and inform guests with a "hands-on" herb presentation in the Schoolhouse.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per person and includes the tea and all other activities. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds go directly toward the maintenance and operation of the Netherland Inn. Dress is church casual. The gift shop will be open during the event. Please call Liza Harmon at 423-245-8687 for more information.

SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Suzanne Burow

Michelle White is the new, very enthusiastic education coordinator for *Exchange Place*.

Michelle came on board February 1st and is busy recruiting volunteers for an extensive school schedule for April and May.

To date, 10 days are scheduled for Country Critters, requiring over 100 volunteer hours, and 9 days are scheduled for Country Doings, requiring over 360 volunteer hours—close to 500 volunteer hours for the school program alone!

Have some time? Call Exchange Place at 423-288-6071. You can begin on the first day to "man" the station on site while in training as an assistant. It is fun and unique to be "Miss

Fanny," "Widow Barger," or "Amanda Gaines," but becoming "Maudy June," or "Mr. Preston" is a hard act to follow! Seeing children's eyes light up as sheep eat from their hands or an egg is brought out of the chicken house is quite an experience. So-o call and a schedule of volunteer opportunities in the school programs will be sent to you immediately—maybe even delered to your door personally.

SPRING GARDEN FAIR

By Sue Cadwallader

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. –5 p.m.

Sunday, April 27, 12–5 p.m.

The Spring Garden Fair marks the official opening of the year's activities at *Exchange Place*. If you are searching for a unique bird feeder, freshly picked salad greens, stained glass stepping stone, an heirloom tomato plant, or lots of gardening and farming "wisdom," don't miss this first event of the 2003 season.

The garden will be plowed with Suffolk draft horses driven by Dr. David Schilling, the sheep will be sheared and their wool spun, dyed, and woven.

Thousands of plants, garden accessories and related crafts will be for sale.

Educational "Walks and Talks" around

the farmstead will offer visitors information on topics ranging from medicinal herbs to composting.

Beginning this year, all the plant-

ings at Exchange Place will be period-appropriate to the 1850s. Witt Langstaff has planted a large sassafras tree, the symbol of the farmstead, to the left of the front gate. An Eagle Scout project by Kelly Livingston and a Master Gardner Grant will help rejuvenate the rose garden beside Roseland and native plant gardens along the creek, as well as further plans for the large garden area behind the Main House.

Hoffer ("Lazy Wife") beans, ground cherries, Moon and Stars watermelons and blue potatoes will be added to the large garden. The heritage harvest will be used for on-site cooking demonstrations, flax spinning, sorghum stirring, broom making and to provide heirloom flowers to decorate the tables for tour groups. Information or records you may have about the varieties that might have been grown here in the mid 1800s would be most welcome.

An area will be set aside "For the Birds" with handmade houses and related items, along with experts to advise on how to attract specific species.

Pratt's Barn will serve breakfast and lunch on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.

If you are interested in adopting a patch; helping with pruning, planting or harvesting; or preparing a handout on the heirloom varieties grown on site; or willing to volunteer to bake, assist at the fair, or play traditional music; please call Exchange Place at 423-288-6071.



Photo by DICK BUROW

Holly and her January twins can't wait for the yummy treats from the children who start coming in April.



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FACILITIES: MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

By Jerry Eaves

The *Netherland Inn* Bell, an iron bell cast at the John Ross Foundry in Chattanooga, was mounted for our bicentennial in August of 2002. Jim Watkins took the lead in initiating the mounting of the bell. Our bell, which tolled along with the bell at the Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church during the opening ceremony of the bicentennial, is mounted near the flagpole on the Commons and is a historical and impressive addition to that area.



Photo by BETTY ELAM
Hal Spoden, whose love of history and the inn, was instrumental in bringing together the bicentennial celebration.

Jim Witt was in charge of replacement of the handicap accesses to the lower level porch at the front of the inn. The access ramps were replaced with pressure-treated plywood and painted with Jim's mixture of sand and trim paint to provide a non-slip surface. The handrails were also painted for the first time since their installation.

Dan Royal, Troop 50, Sequoia Council, BSA, assisted in the construction of our new east brick walkway to the porch between the inn and the restored kitchen. Dan is a senior at Dobins Bennett High School and this was a major project for him in his work toward his Eagle Scout Badge. We appreciate Dan's efforts towards this valuable safety, comfort, and aesthetic addition to the inn. As you'd expect, Jim Witt contributed much work and leadership in this project.

Clearing off the inn property just west of Lilac Street is an exciting

project to be started soon. When completed, this area will be attractively landscaped with trees and will be used for additional parking. A cabin may be added for additional exhibits.

We had a daubing (chinking) day at the inn, concentrating primarily on the Children's Museum. We used the mixture provided by Hal Spoden and it is holding up quite well. The crew included David Oaks, P.T. Nottingham, Jim Watkins, Jim Witt, and myself. More daubing and chinking is planned for this spring.

Last summer we installed metal shields on the bottom of the doors to our storage sheds, which will extend the life of the doors by at least 15 years. The doors were rotting badly due to rainwater. Jim Witt, our groundskeeper and I completed this project at minimum material costs.

We were all disturbed at the losses suffered from the October burglary at the inn. Several things have been done to make the inn more secure—padlocks, that cannot be cut with bolt cutters, and interior door bars have recently been installed.

We have also added a state-of-the-art burglar and fire alarm system. Among the features this system includes is 22 smoke-fire detectors and a large number of interior motion sensors and door switches. The system is monitored and will automatically dispatch the proper city authorities to the exact building, floor and room in which a trigger has occurred. The system is backed up by battery power so that, even if the power fails, the system will automatically switch to battery power and continue to protect the inn for about 96 hours. Finally, the system will automatically arm itself at the end of each day.

TALES OF NAILS

By Dick Owen

Clang! Clang! Clang! The sound of a hammer striking hot iron on the anvil adds to the authentic air of yesteryear at the festivals at *Exchange Place*. I must admit that I enjoy the sound even though it is undoubtedly not good for my aged ears.

I have made a number of forged pieces at these festivals, such as fire-place tools and hinges, but mostly, I make nails and hooks. A nail is something visitors can see go from iron stock to finished product while they stand and watch. I have been amazed at the fascination of children with this process. I had expected older boys to be interested, but little three and four year old girls will patiently wait, resisting the tug of a parent's hand, until their nail is pointed, cut, headed, plunged sizzling into the water tub and finally handed to them.



During the school year, busloads of elementary children visit *Exchange Place*. I like to briefly tell them some of the history of blacksmithing, and about Thomas

Jefferson's nailery. They can relate to this when I tell them that slave children would begin learning and working in the nailery when they were as young as six years old. We talk a little about being a slave, about being subject to being bought, sold or traded like a horse or cow. I have asked them to guess how many nails Thomas Jefferson's slaves could make in a day. No one has come close to the figure of ten thousand. But when slave boys became husky, skilled young men, they could make

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upwards of two thousand nails a day. Nails were so valuable that arson was sometimes committed solely to recover those that had held a structure together.

As I work, I sometimes think about the lives of the smiths of iron in centuries past. They were an essential craftsman in every sizeable village. They were more than the makers of the spikes and nails that held houses together. They pounded out bootjacks; latches, locks and hinges; pans and trivets; coat hooks; and hardware for harnesses. With swinging sledges, glowing hot metal and kicking horses, it was a hard and dangerous life. And, I only have to blow my nose after a day in the forge to know it was not good for their lungs.

Despite the paintings you see of a blacksmith standing in a huge open doorway, the smithy was a rather gloomy place. Too much light made it difficult to critically judge the exact color of the heated metal and therefore what he could and could not do with it. And often what he could do with it was marvelous. The hot soft iron could yield to the experienced hands and artistic soul of a skilled craftsman with a delicacy usually regarded as belonging only to less base metals. They alloyed their utilitarian pieces with beauty. And if they ever did get to stand in the open doorway, it must have been somewhat rewarding to look out and know that the work of their hands had become essential and perhaps beautiful parts of many of the lives that passed by.

LYNNE'S GARDEN

By Jerry Eaves

For years, the beautiful garden at the *Netherland Inn*, given in memory of her daughter, Lynne

Hutton Slansky, was tended by Mrs. Lionel (Bess) Hutton. We appreciate the work of Dr. Lyle and Sarah Smith in heading up the Garden Committee last year. Lynn Franciso, Betty Ottenfeld, Nobal King and many others have worked in the garden for years, and plan to continue, but have asked that we find someone to head up the effort. We are therefore searching for garden volunteers, and especially, someone to be chair of the committee. Would you like a little exercise, fresh air, great camaraderie and a sense of satisfaction? If so, call me at 423-292-9649 or contact any of our other volunteers.

NETHERLAND INN GIFT SHOP

By Jerry Eaves

Wanda and Luke Kesterson, managed and staffed the Museum Gift Shop for years. For the last two years, Kate Reynolds has been gift shop manager. We thank the Kestersons and Kate for their dedication and service.

While we have a number of volunteers who would like to work in the shop, we need a person or a couple who will take over the responsibilities of the manager; that is, be there during the hours when the gift shop is open, and provide for staffing. Other duties include being responsible for the deposit of receipts, maintaining a transaction of register sales, ordering new items when required, and paying the bills.

Being the manager of the gift shop is rewarding. You'll meet some very interesting people, it will keep you young and involved, and you'll feel a sense of satisfaction in knowing that you helped to preserve and present 200 years of history through the Netherland Inn!

If you have interest in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Jerry

Eaves at 423-292-9649, David Oaks at 423-246-7982, or Jane Gibson at 423-247-4043.

WEED' N FEED

By Billee Moore

With many mouths to feed and patches to weed, the invitation by *Exchange Place* to join the "Weed 'n Feed" program has resulted in some responses. Cathy Sanders has volunteered to supply dinner for the horses and cows one night a week, and John Mitchell has adopted the four sheep quartered behind his house at Pendleton Place.

Anyone interested in the program, whether it is providing food, feeding animals, or taking care of a selected spot on the grounds is most welcome to participate. You may choose the animal or area that most appeals to you, and supply the TLC to make it thrive.

For a list of possibilities, call Exchange Place at 423-288-6071.

"WIVING MISS DAISY"

By Eleanor deNobriga

"Wiving Miss Daisy" has a full schedule of tour groups for the year. The hijacking and wedding will be the same, but the tour of Daisy's dowry at the Main House will be changed because of the recent robbery at *Exchange Place*. The "Huggins" family is determined not to be dispirited over their loss. Daisy will get married as usual and she will show off her new home, however sparsely furnished! Kingsport Visitors Bureau is working with Exchange Place to notify tour operators of the change.

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2002 GIFTS

For: *Dee Bockman*
By: Carl Bockman

For: *Katherine Tipton Brown*
By: Dr. & Mrs. Art Garrett

For: *Paige Eaves Brown*
By: Mr. & Mrs. N.H. Shearer

For: *Clara Locke Yancey Carter*
By: Mr. & Mrs. Alfred C. Crymble

For: *Lucy May Crymble*
By: Mr. & Mrs. John Andersen
Beverly B. Barr
Mr. & Mrs. Lon V. Boyd
Mr. & Mrs. William R. Bryan
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick A. Churchill
Celia Cox
Daniel & Musick Realty
Mr. & Mrs. Edward U. Elam
Mr. & Mrs. Frank D. Gibson
C. Rita Groseclose
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Haskins
Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Jernigan
Mr. & Mrs. John R. King
Mr. & Mrs. E. William King
Peg Norris
Helen S. Painter
Dr. & Mrs. Winston E. Pannell
Archer B. Parsons
Martha B. Sams
Hal T. Spoden
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Walsh, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. James B. Walkins
Susan B. Willis
Joe W. Wimberly
Dr. & Mrs. Howard S. Young

For: *Susan S. Daves*
By: Mr. & Mrs. George Trabue

For: *Nellie Drayne*
By: Dr. & Mrs. Art Garrett

For: *Henry Fleenor*
By: Netherland Family Society

For: *Evelyn Hauk*
By: Mr. & Mrs. David Oaks & Bo

For: *Diamond Hawkins*
By: Mr. & Mrs. David Oaks & Bo

For: *Fred Hawkins*
By: Dick & Suzanne Burow
T.J., Ann H., & Theodore J. Burton
Donald E. Cook
John and Jill Cook

Col. Frank & Mrs. deNobriga
Elizabeth B. Glover
Carl & Isabel Matherly
Ester E. Oshant
Mrs. M. E. Rogers
Malcolm Rogers
Franklin G. Routen
Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Thornton

For: *Bill Kibler*
By: Carl Bockman

For: *Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Logwood*
By: Mary McKinney Nelson

For: *Grace Pat McAbee*
By: Netherland Family Society

For: *Peter Morison*
By: Frances T. Roosevelt

For: *Frankie Nelms*
By: Mrs. D. L. Bridgers
Katherine Brown
Mrs. Fred Clyce
Mr. & Mrs. E. William
Mr. & Mrs. John R. King
Mr. & Mrs. George P. Marshall
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Mechem
Peg Norris
Helen B. Painter
Hal T. Spoden
Joe W. Wimberly
Mr. & Mrs. M. Allen Wright

For: *Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rogan Nelson*
By: Mary McKinney Nelson

For: *Dr. Winston E. Pannell*
By: Louise R. Ammons
Mr. & Mrs. John Andersen
Sharon & Pal Barger
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth A. Bingham
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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Hudson
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Connie, Eddie, Stuart & Christine
Lawson
Kim Lower
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Mr. & Mrs. David S. Oaks
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Steven, David, Christopher &
Timothy Perry
Lyndel H. Patrey
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Phyllis & Richard Venable
Debbie & Buddy Waggoner
Mr. & Mrs. James B. Watkins
Mr. & Mrs. B. K. Westmoreland
Allen & Rebecca Wright
Laura T. Yantz
Dr. & Mrs. Howard S. Young

For: *William Nick Patton*
By: Netherland Family Society

For: *T. Edgar Vance*
By: Mr. & Mrs. George Trabue

For: *Ruth Wheeler*
By: Mr. & Mrs. Hal T. Spoden

For: *Margaret Nelms Wimberly*
By: Mrs. D. L. Bridgers
Dent K. Burk Associates
Arthur & Nancy Garrett
Frances T. Roosevelt



IN REMEMBRANCE

Weldon Bivins
Agnes Thornton

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SPIFFIN THE INN

By Jane Gibson

The *Netherland Inn* is now 200 years old, and as any homeowner knows, it takes a lot of upkeep to keep a building that old in good repair. During the winter months, a great deal of maintenance has taken place, with Jim Witt and Jerry Eaves being the principal volunteers in these efforts.

In a few weeks, we will begin spring cleaning the buildings, which includes washing windows and cleaning floors; washing, ironing or dry cleaning curtains; cleaning and waxing furniture; polishing silver; and washing china and linens.

If you have an afternoon to spare, your help will be greatly appreciated.

We have some wonderful costumes that have never been displayed before. This year, our costumes will be refurbished and a new system of displaying them will be initiated.

Our events for this year include fundraising, entertainment and education. When we combine the three, we have the most success.

One of the new events in which we will ask for volunteer and public participation is the Civil War Exhibition. This event is scheduled for July 12 and 13 and we will be asking everyone who has articles or items from the Civil War era to loan them to the inn for the weekend with their

history, if possible. The security will be tight and all items will be carefully protected.

We are looking forward to another successful year, but it all depends on our volunteers. You are all appreciated, not only by us, but by all the people of Kingsport and every one of our visitors to the inn. If you would like to volunteer to help, or need further information on openings or events, please do not hesitate to call me at 423-247-4043.

<p>NETHERLAND INN/EXCHANGE PLACE ASSOCIATION Officers for 2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President. Jim Finney • Vice-President. John Mullen • Secretary. Jane Skillen • Treasurer. Suzanne Burow • Asst. Treasurer. Gale Manley
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