

Remember Rockford



Rockford Preservation Society

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Progress in Rockford



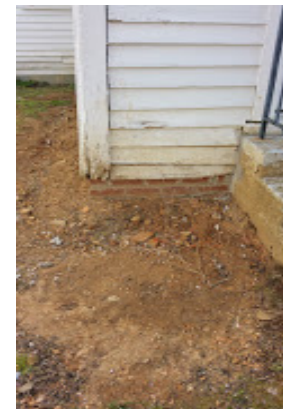
The restoration of our largest building — the W.P. Dobson Store/Masonic Lodge — is proceeding with new flooring, doors and windows. Flooring and the staircase for the north side porch will follow. Historic restoration specialist Jason Allen is doing the work, using some materials from other historic restoration projects of the same period. He also has completed a renovation assessment plan for our other remaining project, the Mark York Tavern. With the right plan in place, the tavern could once again become one of Rockford's most prominent structures!



Village Shops Open for 2nd Season

Retail shops in our two restored buildings in the village — the 1850 Dudley Glass/Davenport Gallery building and the 1900 Rockford Post Office — are now open weekends. Sweet Paws Home Goods is doing a bustling business, and Rockford by the River Gallery & Gifts this year is renting space for retail pop-up shops. Vendors in April and May have been Lula Roe Clothing and Paparazzia Jewelry and Accessories. If you are a craft vendor and would like to be a vendor of the month, call us at 336-374-3825. Please stop by and support our retailers!

Rockford Methodist Church Foundation Repaired



Thanks to your generous contributions, we have been able to complete the foundation work at the 1914 Rockford Methodist Church. Our contractor, Casey Mitchell, did such a great job on this repair that we have asked him to do the needed foundation repairs of the 1850 Davenport Gallery and the 1900 Post Office buildings as well. Estimated cost: \$2,000. We hope to start on these very soon.



Save the Date!

Remember Rockford Reunion Scheduled
for September 8, 2018

Please mark your calendar now for the next Remember Rockford Reunion! The day will include lunch, entertainment, site tours and sharing between descendants of the village. We will be sending out more information, along with reservation forms, by July. After skipping a year, we have a lot of catching up to do!

Dear Friends,

As you can see by the pictures in this newsletter, protecting and preserving the village of Rockford is a priority for us. With your help, we are restoring two 19th century buildings that are part of a heritage that we treasure, but we are also maintaining three other buildings and the Rockford Park, which have been restored and open to the public. Our average monthly operating expenses are approximately \$512 for utilities, mowing, insurance, printing, postage, and events. As the five member board of the Rockford Preservation Society, we gladly invest many volunteer hours and assist financially as much as possible.

There are many wonderful non-profits that do great things seeking funding for their projects. That is why we appreciate more than you know, your contributions to the RPS to help us save these amazing historic structures for future generations to enjoy.

If at all possible, would you consider a monthly or quarterly contribution? We will carefully apply every dollar to restoring, maintaining and operating our six properties in the village. All contributions are tax deductible and can be mailed to Rockford Preservation Society Inc., 4844 Rockford Road, Dobson NC 27017. Or you can go to www.rememberrockford.com and donate online. Thank you so much! Hannah