

House of Yoder News (September 2004)



Year in Review-Highlights of the past year have included progress on the development of the hosting area on the lower level of the Yoder House. Cabinets and countertops have been put in place. The board is looking for individuals or couples who are willing to serve as hosts at the Yoder House for a day, a week, or longer. If you have such interest, please contact any board member or Paul H. Yoder at 507 Hemlock Drive, Grantsville, MD 21536 or call him at 301-895-5411. During this past tourist season the Yoder House was open for tour on Saturdays. The Yoder House was also open during the annual Summer Festival in July. Finally, the parking area outside the lower entrance to the house was blacktopped and landscaping work was done in that area.

Financial Resources Are Needed-Progress towards completion of the house has been minimal during the past year due to lack of funds. For that reason we invite your contributions and/or membership renewals using the enclosed form. Please consider how you might contribute to the final stages of work that need to be done on the house including installation of period lighting and other fixtures to bring the house to completion. If your membership has expired or if you want to extend your membership, please do so now. Contributions of various kinds are also warmly welcomed. Use the enclosed form to decide how you can contribute to the completion of the house. It is important that we complete the house as we will be **hosting the National Yoder Reunion in 2006**. More details on that event will be forthcoming.

The **9th annual meeting of House of Yoder, Inc.**, will be held at the Yoder House in Grantsville, Maryland on **Saturday, November 13** from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A social hour featuring doughnuts and coffee will immediately precede the annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Yoder House. At the meeting the **featured speaker will be Dr. Don Yoder**, Professor Emeritus of Folklife Studies at the University of Pennsylvania where he served for forty years. He is the author of numerous books and has served as editor of the Pennsylvania German Society since 1989. He will be focusing on the Reformed Yoders and the role of Yost Yoder in the European context. All interested persons, especially those with the Yoder name and/or Yoder ancestry, are welcome at the annual meeting. Questions-please contact Lonnie Yoder at 1066 Smith Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22802; 540-432-6467; or ltbyoder@adelphia.net or go to our web site, www.houseofyoder.org.