SURVEY FOR CHESHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey

Are you interested in Cheshire’s history? YES / NO

How often do you visit the Society House Museum?
___ Most every week as I am a regular volunteer
___ At least every couple of months or annually
___ I have never actually been to the Society
___ Probably once a month just to see what’s new
___ Does going to Spirits Alive count as a visit?
___ My kid(s) volunteer for their Community Service
___ I volunteer at the Society: ( ) on Sundays every week ( ) when I am asked to come ( ) for event(s)

I would like to volunteer with any of the following:
___ Annual Meeting Event Planning in April
___ Boutique-in-the-Shed assistant
___ Christmas Holiday Party – Planning & Day Of help
___ Coordinate oral histories of local residents
___ CT OPEN HOUSE DAY in June to plan children’s activities and day of
___ Exhibit Case Displays (curated themed displays)
___ Filing documents, books
___ For any special events where the Society needs help
___ Fourth of July Reading on the Church Green
___ Front door greeter every Sunday afternoon
___ General Cleaning & Care of the Museum
___ Gingerbread House Workshop in December
___ Help with community group meetings (DAR, Horse Council, Toastmasters, other)
___ Help with inventory of our collections and artifacts
___ Help with mailings (stuffing envelopes)
___ Help with program and workshop ideas
___ Help with Social Media
___ Marketplace Antiques Sale in June – working with vendors and the day of
___ Memorial Day Parade – Planning Society “float” and/or walking in the parade
___ Newsletter preparation and/or writing articles for the newsletter
___ Off-site booth volunteer for Cheshire events in August & September
___ On-Line Giving Activities such as Give Local in April
___ Organize and catalog clothing collection
___ Poster and graphic development
___ Publicity and press release writing
___ Research local history
___ Research that needs to be done when we receive a special request
___ Scanning documents in our collection
___ School tours in May and October
___ Seasonal Display Changes for the Exhibit Room Doll House
___ Spirits Alive in October
___ Updating tour and docent guidelines
___ Use my curatorial and museum background to improve display areas
___ Writing wall text for display rooms
___ WW2 Re-enactment June and any other veteran-related activities
Do you ever visit to see the collections or to take a tour of the house museum?  

YES / NO

Do you ever visit to do research?  

YES / NO

Genealogy study?  

YES / NO

Should the Society create a Friends of Cheshire Historical Society to organize and implement fundraising activities?  

YES / NO

If a Friends of Cheshire Historical Society were created, would you volunteer with this group?  

YES/NO

If a Friends of Cheshire Historical Society opened an antique shop behind the Society, would you visit?  

YES/NO

If a Friends of Cheshire Historical Society opened a nice, high-end gift shop, would you shop there?  

YES/NO

When you think about the Cheshire Historical Society:

Would you recommend visiting the Society to a friend?  

YES / NO

Do you know that the Society is open on Sundays from 2 PM to 4 PM?  

YES / NO

Would you visit if the Society we were open a different time(s)?  

YES / NO

If yes, when? __________

Should there be a greeter or receptionist at the front door of the Society?  

( ) Good idea  

( ) Not needed

Should this person be in period costume?  

YES / NO / Doesn’t matter

Would it be better to have visitors come to the Meeting Room entrance for an introduction talk and a short video about the Hitchcock-Phillips House to save wear and tear on the historic front door?  

YES / NO

Which rooms in the museum do you remember the most or liked the best?  

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Which room(s) in the museum do you think could be upgraded or improved?  

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Should the Society have a gift shop that offers Cheshire merchandise such as postcards, mugs, books, t-shirts, ornaments, paintings and more?  

YES / NO

Do you belong to any group or know of any group that would like to do a 90-minute tour of the Cheshire Historical Society museum (a fee would be charged)?  

YES / NO

Which group(s)?  

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Should Society tour guides dress in period costumes when they give a tour?  

YES / NO

Should Society tour guides dress in period costumes on Sunday afternoons?  

YES / NO

Would you like to volunteer at the Society on Sunday afternoons?  

YES / NO

Should the Society advertise more than it does?  

YES / NO

Do you like the Society’s newsletters?  

YES / NO

Do you think the Society is going in a good direction at this time?  

YES / NO

Should the Society be open full time, perhaps Tuesday through Sunday, 10 – 4?  

YES / NO

Should the Society have a paid Executive Director?  

YES / NO  

Full time?  Part time?

Should the Society have a paid Curator?  

YES / NO  

Full time?  Part time?

Should the Society do repairs and renovations to create better curated and interactive displays?  

YES / NO

Should the Society have exhibits for visitors to touch or handle, such as a working spinning wheel?  

YES / NO

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Please offer any suggestions or advice to be reviewed by the Society’s Board of Directors on a separate paper and include with your survey. You can identify who you are or remain anonymous at your discretion.  

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