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Someone is needed to embroider names. Kay Spangler marks them on the quilt.

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NAME: ________________________________ PHONE: ________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________

NEW ( ) RENEAL ( )

Activities in which I would like to participate:

( ) Bake Sale ( ) Help with Special events ( ) Newsletter ( ) Research

( ) Board Member ( ) Hospitality ( ) Oral History ( ) Restoration

( ) Fund Raising ( ) Programs ( ) Photography ( ) Video Taping

( ) Overseas ( ) Membership Committee ( ) Publicity ( ) Other


$ 7. Individual $2. Student (K-12, College)

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I would be willing to do:

DUES: $25. Patron

$25. Business/Professional

$12. Couple

$7. Individual

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BOARD MEETING DATES
CHANGED FOR 1994

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YOU ARE NEEDED

Your participation in society activities and events is of utmost importance. There are lots of jobs and opportunities listed on the membership form which are in need of warm bodies. Offer to chair or help in any way you can. Attend a board meeting to see where you might fit in if you wish.

A few ways to help:
serve as Membership Chairman.
serve as Publicity Person.
help prepare Trail Tales.
serve as Treasurer January/April.
donate old scrapbooks, diaries, photos, abstracts, journals.
donate a safe place to store the buggy.
contact Marianna Bair with information and/or corrections for the history page.