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# NEWSLETTER

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The first meeting of the MHS for 2012, will be on Sunday February 26th. The meeting commences at 1pm until 2pm, after which the 'Box Cottage' Museum will be opened to the public. The committee hope that all our members, as well as interested visitors, will be able to attend this first meeting of the New Year.

## Items of Interest:

The Annual Member's Subscription is now due, kindly pay our Treasurer, Dennis.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Thank you to those **new members** who only recently joined and paid their subscription in October 2011 your membership is **not due until February 2013**.

## **New Additions:**

1. As per our GECC 2011 Funding Grant a new baby-sized mannequin has been purchased and is now in the cottage.
2. A very cheap Canon printer/scanner/photocopier has also been purchased from Clayton Officeworks, (only **\$38.00** on sale, including the sample inks!) The main purpose of this purchase is so that MHS documents can be scanned and saved to the computer, or uploaded to the VicCollections Museum site. To keep ink cartridge costs under control, any printing must be Authorized by two committee members. It will come in handy if a visitor requests a copy of a document or photo.

**Unpleasant Event:** Following an email from Jim a few weeks ago noting he had found a disposable lighter and water bottle in the cottage grounds, at a subsequent gardening working-bee a home-made bong device was discovered. Dennis noted that two items of statuary had been "re-arranged", but fortunately the cottage itself was still alarmed and secured, and no other damage to the property was apparent. Ms Amanda Mills, the Property Manager, GECC has been notified.

**Volunteer Roster:** Once again, as we commence 2012, the committee would be most grateful if our ever-loyal band of cottage volunteers can fill in the days they can help out on our new Roster. I'm sure all those "staffing" the museum agree that with at least two volunteers in the cottage to help visitors, it makes the experience much more pleasant for both the volunteers, and the visitor. As well, it provides greater security for our collection.

As we start the new year, just a friendly reminder to "jog the memory" of volunteers "staffing" the cottage and 'Grace Lewis' Room, about the following items:

**The Visitor's Book:** Although volunteers can be very busy in the cottage, if it's at all possible, it is of great benefit to ask visitors to just sign our "Visitor's Book". Of course, if they write a little note it is even better. However, if visitors are "missed", then the next best thing is for the one of cottage volunteers to record in the book the number of people that came through the cottage that day, for example "Four ladies, two children".

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