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North Smithfield Heritage Association

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PICKETS OF MEMORIES

The North Smithfield Heritage Association is eager to start sharing some of the history that has taken place at the “Little Red School House”. The Association is starting a new program called *Pickets of Memories*. The goal is to have our beautiful white picket fence that is on the property, lined with plaques stating the names of past alumni and supporters of the historic schoolhouse.

“We thought it would be fun to be able to look at the picket fence and reminisce about past friends,” explains Donna Kaehler, NSHA member. “We meet so many people that tell us they went to the school, and wanted to have this information displayed for all to see.” The fence will now be a spot where individuals can come and spend some time looking at these names while allowing the group to document this history and share with the community.

The plaques will be labeled in three groups. The first would be **Alumni** of the Forestdale School. Many past students still live in town or keep in touch with those that might have moved away. All seem to hold fond memories of their school days and love sharing stories about being at the school. The **Alumni** plaque will state their name and the years and grades they attended the school.

The next two categories of plaques are for those wishing to support the efforts of the Heritage Association to maintain this building. We have both a **Patron** group as well as **In Memory of** plaque. These supporters will help fund projects for this building directly as a variety of projects are currently being considered. Recently a beautiful new sign has been placed on the front of the school to clearly identify this landmark in town.

Those interested might like to purchase this unique present to give as a gift, remember a loved one, or add their name to those who treasure history in our community. Pickets will be available for \$25 and will be engraved by Couture’s Trophy Hutch located right here in town. Gift cards will be supplied with an illustration of the plaque for those requested. Plaques will begin to be mounted in Spring 2016.

Questions can be directed to members Louise @ 769-8177 or Donna @ 762-2542

