



Hats Off to History

HANOVER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 PRESENTS
HATS OFF TO HISTORY
1850-1960
 AT THE
1783 NEAS HOUSE
 CORNER OF CHESTNUT AND HIGH STREET
FRIDAY APRIL 15, 2022
1:00PM - 3:00PM
NO CHARGE
 Time travel thru this:
AMAZING HAT COLLECTION DISPLAY
 ART IN 1850-MOVE TO 1900- END IN 1960'S
THIS COLLECTION IS A TRIBUTE TO HANOVER'S PAST. THE DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTS MANY STORES, SHOPS AND MERCHANTS THAT WERE DOWN-TOWN. MOST OF THE HATS WERE DONATED BY LOCAL FAMILIES TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Eighty hats were on display at the Neas House during the spring of 2022. Dating from 1850 – 1960, these included both men's and women's hats. All of the hats had a story to tell, some more interesting than others. Visitors were both shocked and amazed by a summer lady's hat with a real black bird attached. Most hats were from HAHS's collection, while others were on loan. Well-dressed Hanoverian's hats on display included those worn by J. William Warehime's mother and Myrt Small, a former president of HAHS, who was also active in many other Hanover civic groups.

The Sheely Ornamental Hat was part of a display during the Paris Exposition in France in the years 1851, 1855, 1862 and 1867. The Paris Expo promoted French commerce, technology and culture. The hat returned to the U.S. with its owner Andrew Sheely, who was in possession of it from 1850 - 1900. It was graciously donated by the Sheely descendants.



L: 1850's hat and dress

M: Fashionable hats

R: 1855 Top hat

L: 1880-1919 hats

M: 1855 hat and capelet

R: 1920-1930 hats

L: Men's hats

M: 1920's hats

R: Blackbird hat

L: Elegant hats

M: More men's hats

R: 1920-1960 men's hats



L: Paris Expo collection

M: Silk poke bonnet

R: Stylish hats



L: Visitors studying the hats

M: Greeting visitors

R: Outside the Neas House during the exhibit

