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## Letter from the President

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Dear Members:

The roof is on, the heating/sprinkler/plumbing systems are in and the stairs have been reinforced. As I write this letter, the electric wiring is being installed, the outside grading has been completed, the paths and planting beds are being prepared and the landscaping will not be far behind. From here on in we are going full speed to get the McVickar House ready for an early fall opening. The excitement builds with each completed task. Thank you for your patience, support and cheery words whenever we meet.

A huge thank you goes to The Thursday Club for presenting to the Historical Society a check in the amount of \$75,000 representing the proceeds from their Annual Benefit held in April. This spectacular gift allows us to create the Children's Workshop in the McVickar House. The workshop will contain hands-on displays, history hunts, a dress-up trunk and interactive displays. We plan to hold monthly events for kids centered on our Hudson River heritage.

We will need some volunteers: sewers, woodworkers, crafters, storytellers and hosts or hostesses to greet visitors during public hours. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please give me a call at 591-2564 or email me at bgwilson24@msn.com (please put

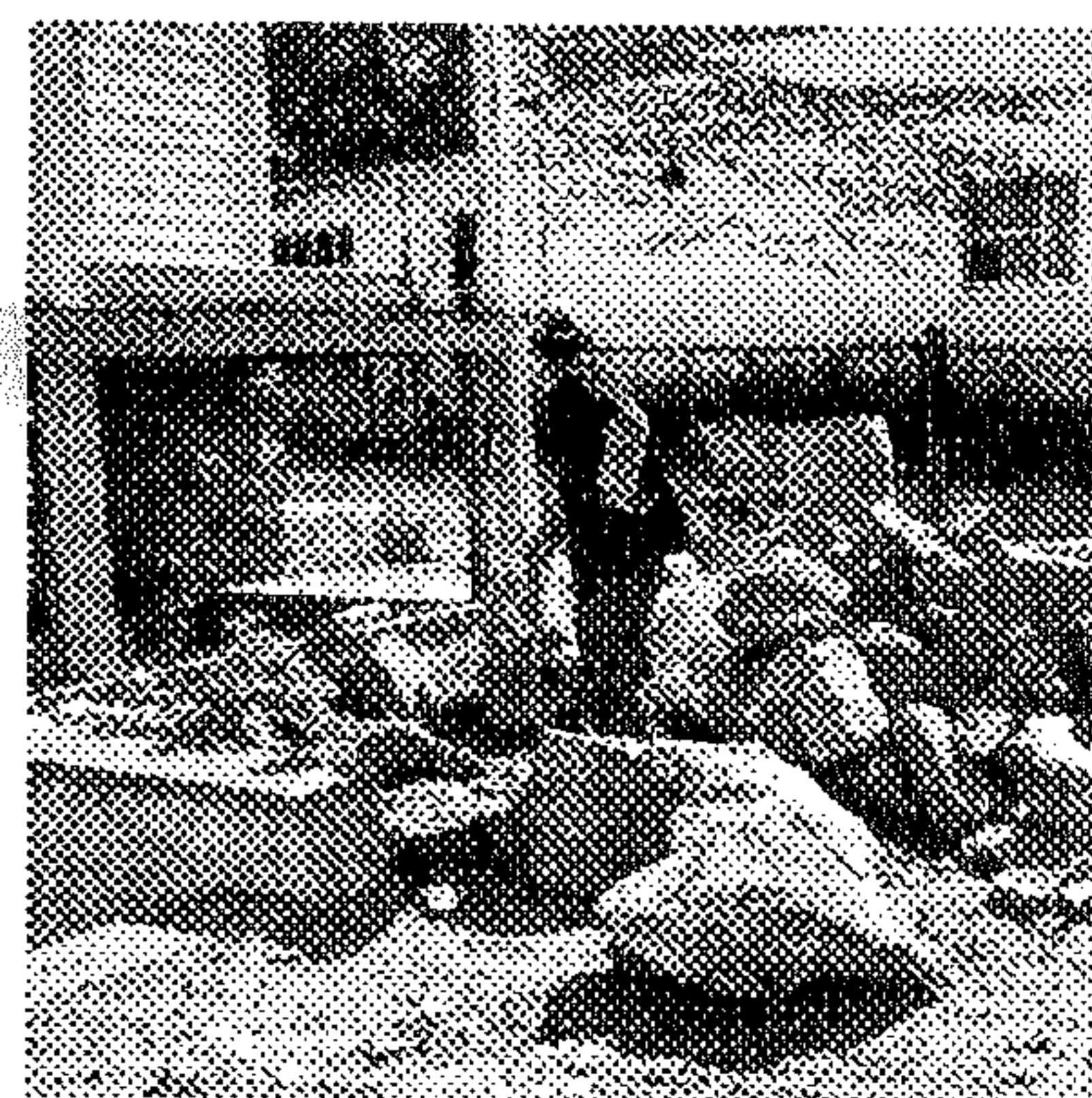
McVickar House in your subject heading).

I wish you all a delightful, healthy summer and I look forward to sending you news of the Grand Opening.

The best is yet to come!

*Betsy Griggs Wilson*

*President of the Board of Trustees,  
Irvington Historical Society*



**Outside landscaping has begun at the McVickar House.**

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# Irvington History Center Children's Workshop

In September 0f 2003, the Irvington Historical Society began working with the fifth graders at the Main Street School presenting programs that corresponded with and enhanced the New York State Social Studies Curriculum. Since then we have also begun working with the fourth grade students. We have presented programs on the Hudson River, the Westward Movement, Native Americans and Hendrick Hudson. We have also conducted village walking tours and a trip to the Hermit's grave.

Children's activities will be an integral part of the McVickar House. The Children's Workshop on the lower level will include interactive displays, computer activities, craft workshops and audio-visual presentations. The emphasis will be on hands-on activities that enhance children's knowledge of Irvington history and understanding of village life. The Workshop will be open to both school groups and visiting children. The drawing below gives an idea of the present plan for the Children's Workshop.

