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Holding a practice croquet session on the lawn of the historic Brentsville Courthouse are John Elkin (foreground), and left to right in rear, Jan DeBruhl Phillips, DiAnn Flory and Janet Lewis.

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Brentsville Day plans under way

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An old-fashioned croquet tournament will be one of the events planned for Brentsville Day which will be held on the grounds of historical Brentsville Courthouse on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Detailed plans for the day-long event were outlined by officials of the sponsoring organization, the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, at a news briefing on Tuesday at the site.

The event, according to organizing leaders, will also have day-long entertainment, games, crafters, antique and street rod cars, hot-air balloon rides and refreshments.

In keeping with the old-fashioned motif, many of those attending will be dressed in fashion garb of an era 100 years ago.

In fact, anyone showing up in old-fashioned clothes can enter the croquet contest free of charge. There is a \$1 registration fee for those wearing regular clothes.

According to DiAnn Flory, chairman, the event is planned to promote the many fine arts programs available in the county.

"We have some of best performing artists and craftsmen in the area and we feel that they should be given a day to showcase their talents," said Flory.

The participating artists will include those involved in painting, jewelry, pottery and stained glass.

Entertainers will include the

Manassas Choral Society, Woodbridge Community Choir, and a barbershop singing group, the Bull Run Troubadours.

The Hartwood Winery of Fredericksburg will have a wine tasting booth and will sell wine by the glass and bottle. Two food vendors will also be on the grounds.

A petting zoo will be available for the children as well as some old time games. Delegate Jack Rollison will give a yo-yo demonstration and Delegate Bob Marshall will give a poetry reading. A caricature artist will also be present.

The event will start at noon and run until 7 p.m. There is a \$1 admission charge. A church parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse will be used for overflow parking. Flory said she is hopeful of at a turnout of at least 500 people. The rain date is the following Saturday.

A television crew from Channel 3, Columbia Cable, filmed the Brentsville Day officials going through a practice round of croquet on Tuesday.

It will be aired next Monday, Wednesday and Friday as part of the half-hour show, "Perspective."

Larry Morton, chairman of the croquet tournament, said four courts will be set up, allowing for 24 players to play at one time.

The adult winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Potomac Mills Mall and the youth winner, a \$25 gift certificate.