

Learning to Act Like Ladies and Gentlemen at our January 6th Volunteer Meeting



Sheila Nelson demonstrates the proper posture for a lady who "perches" on her seat in the fashion of 100 years ago

Walter and Sheila Nelson of the *Lively Arts History Association* arrived dressed in the attire of a proper gentleman and lady of 100 years ago.

The intricacies of bending to retrieve a dropped handkerchief were ably demonstrated by the pair as they explained the restrictions of corsets and tight trousers with suspenders that made people move and behave differently than today, when comfort in clothing is the option.

Erick Haack and Maureen Kwasiszur were wonderful sports as they "took instruction" in the proper way to walk on the street as



Walter Nelson

character of a lady. Walter ended the hour with a reading from Mark Twain skewering the elaborate rules of etiquette.

a lady or gentleman. We laughed as we learned that even the slightest glance at a stranger could call unwanted attention to the