



# MANSION NOTES

## CENTRE FURNACE MANSION

NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### *Stocking Stuffer A Magical Holiday Market*

*Friday and Saturday, NOV. 30 & DEC. 1, 9a.m. – 4p.m. / Sunday, DEC. 2, 12 – 4p.m.*

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We are pleased to present the 16th Annual Stocking Stuffer. A flurry of planning is well underway for this signature tradition of the Centre County Historical Society. Enjoy a delicious array of holiday cookies and hot mulled cider donated by local restaurants, markets and CCHS bakers. Made close to home, a fabulous collection of gifts await you from over 50 area artists, antique dealers and crafters. Along with a new look and logo, this year brings a few new features:

#### **Stocking Stuffer Cookie Cookbook**



New this year at the urging of our shoppers: the Stocking Stuffer Cookie Cookbook is certain to delight the baker in your life. It is filled with favorite cookie recipes from our talented CCHS bakers who have kept the Stocking Stuffer cookie table well stocked for 16 years. At only \$10.00, it is the perfect stocking stuffer.

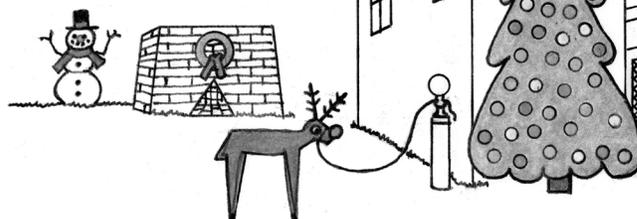
#### **Thank you Centre County Teachers**

On Wednesday, the CCHS is hosting a special event just for Centre County public school teachers and staff featuring treats and treasures and a holiday fashion show by Bellefonte boutique Helen Foxx and Co. For years, Centre County teachers have been coordinating school tours to the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School helping to bring history alive for students.

#### **Wreath & Swag Making Demonstrations**

Join the talented Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners for three days of demonstrations. Their hand crafted decorations have adorned the Stocking Stuffer entry for over a decade, and now you can learn how to make them!

**Friday, November 30,**  
10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, December 1,**  
10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.  
**Sunday, December 2,**  
1:00 p.m.



#### **Meet the Author & Book Signings**

##### **Friday, November 30**

- 11:00 a.m., Ralph Seeley, *Native People and Their Paths.*
- 2:00 p.m., Roger Williams, *Evan Pugh's Penn State: America's Model Agricultural College.*

##### **Saturday, December 1**

- 11:00 a.m., Mimi Barash Coppersmith, *Eat First, Cry Later.*
- 2:00 p.m., Jodi Moore, *When A Dragon Moves In, When A Dragon Moves In Again and Good News Nelson*

##### **Sunday, December 2**

- 2:00 p.m., Ron Smith, *Nailed to the Crossbar*

#### **Preview Party**

Preview Party reservations are \$50/members or \$60/non-members and you may RSVP by contacting the CCHS office at 814-234-4779 or pay online at: [centrehistory.org/stockingstuffer](http://centrehistory.org/stockingstuffer).

Irresistible holiday savories and sweets generously donated by fine local restaurants, wineries and CCHS Bakers will be ready for guests of the Stocking Stuffer Preview Party on Thursday, December from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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# About the Centre County Historical Society

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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society, the County's official historical society, is an educational organization that promotes appreciation and research of Centre County's historic and natural resources through its properties, collections, programs, publications, and advocacy.

A community and volunteer-based organization, the Society is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This site includes the restored and furnished iron master's home, furnace stack, and landscaped grounds and gardens. Centre Furnace was home to the earliest 18th century industry - charcoal iron making. In the 19th century Centre Furnace played an important role in the beginnings of Penn State University. The Society also owns and operates the nearby Boogersburg One-Room School House.

The Centre County Historical Society depends on financial contributions that help support our free public programs and educational opportunities for children, and provide necessary funds for the maintenance and operation of the Society's facilities and collections. Your membership and generosity are sincerely appreciated.

Society members and others in the community are invited to support these activities by contributing to the Centre County Historical Society Endowment Fund, managed by the Centre County Community Foundation.

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The Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. Code. Donations are tax deductible. Official registration and financial information about CCHS may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

### Upcoming Activities

Programs are held at the Centre Furnace Mansion unless noted \*.

#### November 29

##### Stocking Stuffer Preview Party

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$60.00 / \$50.00 members, RSVP required.

#### November 30 - December 2

##### Stocking Stuffer, A Magical Holiday Market

Friday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$5.00, Children 12 & under free.

#### December 9 - April 21

##### Exhibition: LaFayette's Tour of America: Interpreted in Historical Staffordshire Transferware

During tour hours W/F/Su - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

#### December 11

##### Central PA Civil War Round Table/CCHS Joint Program: Ought it not to be a Merry Christmas

A living history presentation by Ms. Myra Reichart Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

#### December 23, 2018 - January 1, 2019

CCHS / Centre Furnace Mansion closed in observance of Christmas and New Years.

#### January 2 - 11

CCHS / Centre Furnace Mansion closed for collections care and inventory.

#### February 15-16 (Dates to be confirmed)

Sampler Documentation Days

For more information see page 5.

#### February 24- April 14

Exhibition: Rural Pennsylvania in Art

Join us for an opening reception and meet the artists on February 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Visit CentreHistory.org to check the CCHS event calendar and/or sign up for our e-letter to stay current on upcoming CCHS activities.



## President's Corner



Anyone who is familiar with the children's book series "The Magic School Bus" would appreciate a car ride with Dick Pencek. His universe is Centre County, and his knowledge of local houses, barns, farms, folk art, and lore rivals Ms. Frizzle's grasp of solar system statistics.

One example: driving by a lovely old home in Penns Valley, Dick says, "See that door?" Then he proceeds to tell a story about the door's provenance. It was about a century old and had hung on an abandoned structure in the woods near Stone Valley. That's where Dick first spotted it and realized that it was going to crumble and rot if left where it was. So he made arrangements to find a new home for it, as if it were a neglected puppy. The door fit on its new frame perfectly. A custom-made door wouldn't have been better suited to the house. Dick was as delighted as the homeowners.

In truth, Dick's touches are all over Centre County. In my relatively brief tenure as CCHS president, I've lost count of how many people have told me that some vital preservation work or restoration never would have happened without Dick Pencek. Often, the job was a project undertaken by one of his classes in American Studies—perhaps Pennsylvania Architecture and Restoration or maybe Early Pennsylvania Decorative Arts and Furniture.

Anyone who has been lucky enough to have Dick as a professor will cite his passion for teaching that is matched by his enthusiasm for collecting antiques. A life-long collector, Dick is generous with his treasures. Since 2002, the CCHS has showcased a display of early American tools that were given to the Society from Dick's private collection. The permanent exhibit is housed—appropriately—in a late 19th century outbuilding behind the Centre Furnace Mansion that was restored by one of his American Studies classes.

The CCHS is likewise a recipient of Dick's generosity. He has provided critical advice and hands-on labor over the years, and the Society will be the repository for Dick's rich collection of Early American furniture and decorative arts through his own planned giving.

With the recent establishment of the Richard W. Pencek Education Fund for Historic Preservation, the CCHS plans to carry on Dick's legacy of historic preservation education for future generations through the Historical Society

Of importance to Pencek, the material objects and construction techniques of the past would be accessible to scholars, students, and the public for generations to come. It is our belief that the foundation of any community emerges from the fabric and character of its past.

Please consider contributing to this fund which will lay the financial groundwork for developing gallery space and educational workshops and programming on historic preservation.

The fictional Ms. Frizzle has been known to take her students time-traveling on the Magic School Bus. If their destination were set to 18th or 19th century Pennsylvania, they would surely encounter the very real Mr. Pencek.

For more information about the Pencek Fund, please call Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779.

~ Katie O'Toole

# Stocking Stuffer

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Just in time for the Stocking Stuffer, exquisite holiday finery will grace the Mansion's dining room, grand front hall and parlors for the holiday season with the generosity of some of our area's finest florists: **Avant Garden, Daniel Vaughn, and Woodrings Floral Gardens.** Boughs, berries, bulbs and bows will bedeck the Mansion's exterior and Hearth Room contributed by the **CFM Gardeners and Tait Farm Christmas Trees.**



This time of year, we always remember Honey Jaffe and her small committee who had a good idea in 2002 to start a holiday fundraising tradition at the Centre Furnace Mansion. The Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art and Fine Craft Sale indeed began and has grown to be over 13% of the CCHS operating budget.

Going into its 16th year, we thank a larger and just as enthusiastic Stocking Stuffer planning committee led by event co-coordinators Cathy Horner and Deb McManus. Additional thanks to Becky Dreese, Pam Calkins, Katie Frieden, Dana Guyer, Ann Moellenbrock and Tamson Six for their leadership efforts on this committee. We are grateful to over 70 CCHS and community volunteers who help us accomplish this critically important event. There are no words to thank everyone enough for contributions of long hours, special talents and so many donations of supplies and cookies. It is a marvelous effort and, I am sure, one that Honey would be delighted in.

With heartfelt thanks on behalf of CCHS!  
Mary Sorensen



## Support the Stocking Stuffer

Join Event Sponsors Mimi Barash Coppersmith and Scott Yocum/RE/MAX CENTRE REALTY in helping to sponsor or support the Stocking Stuffer, the CCHS's largest fundraiser. Support is appreciated in any amount. Please contact Mary Sorensen at [msorensen@centrefurnace.org](mailto:msorensen@centrefurnace.org) or at 814-234-4779.

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## Jacqueline J. Melander Society Reception

Sunday, December 16 @ 4:00 p.m.

The first annual reception for members of the Jacqueline J. Melander Society will be held at the Centre Furnace Mansion on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. If you have designated the CCHS in your will, then you are a member, so please join us. The Melander Society was formed to recognize individuals who have chosen to leave a legacy for future generations in honor of Jackie Melander, who was the driving force behind the preservation and restoration of the Centre Furnace mansion. If you value local history, you can make a lasting impact on our community by remembering the Centre County Historical Society in your will.

The Melander Society is a planned giving opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to preserve our past for generations to come. There is no minimum amount required; only that CCHS is included in your planned giving.

*If you have already designated the CCHS in your will please let us know so we can recognize you at the first annual Melander Society Reception. To RSVP to the reception, please call 814-234-4779.*

## Ought it not to be a Merry Christmas

Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

Join the Central PA Civil War Round Table and CCHS for their 2018 joint meeting and program. Living historian Myra Reichart combines her life-long fascination with Civil War history in general and the Battle of Gettysburg in particular with her love of theater and teaching.



## Sampler Documentation Days

Tentative dates: February 15 & 16



Mary Irvin Thompson sampler.  
Gift of Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle 2015.08.01

The Centre County Historical Society is collaborating with the “Sampler Archive Project,” a national database of pre-1900 needlework samplers and embroideries, on a project that has emanated from our 2017 award winning exhibition *Unraveling the Threads of History*. A Sampler Documentation Days program is being planned to locate, photograph, and document historic pre-1900 needlework samplers and related girlhood embroideries. The public is invited to bring, by appointment, pre-1900 American samplers and other schoolgirl embroideries to the Centre Furnace Mansion for the Sampler Documentation Days. Samplers will be documented and photographed to be sent for review to the Sampler Archive Project for inclusion in their national database along with the samplers that were featured in our exhibition. We are hoping to locate more Centre County samplers, though this is not a criteria for participating in this program.

Appointments will be required for Sampler Documentation Days and more information will be available in early-January. If you are interested in participating, please call 814-234-4779 and talk to Mary or Johanna to be added to our list of appointments as plans are confirmed. More information on the Sampler Archive Project can be found at <http://samplerarchive.org>.



## John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards of the Centre County Historical Society

Centre County Historical Society hosted its 30th Annual Historic Preservation Awards program that has recognized 207 individuals and organizations over almost three decades for their outstanding work to preserve Centre County history.

If you missed the Awards Program, the CNET filming of the program is available on our website at: [CentreHistory.org/historic-preservation-awards](http://CentreHistory.org/historic-preservation-awards) thanks to sponsorship from the Centre County Government. You will also find past year's programs and award nomination forms on the page. Congratulations 2018 Award Recipients!

### PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

**The Boalsburg Heritage Museum, Summer Kitchen:** For the preservation of the Summer Kitchen at the Boalsburg Heritage Museum in service to its ongoing use through living history programming.

**Daniel Luse House - Conran and Sandra Hay:** For the preservation of the Centre Hall residence and restored decorative artwork of 19th century Centre County craftsman and artist Daniel Luse.

### EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

**L. Suzanne Kellerman:** For providing long term and ongoing education and advocacy about preservation and conservation of historic artifacts to museums, historic sites and the public in Centre County and across the Commonwealth.

### SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERISM

**Daniel Vaughn Designs / Avant Garden / Woodring's Floral Gardens:** For generous contributions of professional holiday floral design installed over 10 years at Centre Furnace Mansion in time for the annual Stocking Stuffer fundraiser. The splendid decorations delight guests and have become a signature part of the Stocking Stuffer and the holiday season at the Mansion.

### THE JACQUELINE J. MELANDER AWARD

**Bill and Mary Marcum:** For over three decades of work in preserving the history, stories and artifacts of the Civilian Conservation Corps – Company 1333–Camp S-63, Poe Valley, keeping its legacy alive.

### CCHS PRESIDENT'S AWARD



**CCHS School Tour Docents:** For long term and ongoing service to the Centre County Historical Society and for their dedication to sharing the story of the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School and Centre County annually with area elementary age students.

*Thank you to Awards committee Katie O'Toole, Bob Hazelton, Dick Pencek, and Ford Risley. And for contributions to the reception, we thank: Katie Frieden, Betsy Taylor, Gloria Nieweg, Lynn Royse, Elizabeth Dutton, Katie O'Toole, Ann Moellenbrock, Mary Harrigan, Linda Witmer, Cathy Horner, Johanna Sedgwick.*

*If you know of a project, organization or individual that you feel should be recognized, please contact Mary Sorensen at [msorensen@centrefurnace.org](mailto:msorensen@centrefurnace.org) or call 814-234-4779.*



## Old House Fair

The Old House Fair began some 30 years ago with a dynamic group in Bellefonte that saw a need to highlight the importance of historic preservation. Three years ago, the Fair had a renaissance and the Centre County Historical Society partnered with the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association and the American Philatelic Society. For these three years, the Fair has functioned as a “conference” for historic preservation featuring national and international speakers on this subject as well as regional and local experts that have shared their insights about everything from what a Historic Architectural Review Board does, to plumbing and electricity in an old house to how historic preservation can positively impact economic development.



The Old House Fair in Bellefonte will be changing to Old House Fair on the Road with a format change to quarterly programs that will reach out to different areas of Centre County and expand partnerships. We are continuing to work on a number of exciting workshops and programs such as an early spring workshop about how to research your old house, in partnership with the Centre County Library & Historical Museum. A day-long window restoration workshop is in the planning stage at the Centre Furnace Mansion for late spring. And the committee is also looking into partnerships for programming in the Penns Valley and Philipsburg areas.

In the meantime, the Old House Fair web page on the CCHS website will update programming as we confirm details, and archive past programs including videos of past keynote speakers. We are also working on making this site a more meaningful resource for people who are interested in old houses, and living in a historic district and other topics related to historic preservation.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to our sponsors and partners and to the speakers who have provided the educational framework for this program and who have contributed their services to the Fair. Please visit [CentreHistory.org/ohf/](http://CentreHistory.org/ohf/) for updates and archives of speakers and programs.

## Thank you to Sponsors and Partners!

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Thank you also to those who helped out with this year's Fair including: Pam Calkins, Mary Harrigan, and Katie O'Toole and Philip Ruth.

On behalf of the Old House Fair Committee, thank you to all who have supported and continue to support the Old House Fair historic preservation efforts!

Co-chairs, Mary Sorensen [CCHS], Joseph Griffin [BHCA] and Ken Martin [APS] and committee members Jeanne Newlin, Nancy Perkins, Xiyang Wang, Shannon Wright, Katy Coby, Melady Kehm, and Johanna Sedgwick.



## Inclement Weather Reminder



CCHS follows the closings and delayed openings of State College Area School District. But, our first concern is that of the safety of our visitors and volunteers. The CCHS office/ Centre Furnace Mansion may also close if the sidewalks or parking lot are deemed unsafe for visitors and volunteers. Please check our website, [CentreHistory.org](http://CentreHistory.org), or Facebook page first, or call the CCHS office, 814-234-4779, before traveling to the Mansion during snowy/icy weather, or the possibility of. The weather and road conditions can vary drastically in the region.

## The Col. Gerald Russell-PNC Bank-United Way Day of Caring



**T**hank you to the over 150 individual volunteers, organizations and businesses who volunteered and contributed to the 25th Annual PNC United Way Day of Caring at the Centre Furnace Mansion in October and the Boogersburg School historic sites. A little rain didn't dampen spirits and we are grateful for your support and enthusiasm!

The Centre County Historical Society has benefited from each of these 25 years and the impact it has had for the Mansion and School properties in terms of maintenance and beautification has been immeasurable. This year, much needed landscape and garden clean-up, painting, mulching, tree work as well as collections work and even window washing were accomplished.

Oh behalf of the Board of Governors and staff of the Centre County Historical Society, we extend our great gratitude to all who have graciously donated materials and labor and took time from your busy schedules to join us on the Day of Caring to make this a transformational day. We cannot thank all of you and United Way enough for this special Day of Caring.



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## Exhibitions and Collections

### Mansion Exhibition Series:

Our CCHS Exhibition Committee has been working on an exhibition series featuring themed object exhibitions in the Centre Furnace Mansion. We thank Dick Pencek for planning “Poor Man’s Silver,” the first exhibition in this series featuring 18th and 19th century pewter earlier this year. Coming up:

#### December 9-April 21: *LaFayette’s Tour of America: Interpreted in Historical Staffordshire Transferware*

Prior to the Revolutionary War, English Staffordshire Potteries supplied much of the tableware/dishes for American Colonies and enjoyed little competition. During and after the War, this trade largely vanished, until the Treaty of Ghent in 1814. Motivated to regain their markets, Staffordshire Potteries began to feature American themes including events, scenes and cities, and “Heroes” taken from pictorial travel books printed in England based on paintings from British artists who had traveled throughout America.

Marquis de Lafayette, the last surviving French general of American Revolutionary War, was invited as “The Nation’s Guest” to tour America, all expenses paid. Staffordshire Potteries capitalized on this event and created many pieces themed around Lafayette’s scheduled stops. We thank Jim Farr for his work on developing this exhibition.



*Historic Transfer-decorated Staffordshire Pottery Platter Landing of LaFayette*

### Upcoming Exhibitions:

#### February 24-April 14: *Rural Pennsylvania in Art*

This exhibition will be in the Centre Furnace Mansion and feature the artwork of The Farmland Preservation Artists of Central Pennsylvania, a group of artists dedicated to promoting the appreciation and preservation of our area’s farmland through the visual arts.

These artists work in a variety of media: acrylic, oil, watercolor, soft pastel, and photography. As one of the artists said, “The joy of experiencing the farm landscapes becomes magnified and continues long after the painting is done”. The Farmland Preservation Artists aspire to awaken the community’s awareness of the visual beauty and agricultural richness that contributes to what is unique about Centre County. A “Meet the Artists” exhibit reception will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All exhibitions are at the Centre Furnace Mansion and open during Mansion tour hours on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### Exhibition:

#### *Sherman Lutz and the State College Air Depot*

An exhibition featuring the CCHS’s Sherman Lutz Collection is being planned for late April 2019 for the CCHS Ice House Exhibition Building. This expansive collection contains the images and artifacts of Centre County early aviator Sherman Lutz and the State College Air Depot, donated by Lutz’s niece Phyllis Barr.



*Sherman Lutz, 1941*

The collection documents the development of aviation in Centre County. Born in Ferguson Township in 1903, Lutz owned an airfield in Boalsburg before moving it to State College in 1947. At the time and

for decades after, the closest major airport was in Black Moshannon, so Lutz’s airfields became a major port for travelers to and from the State College area. Lutz taught 477 students to fly between the years 1933 and 1985. Many of his students went on to work for the military or in the private sector and maintained lifelong friendships

The collection features 3760 negatives, 326 slides, over 800 photos and 20 film reels, over 800 photographs, several hundred newspaper articles and an object collection featuring his leather flight suit and his collection of cameras.

The work of five interns: Nick Lilja, Matthew McClain, Sarah Fede, Hilary Barlow and Paul McMonigle and the work of Monty Christiansen, CCHS member and volunteer, have gone into the indexing, scanning and processing this collection which is far from done. Sue Kellerman, Head of the Preservation, Conservation & Digitization Department at the Penn State Libraries, has also been instrumental in consulting about processing the collection.

Donations from Sue Kellerman, Gene Stocker and Thomas and Sara Songer have been a tremendous help in starting the process of rehousing and digitizing this collection.

We still need your help in funding the following for the Sherman Lutz collection and exhibition:

- \$1200.00 - Archival housing for the slides, negatives and photographs in this collection.
- \$3150.00 - Digitization of 18 film reels at \$175/reel.
- \$250.00 - Housing for the cameras and objects in this collection.

*If you would like to donate toward the preservation of this collection, please contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779.*

## Gardeners Corner



CFM Gardeners with our friends from Blue Mountain Quality Resources

Our last Thursday in the Gardens, just a few short weeks ago, rounded out the wettest and weediest year ever! Our Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners didn't let this stop them. With their great contribution of time and talent in the gardens on Thursdays and leadership with the Plant Celebration and on many service days throughout the season, the gardens remained beautiful and well-tended.

We cannot thank you all enough for the ongoing afternoons of gardening and overseeing student and organizational service days in service to the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardens. It is a labor of love to be sure, and the CFM Gardens show it. Special thanks to Beverly Lipski and Katie Frieden for their constant leadership in the Gardens and well beyond. And many thanks to Garden "Regulars" Judy Heberling, Marshall Garrett, Ruth Merritt (our Mansion inside garden coordinator!), Joyce Christini, Lou Mayer, Jan Villastrigo, Mike Canich, Floyd Todd, Carol Gouty, and Suzann Tedesco. There are yet several others who contribute on special service days or during the Stocking Stuffer who we also owe thanks. The Gardens at the Mansion would be impossible to keep up with if it weren't for all of you, and we wish you a most restful Winter!

## Reminder for Snow Birds

Many of you will be spending time away during the cold winter months here in PA. CCHS postcards and newsletters are unable to be forwarded by the Post Office. To help cut down on the costs of returned mail, simply give us a call at 814-234-4779 and let us know what dates you will be out of the area so that we may stop and resume communications efficiently.



## Docents Corner

During the Summer and Fall, the CCHS docents continued their Centre County history education. Arranged by Linda Wallace, the group enjoyed a trip to Curwensville, Clearfield County, did a driving tour of the Highlands District of State College, toured Baileyville with the guidance of Elwood Homan and visited the stack ruins of Pennsylvania Furnace.

The CCHS docents are committed to learning more about Centre County in order to better understand and help to tell the story of Centre Furnace.



### 2019 Docent/Volunteer Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, January 22 @ 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23 @ 1:30 p.m.

Friday, October 25 @ 10:00 a.m.

## Music Under the Sycamore

Thanks to our sponsors, Pure Cane Sugar, all who attended, and perfect weather, this year's summer concert at the Centre Furnace Mansion was a great success. We give special thanks to **First National Bank**, whose sponsorship makes this event possible. Many thanks to **Seven Mountains Winery** and **Tait Farm Foods** for their generous donations and to **Philly Pretzel Factory** for the great snacks. And special thanks to **Blue Mountain Quality Resources**, Chris Igo, Claire Gray, Katie O'Toole, Cathy Horner and Deb McManus for helping in every way.





Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Please visit the organization's website for complete details.

**Home for the Holidays, Candlelight Tours**  
**November 30, 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.**  
 @ the Boal Mansion, \$10.00 /RSVP

**Rhoneymeade Winter Market**  
**December 1, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
 @Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden

**Boalsburg Christmas**  
**December 2**  
 @ Village of Boalsburg

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Tribute**  
**December 7, 12:45 PM 1:45 PM**  
 @ The PA Military Museum

**Lemont Christmas Market**  
**December 7 & 8, 2018**  
 @ the Lemont Granary

**Bellefonte Victorian Christmas**  
**December 7 & 8, 2018**  
 @ Downtown Bellefonte  
 bellefontevictorianchristmas.com

## Thank you!

Our thanks to all who have contributed funding, materials and supplies, time and talent in the past quarter. Your contributions are meaningful to CCHS in so many ways. Below we recognize businesses and individuals for their extra time and support during summer and fall of 2018.

### Business Contributions:

Funding from sponsorship and business support for events and programs expand the Historical Society's reach and help us to create partnerships to help further our mission work. Please refer to individual events and activities for contributions.

**Collections:** Judy Heberling, Monty Christiansen, Betsy Taylor, Vinnie Scanlon, Judy Speedy, Sue Kellerman, Pam Calkins, Beverly Lipski

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**Office:** Beverly Lipski, Pam Calkins, Claire Gray, Maddie Sherbondy

**CCHS Docent Committee:** Thank you to for being our connection to the public through visitor, group and school tours throughout the year, and for the extra time you spend on so many other projects.

**Special thanks to CFM Docent Coordinator:** Lynn Royse, Boogersburg School Coordinator: Olivia Perdew and to the talented team of docent educators and greeters that serve the Mansion and Schoolhouse. And thank you to Linda Wallace who has planned numerous educational trips for our docents.

### CFM Garden Committee:

**Gardens:** Thank you to CFM Gardens Co-Coordinator Beverly Lipski and Katie Frieden, and the CFM Garden Committee for their extra time spent decorating the Mansion during Stocking Stuffer.

**Interns and Student Volunteers:** Paul McMonigle, Maddie Sherbondy, Katie Spearly, Penn State Circle K

**Research:** Cathy Horner, Dick Pencek, Pam Calkins

**Events and Activities:** See specific activities through newsletter

A special thank you to our speakers in 2018 that have contributed their talents and time to provide rich programming for the Historical Society:

- Roger L. Williams - *Evan Pugh's Penn State: America's Model Agricultural College*
- Ron Smith - *Nailed to the Crossbar: From the NCAA-Penn State Consent Decree to the Joe Paterno Family Lawsuit*
- Sally McMurry - *Pennsylvania Farming: A History in Landscapes*
- Mimi Barash Coppersmith - *Eat First, Cry Later*
- Ralph Seeley - *Native People and Their Paths in Central Pennsylvania*
- Robert Hazelton - *Uncovering the Iron Furnaces at Pennsylvania Furnace*
- Dr. Nalini Krishnankutty - *How Immigrants Shape(D) the United States @ Schlow Library*



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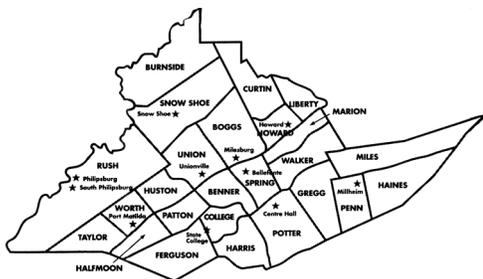
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