



CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Find Your Niche at the Centre County Historical Society**  
**Volunteer Fair Saturday, June 4**  
**At the Centre Furnace Mansion**  
*Stop by anytime between 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

The Centre County Historical Society is a membership and volunteer-based organization that provides the public with a number of services including programming, public tours of the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School, research opportunities, and facility use, to name a few. The need for volunteer participation is critically important and continues to grow.

Whether your interest is local history, leading guided tours, gardening, office work, collections related projects, research, handy projects, educational programming, marketing or assisting with events, we would like to help interested individuals find their niche in the Historical Society. The volunteer fair will be set up in "stations" and there will be staff and volunteers available from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. to share information about various roles and opportunities.

Persons interested in volunteering will be given information at the volunteer fair about how to get involved in their areas of interest. Some examples include:

**Docent Committee:** Docent tours are held at both the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School. At the Mansion, public tours are held regularly on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons throughout the year. Elementary school tours are held at both the Mansion and School on a reservation basis. Docent educators are needed for both of these roles.

**Garden Committee:** Year-round activities include seasonal weekly gardening times at the Centre Furnace Mansion, hosting service groups and decorating Mansion's exterior for winter holidays.

**Service Groups:** There are opportunities for organizational and business service groups at the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School to assist with landscape and other projects and event preparation. Service days are scheduled throughout the year to address tasks as needed.

**Property:** Assist with handy projects - exterior/interior minor maintenance, small painting and carpentry projects.

**Collections/Archives and Office:** There are a number of tasks including data entry, proofreading, historical research, scanning and collections care work.

**Programming and Events:** Activities include planning committees, help with in-person events such as the Boogersburg Open House, CCC Legacy Day, Plant Celebration, Stocking Stuffer, demonstrations and other events and programs.

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*CCHS Docent Lynn Royse leading a school tour at the Centre Furnace Mansion*



*CCHS Docent Gloria Nieweg leading a school tour at the Boogersburg School*



*JustServe Volunteers clearing brush near the Centre Furnace Stack*



*Open house tour of Jackie's Joinery led by Dick Pencek*





*Penn State Homecoming Committee and The Bridge Initiative during spring service day*



*Linda Witmer and Maggie Taquey volunteering at check-in for the Stocking Stuffer*



*Centre Furnace Mansion Garden Committee with JustServe Volunteers potting for Plant Celebration*



*Priscilla Mariani working in the CCHS archives for her 2021/22 internship*