

Sherm Lutz Collection

By Hilary Barlow

You may not think of Centre County as a place for aviation, but we have our own pilot pioneer in Sherm Lutz. As a stunt pilot he brought home awards from air meets across the region. In 1933, Lutz received praise for retrieving an anti-paralysis serum from Philadelphia in a snowstorm, saving the life of a State College boy. He was the first to deliver mail by air to State College in 1938. Lutz also had the honor of flying several prominent individuals during his career. As one example, he flew Penn State President Milton Eisenhower to Washington for a vacation with his brother, President Dwight Eisenhower.

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 was also a flying instructor who taught hundreds of students, many of whom joined the Air Force or became professional commercial pilots.

Records in the Sherm Lutz archival collection describe two crashes in which Lutz was a pilot. There were no fatalities in either crash and in both cases the cause was determined to be some kind of mechanical failure, not a pilot error. In 1940, Lutz crashed near the Centre Hills Country Club with his high school-age student and co-pilot Charles Neyhart. Both were injured and Lutz was hospitalized for a year. Coincidentally, Lutz was treated in the hospital by a former student of his, Dr. Richard H. Hoffman. Far from being deterred by the crash, Neyhart went on to become a first lieutenant in the Air Corps.

Lutz kept in contact with many of his students years after they finished their training. Though he retired and sold the State College Air Depot in 1987, he corresponded with a diverse array of students located across the country and is remembered fondly by many. Estimates

vary of the total number of students Lutz instructed during his career, from a lower estimate of 476 up to 600. In



Sherman Lutz 1930's

honor of his contribution to the community and to aviation, October 17, 1987 was declared "Sherm Lutz Day" by the Centre County Commissioners with an event celebrating his accomplishments at the University Park Airport. He died in 1998 at the age of 94.

The Centre County Historical Society acquired the Sherm Lutz collection from his niece, Phyllis Barr, in 2001. Lutz left behind pilot records, hundreds of photographs, film reels and flight uniforms, among other items. With assistance from Penn State interns, I have been arranging and describing the Sherm Lutz Collection in preparation for an exhibit in 2018. Thanks to the Preservation, Conservation & Digitization department at Penn State Libraries and the support of department head Sue Kellerman, we were able to digitize one

of Lutz's film reels earlier this year, revealing incredible footage of the Boalsburg airfield and other Centre County landmarks.



Private pilots exams October 20, 1935

Left-Right: Henry Clark Glure, Dr. R.H. Hoffman, Bob Baker, Russ Young, Sherm Lutz, Mack Macast (?), Ed Johnston.

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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society, the County's official historical society, is an educational organization that promotes the 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 ironmaster's home, furnace stack, and landscaped grounds and gardens. Centre Furnace was home to the earliest 18th century industry - charcoal ironmaking. 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.

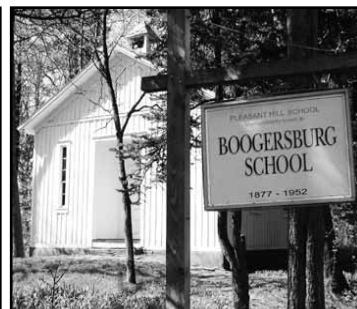
The Centre County Historical Society depends on financial contributions that help support our free public programs and educational opportunities for children, and provide necessary funds for the maintenance and operation of the Society's facilities and collections. Your membership and generosity are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

Programs are held at the Centre Furnace Mansion unless noted.

Through October 16

Arts Fest at Fifty: Stories from the Early Years

Sun/Wed/Fri. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

October 6

United Way Day of Caring

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October 23

The History of Beaver Stadium

Presented by Lee Stout & Harry West
2:00 p.m.

October 30

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

3:00 p.m.

@ Penn State / Centre County Visitor Center

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December 1

Stocking Stuffer Preview Party

6:30 -8:30 p.m.

RSVP required

December 2 - 4

Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale

Fri./Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

December 13

Central PA Civil War Round Table / CCHS annual joint program & meeting

An Evening with Clara Barton

7:00 p.m.

Visit **CentreHistory.org** to check the new event calendar on our website and, if you do not already receive it, sign up for our e-letter to stay current on upcoming CCHS activities.



Sherman Lutz 1934

President's Corner



Flying By the Seat of Her Skirt

The shattering of a virtual glass ceiling formed the backdrop last month when Hillary Clinton became the first woman to win a major party nomination to the presidency. But here in Centre County, a cloud ceiling was more likely to concern one local woman on her climb to the top. In 1998, Eileen Yingling Homan made history when she became the first woman president of the International Flying Farmers Association. And she wasn't even a pilot. Technically.

Her husband Elwood Homan, who still lives in the Pennsylvania Furnace farmhouse that he shared with his late wife, said that Eileen knew her way around the cockpit. "I showed her what not to do rather than what to do," Elwood recently recalled with a chuckle.

That was a common practice among Flying Farmers. The organization began in 1944 at Oklahoma A&M where the Director of Agricultural Extension recognized the benefits of airplane travel to reach far-flung farms in the Midwest. One year later, the organization had expanded nationally, and in 1961, it achieved international status.

In the post-war era of farm mechanization, a small single-engine aircraft was often one more tool in the shed alongside the tractor, the baler, and the combine. Airplane manufacturers, including Piper in central Pennsylvania, catered to this burgeoning clientele. According to a 1947 *Saturday Evening Post* story, farmers accounted for 75% of the single-engine planes sold that year. Airplanes were used for crop dusting, for aerial surveys of fields, herds, and irrigation systems, and to ease the isolation of rural populations in places not yet laced with interstate highways.

Flying Farmers promoted aviation as a family activity. A program known as "Landit" trained spouses of pilots to take the controls in an emergency. Annual scholarships for flight lessons were offered to boys and girls who wrote winning essays on themes such as: "The Airplane and Its Use on the Farm and Ranch."

The focus on women pilots was there from the start. Yet more than half a century would pass before Eileen Homan became the first woman president of the IFFA. Some of the old-timers thought she was too demure for the job, Elwood said. But then he recounted the story of her solo flight. A friend who was a flight examiner had taken Eileen to Mid-State Airport, Centre County's commercial hub until the 1970s. They were assured that no more flights were due that day. With a cloud ceiling of just 300 feet, Eileen took to the skies. As she was about to start her landing, an inbound commercial airliner suddenly emerged from the clouds. She held her ground—or rather her air—and made the bigger craft circle while she landed. Elwood recalled her words when she emerged from the plane: "I thought to myself, 'I was here first!'"

Prophetic words indeed.

If you have stories about Centre County aviation, we'd like to hear them in preparation for the Sherm Lutz Exhibit. Contact me at kotoole@centrehistory.org.

~ Katie O'Toole

CCHS Programs & Exhibits

Current Exhibit

Arts Festival at Fifty: Stories of the Early Years

Sun./Wed./Fri. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Through October 15

@ The Centre Furnace Mansion

Early this summer, CCHS President Katie O'Toole, board member Cathy Horner and videographer Jerry Sawyer sat down with six members of the Central PA Festival of the Arts community to capture their memories of the early years of the Arts Festival. Interviews with Rick Bryant, the Festival's executive director and early Festival organizers: Lurene Frantz, an early Festival manager, Dick Brown, one of the Festival's earliest artists/photographer, Pam Lautsch, the Festival's long time sidewalk sale coordinator, Marie Doll, executive director Art Alliance of Central PA, and Bob Potter, an early board member.

These interviews can now be viewed on our exhibit webpage at <http://www.centrehistory.org/exhibits/arts-fest50/>.

The Arts Festival at Fifty exhibit was made possible by the generous support of Mimi Barash Coppersmith. The exhibit runs through mid-October during Mansion tour hours or by appointment. You can submit your memories at CentreHistory.org or by e-mailing jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org.

14th Annual Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale

*Friday - Sunday,
December 2 - 4*

*@ The Centre Furnace Mansion
Admission \$5.00*

Preview Party

Thursday, December 1

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - \$35 member/ \$40 non-member



The Stocking Stuffer is CCHS's largest fundraiser, so whether shopping for gifts for family and friends or something beautiful for yourself, the proceeds of your purchase benefit the preservation and programming efforts of the Historical Society.

Want to help? Consider joining Mimi Barash Coppersmith and Housewire Inc. this year in being an individual or corporate sponsor or supporter to help make this fundraiser and growing community tradition go even further. For more information, contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call 234-4779.

The History of Beaver Stadium

By Lee Stout and Harry West

Sunday, October 23, 2:00 p.m.

@ The Centre Furnace Mansion



Old Beaver Field from CCHS Collections.

Lee Stout and Harry West will recount the history of Beaver Stadium and its predecessor Beaver Field going back to 1893 (and earlier to the first athletic contests on campus). There will be images of the evolving structures which changed location twice over the years and grew from wooden to steel grandstands while steadily increasing in size to its current capacity of more than 106,000 following the 2001 expansion. They will talk about the historical role and importance of football to Penn State and how this has been a subject of debate for more than a century. These stories and much more will be told in *Lair of the Lion: The History of Beaver Stadium*, soon to be published by Penn State Press.

Lee Stout is Librarian Emeritus and former Head of Public Services and Outreach for Special Collections at the Penn State University Libraries. Lee served for 27 years as the Penn State University Archivist and serves on the CCHS Board of Governors. Harry West is Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering.

Docent Meeting and Fire Extinguisher Training

Docent Meeting: September 27, 1:00 p.m. at the Centre Furnace Mansion

Fire Extinguisher Training: September 27 3:00 p.m.

We hope to see you at the Fall docent meeting. This is a great time to share your thoughts and ideas on programming, tours and your experiences here at the Mansion. Following our docent meeting there will be a fire extinguisher training by Swartz Fire and Safety at the Centre Furnace Mansion for volunteers and anyone who would be interested. RSVPs would be greatly appreciated and can be made by calling the office at 814-234-4779.

The 23rd Col. Gerald Russell PNC Bank United Way Day of Caring

***Thursday, October 6 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
@ The Centre Furnace Mansion & Boogersburg
School***

The Day of Caring is a county wide day of service that has benefited a host of Centre County non-profit organizations. CCHS has had the good fortune to be a host site for over two decades, and looks forward to it each year with painting, gardening, organizing, cleaning and landscaping projects.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Hosting over 150 service volunteers between the Mansion and Schoolhouse requires preparation, supplies, and thoughtful planning by many. Ways you can contribute:

1. Take a shift to lead efforts with community volunteer groups, help with the registration area or lunch, or help with preparation in the days before.
2. Not able to attend, but would like to help? Some supplies are donated, many are not and you could help through your contribution of gift cards for Subway or any home/hardware or grocery store for supplies and lunch fare for volunteers.
3. Lend supplies – have a wheel barrow, rakes, mulch forks? Label them with your name and drop them off at the Mansion any time!

Contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org to contribute, be added to our volunteer list or to get more information.

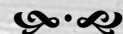


Equipment to lend? Label your wheel barrow, rakes and mulch forks with your name and drop them off at the Mansion any time before October 6!

John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards of the Centre County Historical Society and Annual Meeting



**Sunday, October 30
3:00 p.m. @ Centre County /
Penn State Visitors Center**



The Centre County Historical Society has recognized 206 individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Centre County's rich history for 27 years. Join us as we honor the work of our 2016 Preservation Award recipients and enjoy a light reception following the ceremony.

Award recipients will be featured on our website in October. For more information contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or 814-234-4779.



Many thanks to the Centre County Commissioners for their sponsorship of C-NET filing of the program. Films from past year's awards programs may be found on the CCHS website.

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Ag Progress Days

CCHS volunteers had an opportunity to visit with some of the 45,000 Ag Progress Days visitors at our exhibit in the Pasto Agricultural Museum in August. If you haven't been to Pasto Museum lately, put it on your fall weekend day trip list! Curator Rita Graef and a cadre of volunteers have done a super job telling the history of Agriculture in Centre County.



Ed Debrasky and the Clearfield County Fair Queen court learning more about their Centre County neighbors.

Thank you to Ed DeBrasky, Elizabeth Dutton, Melody Fleck, Katie O'Toole, Linda Wallace, and Deb Raykovitz and to Johanna Sedgwick and Christine Tate for helping throughout the event.

Thursdays in the Gardens

To the credit of the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners, the gardens are looking lovely this year despite the many dry days. We give many thanks to the Gardeners for their consistent dedication and generosity throughout the year for time in weekly weeding, planting, leading service groups, and donating plants.

If you are interested in volunteering in the gardens, you may either contact us at 234-4779, or simply stop by on a **Thursday afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Each week there are volunteers here that can explain what we are doing that particular week. The flowers and the gardeners will be grateful! We hope you can join us.



The CFM Gardeners can tame even the most unruly of gardens, including the Gardeners Garden. The Gardeners Garden is located above the brick walkway. First established with a gift from Paul Harner in honor of the McLaughlin family, it is dedicated in recognition of all of the gardeners, past and present, whose caring hands have made this site continue to thrive.

Music Under the Sycamore



Pure Cane Sugar

Thank you to all who sponsored, helped out, and attended this summer's event "Music Under the Sycamore" with Pure Cane Sugar. It was a lovely event with over 75 in attendance and the rainy weather lifted just in time for the music! We thank committee members Katie O'Toole, Craig Morrow, Cathy Horner and Deb McManus for their work in organizing this successful afternoon. Many thanks to Ed DeBrasky, Melody Fleck, Katie Frieden, Chris Igo, Gloria Long, Ann and George Moellenbrock, Katie O'Toole, Claire Gray, Deb Raykovitz, Lynn Royse, Donna Schutz, Dennis Sheehan, Judy Speedy, Betsy Taylor, and Bonnie Walter for their time contributions. And thank you to staff members Johanna Sedgwick and Christine for extra efforts.

For their generous sponsorship support, we give our special thanks to **First National Bank, Rich and Sally Kalin, Happy Valley Brewery, Happy Valley Winery and Pure Cane Sugar.**



Enjoying music in the shade of the Sycamore



CCHS volunteers: Katie Frieden, Gloria Long, Deb Raykovitz, Bonnie Walter, Linda Wallace

Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps: Company 1333 - Camp S-63, Poe Valley

A sultry summer day, given to an occasional down-pour, did not stop over 200 CCC enthusiasts from attending the commemorative event. It was easy to think about how challenging it would have been to be in the CCC and work so hard on such a day. Three CCC Veterans who attended included Randall Boob, Ed Kolisinski and John Coutts. They had no trouble recalling and sharing their experiences. Two realized, after looking at photos displayed, that they had been in the same CCC Camp together in Sunbury.

Over half of those in attendance had family ties to the CCC. All enjoyed a meal that included authentic CCC



*John Coutts, Ed Kolisinski and Randall Boob.
CCC veterans.*

menu items while sitting on the grounds of the historic Poe Valley CCC camp. Displays from private collections and other exhibitors, including CCHS, were available. And the still-standing Officers Quarters was open for tours that were given by owner Jack Yarnell.

Bill Marcum's interest in the CCC began with a rich treasure trove of stories and memorabilia from his grandfather, one of the first foremen for Company 1333. This evolved into a passion for organizing reunions since the 1980's to honor veterans of the Poe Valley CCC Camp.

The CCC provided young men with opportunities for education and acquiring trade skills, room and board, and pay to send back home to their families. It was a way to help rebuild from the Great Depression with dignity.



Bill Marcum shared his CCC stories with over 200 guests

If you have stories about Centre County CCC Camp experiences and would like to share them with the Historical Society, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call 234-4779. They would be added



*Johanna Sedgwick and Vonnie
Henninger*

to our archives and used in future CCC events promotion.

Thank you to Bill and Mary Marcum and daughter Nikki for their long time dedication in preserving these stories. Many thanks to presenters Bill

Marcum, Paul Fagley from Greenwood Furnace and

Vonnie Henninger from the Penns Valley Area Historical Association. Event partners included the County Historical Society, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Bill and Mary Marcum.



Thank you to CCHS volunteers Ed Deb-rasky, Melody Fleck and Peter Sorensen for help with the day.

*Photos and objects were shared by
CCC family members*

We give special thanks to sponsors: Glenn O. Hawbaker, Evonne & John Henninger, Lumber Heri-



*Paul Fagley from Greenwood
Furnace State Park*

tage Region, Bill & Mary Marcum, Martech Associates, Mifflinburg Bank & Trust, Elk Creek Cafe, Millheim Fire Company, Millheim Hotel, Millheim Small Engine and Hardware, Robinson Septic Service.



Collections

CCHS receives donations of artifacts from generous donors on an ongoing basis. These objects, photos and documents help us to tell the story of Centre Furnace and, more broadly, Centre County. CCHS collections consist of a rich variety of artifacts including those from the Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson family, Victorian decorative arts and furnishings, mid-century Centre County architectural drawings and materials, photographs and postcard collections.

Descendants of the Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson Family have generously donated decorative arts, furnishings, documents and images over the years that have a direct provenance to the Thompson Family or to the Centre Furnace Mansion. The Mansion's permanent displays owe much to these family artifacts.

Last month, Thompson descendants Peter T. Bennett and Charles J. Bennett added to the Thompson Family Collection by bringing "home" a number of family artifacts original to the Centre Furnace Mansion. The Bennett's great grandmother, Mabel Thompson Woodcock, received the artifacts from the Mansion in 1912 after the death of her father William Thompson. William and Anna Thompson lived at the Mansion in the late 19th century until William's death. William was Moses and Mary Irvin's son. Mabel then entrusted daughter Edith Woodcock Bennett with the care of these special artifacts. Peter and Charles Bennett have since been the stewards of the collection and have seen to their return to the Thompson home to be appreciated by researchers and Mansion visitors. Some of these items include:

- *Blanket chest* - Early 19th century blanket chest, flat top, thought to be original blue paint. Six board construction with hand dovetailed joinery and the original till. Original strap hinges are intact. There are three screw holes on the top where the chest was secured for shipment when Mabel had it and a collection of family items that she treasured transported to her home.
- *18th Century Land Conveyance* attributed to William Thompson, Moses Thompson's great grandfather.



Mabel Thompson outside of the Centre Furnace Mansion joined by a lamb, bird, kitten and dog. Photo from CCHS Thompson Family Collection.

- *Period cut glass, lidded and footed large compote* attributed to Moses Thompson.
- *Framed Civil War commemorative ribbon.*
- *Brass candlesticks with etched hurricanes*
- *Cross stitch needlework* by Mary Armstrong dated September 20, 1834. Mary Armstrong Elliott Beaver was mother to Anna Elliott Armstrong, William Thompson's wife.
- *Collection of linens and children's books* from the 19th century Thompson home.

A listing of all object donations that have been received in 2016 will be highlighted in the winter newsletter in January.

Care for the CCHS collections requires ongoing preservation efforts that include conservation in some cases, proper storage and archival housing, and maintaining files and a database where the collections are documented and public exhibition of collections.

If you would like to contribute to the care of collections, here are currently needed supplies and costs:

- 3 metal shelves for collections storage room: \$75 per unit
- Archival boxes for object and textile storage: \$15.00 to \$40.00 each
- Archival storage for photographs:
- Supplies including glass shelving, lighting, Plexiglas fronts and carpentry to make the cabinet in the kitchen period room into a more meaningful exhibit cabinet: \$700.00
- Dehumidifier for the exhibition building: \$300.00
- Themohygrometer for the exhibition building: \$150.00



Mabel Thompson's wedding to John R. Woodcock at the Centre Furnace Mansion. The picture includes (left-right): Irvin P. Thompson, John R. Woodcock, Lee Woodcock, William Schuetz, Wayne B. Thompson, Robert D. Dripps, Mabel Furst, Ella Cassidy, Mabel Thompson, Ethel Woolverton, Mary Irvin Thompson, and Mary Christ.

A Gracious Gift

Two long-time supporters of the Centre County Historical Society recently endowed a named fund. “The Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle and Kenneth B. Pyle Educational Fund for Regional Heritage Preservation” will help to support a variety of mission-oriented projects and programs including publications, lectures, and fellowships that provide opportunities for student interns at the Centre Furnace Mansion. The Henszey-Pyle Fund will also be used to formally recognize the efforts of those who make contributions to regional historic preservation.



*John Hamilton reading under a tree,
Photo was a gift of Anne
Hamilton Henszey Pyle and
Benjamin Henszey.*

Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle is the great-great-grand daughter of Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson and great-grand daughter of John Hamilton whose contributions to Centre County history are honored at the Mansion and CCHS. Kenneth, who acquired a love of the study of history growing up in State College, is the Henry M. Jackson Professor of History and International Studies Emeritus at the University of Washington where he has taught history for more than fifty years.

Over the years, the Pyles have generously donated artifacts to the Mansion that had belonged to their illustrious Centre County ancestors. Most recently, they gifted an oil portrait of Juliann Gregg Irvin, a granddaughter of Centre County pioneer General James Potter and the wife of General James Irvin. The portrait now hangs in the Founders’ Room at the Mansion. Also in the Founders’ Room is a bible belonging to Juliann that is dated 1821. In the north west parlor hangs the sampler created by Mary Irvin Thompson in 1825 and was likewise a gift from the Pyles.

The recently-endowed Henszey-Pyle Fund is expected to provide educational opportunities for the community to understand, experience, appreciate and preserve our county’s cultural and natural heritage.

CCHS 2017 Membership

In the coming weeks, look for our CCHS annual membership mailing for the January to December 2017 calendar year. With the holiday season around the corner, consider giving a gift of membership!

Membership is the foundation of the Centre County Historical Society. Your involvement and contributions strengthen the Historical Society in every way showing community support for our programming and preservation of the special historic sites in the Society’s care.

We invite you to stop by the Centre Furnace Mansion with your guests for a tour led by one of our dedicated docents and let the Mansion collections take you back more than 150 years. Bring a picnic and enjoy a stroll any time from dawn to dusk through the period inspired gardens kept so beautifully by the Centre Furnace gardeners. If you haven’t been to the Mansion in a while, there will be new things to explore!

You may also renew, join, make a year-end donation or give a gift of CCHS Membership any time on our website CentreHistory.org by going to the “Support” section or by mailing in the form on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your gift of membership to the Historical Society.

Gift Membership

Presented to: _____

From: _____

For the Membership period
of January 1 through
December 31, 2017

Goodbye to a Friend



Joe Banks enjoyed many years and hours volunteering in the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardens and was a good friend (maybe not to the groundhogs.) He had a hand in gardens all around State College, especially the small flower garden outside of the State College Post Office, the community vegetable garden plots at Tudek Park and a small garden he tended along E. College Avenue across from the Mansion. Always a seed saver, Joe would share with anyone who wanted them. Joe packaged butterfly weed seeds and sold them at the spring Plant Celebration to benefit the Mansion’s gardens. No one left Joe’s table without a seed packet, planting instructions and a tip or two, and a lively conversation about one of his life adventures.

We are collecting donations to plant a tree in Joe’s honor on the Centre Furnace Mansion grounds. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of a tree, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centre-furnace.org or call 814-234-4779.



*Joe Banks in his garden along East
College Avenue.*



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Please visit the organization's website for complete details.

Through October 23

Arboretum Sculptures in Steel Exhibition
@H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens
arboretum.psu.edu

Through October 29

Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks Historical Site - Tours Available
Sat. 10am - 4pm / Sun. 11am-4pm
@Curtin Village, Howard
www.curtinvillage.com/

Through December 17

Village Craftsmen Exhibit
@Boalsburg Heritage Museum
814-466-3035

September 24

Ancestral Genealogy
11am – 12pm
@Centre Co. Library Historical Museum
centrecountylibrary.org

October 29

American Philatelic Research Library
Grand Opening
10 am
@American Philatelic Society
100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte
stamps.org

November 2

Richard Koontz Memorial Lecture Series –
Nurses of Bataan & Corregidor
7:30 pm
@PA Military Museum – Boalsburg
pamilmuseum.org

Through December 2016

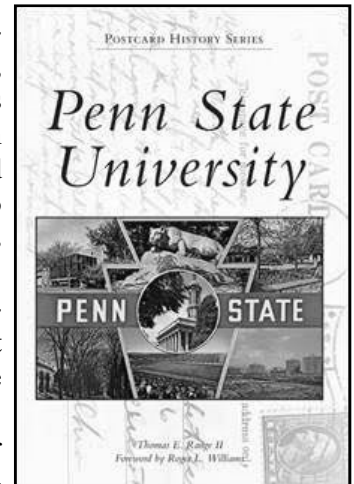
Underground Railroad – A Journey to Freedom
Fri./Sat./Sun. 12-4:30pm
@Bellefonte Art Museum
bellefontemuseum.org

Penn State University (Postcard History)

Since the founding of the Pennsylvania State University in 1855, originally named the Farmer's High School, picture postcards have been published to highlight the buildings and student activities. These postcards also helped in documenting the University's 161 year story.

One postcard shows the students playing Scrap Ball between classes. The student wrote that he was "top man" in the game before sending the postcard to his family. There are photos of early buildings, their expansions, and sometimes, their replacements. Photos of student activities and popular student spots in State College. Even a few photos from the outlying areas of Bellefonte and Centre Hall.

Author Thomas E. Range II has compiled postcards from his collection and from the CCHS archives in this trip down memory lane.



Museum Store

CCHS publications and local history publications may be purchased online at: www.centrehistory.org/about-us/store/ CCHS members receive a 10% discount on select CCHS publications. Enter MEMBERS10 at the checkout.

Boogersburg Open House

The annual open house at the Boogersburg school was held in August with over 30 in attendance. Preparation began the week before thanks to Blue Mountain Quality Resources who helped us prepare the school and surrounding grounds for guests.

Elementary school and other private tours are regular visitors at the School throughout the year. The open house gives CCHS the opportunity to share the story of the School more widely with the community in a casual setting. Thank you to School Coordinator, Olivia Perdew and docents Gloria Nieweg, Linda Forrest and Doyle Wilkerson and Johanna Sedgwick your help in the programming of the day. And thank you to Katie O'Toole for capturing an oral interview with school alumni Bob Hartswick, and to Bob for his stories.



Blue Mt. Quality Resources



Miss Lee leads the class

Volunteer Fair

Our August Volunteer Fair was on one of this summer's rare rainy days, pouring rain. But that didn't stop the serious potential volunteers with an interest in lending a hand at CCHS! We welcome Melody Fleck and Karen Hazel to the Docent Committee and Mike Canich to the Garden Committee. All are jumping in with both feet and we are ever grateful!



Sherm Lutz Collection

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With your help, we can continue to improve the collection and digitize some very precious materials. Any amount helps, but consult the list below to get an idea of the costs of caring for this collection and decide if you would be interested in sponsoring a particular preservation initiative.

- Digitize one film reel: \$210
- Preserve an item of vintage clothing: \$125
- Preserve negatives: \$300
- Archival housing for one scrapbook \$20-\$30
- Properly store one Lutz artifact (we have several antique cameras, an engraved plate and a wrist-watch, among other items): \$25-\$50



Sue Kellerman, Hilary Barlow and Matthew McClain

Thank you!

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Historical Society in the past quarter. Your involvement is both meaningful and critical to the Historical Society's work. Below we recognize businesses and individuals for their extra time and support during the Summer 2016 quarter:

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Collections: Hilary Barlow, Monty Christiansen, Judy Heberling, Sue Kellerman, Gloria Long, Vinnie Scanlon, Judy Speedy, Betsy Taylor

Boogersburg School Open House: See page 10

CCC Legacy Day: See page 7

Music Under the Sycamore: See page 6

CFM Docent Committee:

School Tours – Gloria Nieweg, Deb Raykovitz, Lynn Royse, Linda Witmer

Docent/volunteer educational Tours – Linda Wallace
Mansion Tours – Edna Dombrowsky, Elizabeth Dutton, Sarah Fede, Carol & Steve Gentry, Linda Hartman, Lou Mayer, Mary McLaughlin, Gloria Nieweg, Deb Raykovitz, Lynn Royse, Joy Schon, Betsy Taylor, Linda Wallace, Bonnie Walter, Linda Witmer, Nancy Wolf

Gardens: See page 6

Interns and Student Volunteers: Sarah Fede, Nicholas Lilja

Programs: Dick Pencek

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Service days: Blue Mountain Quality Resources, Penn State Day of Service on July 10, City Serves, Penn State Circle K, Penn State Homecoming Committee



Floyd Todd helped painting the parking lot kiosk

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Thank you to all of our new and continuing members. We hope you value your membership in the Centre County Historical Society as much as we value your support and participation. We invite you to return your membership renewal, if you have not yet renewed for this year. Make checks payable to CCHS and send to 1001 E. College Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

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