

### Exhibition: Unraveling the Threads of History: *Needlework Samplers from the 19th Century*

March 19 - September 24, 2017

Most of us have had a teacher that has made a lasting impact on our lives. For many young Bellefonte girls in the early nineteenth century that teacher was Miss Sarah Tucker. In our area we know that Miss Tucker ran a subscription school in Bellefonte from about 1807 to 1825. As part of the Centre County Historical Society's new exhibition, *Unraveling the Threads of History*, Miss Tucker's role and that of her students will be explored.

Needlework sampler instruction was critical in a young girl's education in early America. The instruction served many purposes, not least of which was teaching the alphabet along with sewing skills that each girl would need to clothe her future household. One of the first projects, often completed by girls as young as six, was called a marking sampler and was filled with basic embroidery techniques and was also used to learn to stitch the alphabet. This marking sampler was then referred to when a certain stitch was needed to sew a garment or "mark" household linens and clothing.

Needlework teachers such as Miss Tucker taught particular designs – either patterns they had created themselves or ones that had been taught to them when they were learning the craft. Researchers today are able to trace many samplers back to their geographic origin because of certain teacher's designs and tech-

niques. We are very fortunate to have access to several samplers that, by their design, can be attributed to the teaching of Miss Tucker. In addition to these

Bellefonte samplers, the exhibition will also present other Central Pennsylvania sampler examples along with information on how local women created linen from the flax grown in our fields, different sampler motifs and verses used, and information on preserving family samplers.

In addition to several examples of local and regional samplers, local needlework artist, Ann Barton, explores the elements used by Miss Tucker in her own beautifully executed sampler. Ann painstakingly produced an embroidery chart and stitched the finished "Centre County" sampler. Ann and Lynda DeBrasky then worked together to create a reproducible version of this sampler pattern that will be available for sale in the museum store at the Mansion.



*Sampler by needlework artist Ann Barton created to illustrate the components of 19th century Bellefonte students that were taught needlework by teacher Sarah Tucker.*

#### Exhibition Schedule

March 19 - September 24, 2017 at

The Centre Furnace Mansion

Sun|Wed|Fri 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

**Exhibition Reception:** Sunday, June 4 @ 2:00 p.m.

*Exhibition Committee: Ann Barton, Lynda DeBrasky, Diane Farr, Cathy Horner, Richard Pencek, Johanna Sedgwick, Mary Sorensen. Samplers and objects featured in this exhibition have been generously lent by: the Centre County Library Bellefonte Historical Museum along with local collectors; and from the collections of the Centre County Historical Society. Graphic design by David Lembeck. Photography by Frederic Weber. Exhibition panels sponsored in part by Jaru Associates, Inc. Funding for Unraveling the Threads of History is from the estate of Elizabeth Jean Smith Campbell and the Ruth Grier Robinson Fund for Heritage Education. Special thanks to Barbara Hutson of Queenstown Sampler Designs.*

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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 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.

### February, 26, 2017

Postcards of Centre County

Presented by: Monty Christiansen

2:00 p.m.

### March 19 - September 24, 2017

Exhibition: "Unraveling the Threads of History"

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

### March 26, 2017

The PA German Groundhog Lodges and Versammlinge

Presented by: Dr. William W. Donner

2:00 p.m.

### April 28 & April 29, 2017

Old House Fair in Bellefonte

@ The Match Factory in Bellefonte

Register online at [CentreHistory.org/OHF](http://CentreHistory.org/OHF)

### May 9 & 10, 2017

Centre Gives Online Giving Event

### May 13, 2017

Plant Celebration & Garden Sale

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### June 4, 2017

Exhibit Reception - *Unraveling the Threads of History*

2:00 p.m.

### July 23, 2017

CCC Legacy Day: "Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps."

Exhibits, programs and a CCC inspired lunch

10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

@ Poe Valley State Park

Please RSVP to attend the Lunch

### July 25, 2017

The Personal Lessons of Public History

Presented by: Dr. Carolyn Kitch

2:00 p.m.

Visit [CentreHistory.org](http://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.

## President's Corner



### Old Stories/New Tools

If Twitter, Flickr or Snapchat bewilder you, you're not the first to struggle with the latest communication technology. Consider the confusion surrounding the telegraph in the 19th century. It wasn't merely an incremental improvement of an older device. It was a technology that promised to conquer distance and time by harnessing the invisible power of the electromagnetic spectrum. The telegraph was so new and innovative that even its inventors didn't fully understand how it worked. So it wasn't surprising that the new medium mystified many people.

More familiar with carrier pigeons, some folks understood the telegraph lines as hollow tubes that carried tiny scrolls of paper blown at high force like peas through a pea shooter. A man in Nebraska claimed that the telegraph wires were a kind of tight-rope. He vowed to watch the lines "to see the man run along the wires with the letter bags." A woman in Karlsruhe, Prussia, took a pot of sauerkraut to her local telegraph office in 1870 and asked to have it sent to her son who was fighting in the Franco-Prussian war. When the telegraph operator insisted he could not do that, she replied that soldiers were being ordered to the front by telegraph. If soldiers could be sent by telegraph, why not sauerkraut?

Today, those of us who didn't grow up in an on-line environment can be similarly perplexed by the new tools of 21st century communication. But I have a vested interest in helping you to understand one new platform—podcasting. That's because I've recently started a podcast called Dead Centre. It's about little known aspects of Centre County—its history, places, and people that make it a unique community.

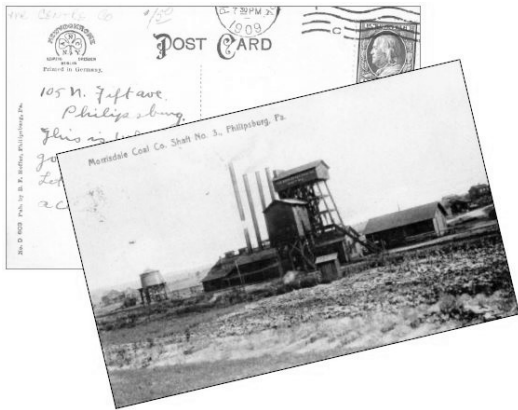
So if you've never podcasted before, here's all you need to know: a podcast is really nothing more than a radio program that you listen to on the internet. You have two ways to listen. You can play or 'stream' it which means that you go to our CCHS website and click on the link that says "Dead Centre." Then click on the white arrow in the red circle to listen. Or you can subscribe to the podcast. That means the podcast will be automatically downloaded to your computer, tablet, or mobile phone whenever a new episode is released. So it will be sitting in a queue for you to play at your convenience and with no internet access required. (You can listen, for example, on an airplane flight).

To subscribe on your iPhone, download the iTunes Podcasts app if you don't already have it. (It's free!) Click on the Search icon (the magnifying glass) in the lower right-hand corner. Then type Dead Centre in the search bar at the top. On the bottom part of the screen under 'Podcasts,' you'll see Dead Centre by Katie O'Toole under a picture of the Centre Furnace Mansion. Click on it. Then click on the purple 'Subscribe' box, and enjoy this newest tool for telling Centre County's story!



~ Katie O'Toole

## CCHS Programs & Events



*Morrisdale Coal Co. Shaft No. 3,  
Philipsburg, Pa. Postmarked 1909.  
CCHS Cannon Postcard Collection.*

### Postcards of Centre County

By Monty Christiansen

Sunday, February 26, 2017

2:00 p.m. @ The Centre Furnace Mansion

In March 2001, Elizabeth Cannon of State College donated her collection of 844 picture postcards to the Historical Society dating from 1900 to 1965, from all the towns and villages of Centre County. This presentation will explain how to “read” the full story of these vintage postcards. They tell about places with illustrations of communities and people in past years, revealing historic information and insightful thoughts of early postcard correspondents.

Centre County Historical Society volunteer researcher, Monty Christiansen, spent nearly three years researching and cataloging this collection. We hope that you can join us to discover the history that Monty has uncovered on both sides of these postcards.



*Clarence Hotel, Snow Shoe, Pa..  
George Katchick, Prop. Postmarked 1906.  
CCHS Cannon Postcard Collection.*

### Old House Fair

Friday & Saturday, April 28 & 29

@ The Match Factory in Bellefonte

The 2017 Old House Fair, in its second year, offers an exciting two day menu of workshops and bus facilitated tours of the Bellefonte Historic District that will kick off with banquet and internationally known authority on historic preservation, Ed McMahon. McMahon, along with over a dozen state and local experts will present programs about historic preservation and why it is good for our communities. Maintenance challenges of old houses, architectural styles, historic landscaping, and historic masonry among other topics of interest will also be available to old house enthusiasts.



What attendees found most useful in 2016:

*“Inspiring for future historic preservation efforts.”*

*“The attention it focused on the value of old buildings.”*

*“It would be great to make it an annual event! So many topics to cover! I liked being in the company of fellow old-house owners.”*

The Old House Fair relies on sponsorship support to make the programming widely available and affordable to the public. If you would be interested in partnering through sponsorship, please contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org for more information.

Old House Fair updates and registration, soon to be announced, will be available at: [www.centrehistory.org/ohf](http://www.centrehistory.org/ohf). Registration is required for the banquet and highly encouraged for all programming in order to reserve a seat at the programs you would like to attend.

While Friday’s program is available to everyone, it is tailored to professionals, and continuing education credits are available for a variety of professions. Morning and afternoon workshops are \$20 each. The Keynote/banquet is \$60. Saturday’s program is for everyone at \$10 for the day and registration is available online for all Old House Fair programming at [centrehistory.org/ohf](http://centrehistory.org/ohf).



*The Old House Fair program is a partnership with the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association (BHCA), the American Philatelic Society (APS) and the Centre County Historical Society.*

## 2017 Henszey-Pyle Author Series

Patrick Parsons kicked off the 2017 Author Series in January with an intriguing program called *Pennsylvania: The Cradle of Cable Television* that explored how cable television got its start in Pennsylvania and Centre County's role. The state's mountains and hills blocked television signals from reaching many towns, frustrating viewers. Starting in the 1940s, local entrepreneurs from emerging pioneer businesses, C-Cor and HRB Singer, put up television antennas on the highest points in a community and ran cable lines into the town, thus providing reliable service for the first time. The beginnings of the first community antenna systems in the Keystone State provided an important chapter in broadcasting history. Parsons is the Don Davis Professor of Ethics and Telecommunications at Penn State, and author of *Blue Skies: A History of Cable Television*, (Temple University Press, 2008)



### SAVE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM DATES:

#### The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges and Versammlinge

William W. Donner, Dept. of Anthropology, Kutztown University  
Sunday, March 26, 2017  
2:00 p.m. @ the Centre Furnace Mansion

In the 1930s, Pennsylvania Germans started Groundhog Lodges to provide a place for speaking and celebrating the German language and culture. There was singing, skits, and serious talks, often concerning the legendary ability of the groundhog to predict the weather, all done in the German Deutsch language. Over time, Versammlinge ("gatherings") also developed in the state and adopted a similar format. The program will explore how the meetings celebrated tradition, and over time, became themselves a tradition. Donner is a professor in the anthropology department at Kutztown University and the author of *Serious Nonsense: Groundhog Lodges, Versammlinge and Pennsylvania German Heritage*, (Penn State University Press, 2012).



#### The Personal Lessons of Public History

Carolyn Kitch, School of Communications & Theater, Temple University  
Sunday, June 25, 2017

Writing about public history is - like public history itself - a process of exploration and discovery. Author Carolyn Kitch discusses how her research for the book *Pennsylvania in Public Memory* became a personal as well as academic journey Kitch shares some unexpected lessons she learned from local historians as she visited historic sites across the state and talked with the people who keep their pasts alive. Kitch is a professor of communications at Temple University. She is author or co-author of four books including, *Pennsylvania in Public Memory: Reclaiming the Industrial Past* (Penn State University Press, 2012).



#### Consumed Nostalgia: Having Fun with the Commercialized Past

Gary Cross, Penn State  
Sunday, October 15, 2017  
2:00 p.m. @ the Centre Furnace Mansion

For many, modern memory is shaped less by a longing for the social customs of the past or for family heirlooms handed down over generations, and more by childhood encounters with ephemeral commercial goods. Consumed nostalgia took shape in the 1970s, spurred by the skillful marketing of nostalgia. This talk will consider this history, unpacking the cultural dynamics that turn pop tunes into oldies and childhood toys into valuable commodities. Cross is a retired distinguished professor of modern history at Penn State. He is the author of more than ten books, including *Consumed Nostalgia: Memory in the Age of Fast Capitalism* (Columbia University Press, 2015).



This distinguished lecture series is underwritten by the Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle and Kenneth B. Pyle Educational Fund for Regional Heritage Preservation (Henszey-Pyle Fund.) A special thank you to the distinguished speakers who will and have already contributed to the Henszey-Pyle Author series.

The inspirations for the Henszey-Pyle Fund include the interest that Anne and Kenneth have in the history of the community in which they grew up and their belief in the value of the study of history. Anne is the great-great-grand daughter of Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson and great-grand daughter of John Hamilton all of whose contributions to regional history are honored at the Centre Furnace Mansion and within the Centre County Historical Society. 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 over fifty years. The lecture series is coordinated by CCHS Board of Governors member Ford Risley.



## Centre Gives Online Giving Event

Tuesday, May 9 - Wednesday, May 10

**M**ark your calendars for the fifth annual “Centre Gives” online giving event, hosted by Centre Foundation. Last year, through this event and the generous donations of 68 friends and supporters, CCHS received over \$15,000 in donations and matching funds combined! Limited matching funds from the Centre Foundation make your donation go even further with this fundraiser. Centre Gives is an integral part of our fundraising, helping provide funds for ongoing maintenance and repairs needed at the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School.

Your gift might be transformed into a fresh coat of paint on the mansion porch, an exhibit or special program, a new batch of flowers in the gardens, or repairs at the Boogersburg School. Your contributions in the past have been used to do several repair projects on the Mansion’s front entrance porch and some of the many windows, foundation repair at the Boogersburg School, and stabilization work on the historic garden sheds. All of this work is ongoing and depends on your support.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Centre County Historical Society through past Centre Gives efforts. Together, we truly can preserve these community treasures for generations to come.

## CCHS 2017 Membership

*Thank you for your membership!*

**T**hank you to all who have renewed your membership in 2017 and to new members! Your membership truly provides a critical foundation of support, making possible the ongoing explorations of our shared history and heritage through preservation and programming.

As our thanks to you for partnering with us on our mission to discover, explore, preserve, and interpret Centre County history, your membership benefits in CCHS include:

- 10% off CCHS publications
- Lending privileges that allow you to check books from the CCHS research library
- Notification by mail and / or email of upcoming programs
- Mansion Notes Newsletter

If you haven’t had a chance to renew, we invite you to use the membership remittance form included on the back of this newsletter for your convenience. You are also welcome to renew on our website at [centrehistory.org](http://centrehistory.org) by going to the “Support” section. The annual membership period is from January through December 2017.

## Plant Celebration

Saturday, May 13

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. @ The Centre Furnace Mansion



*Wood anemone, Anemone Quinquefolia*

**S**pring is around the corner and the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardener’s planning for the annual Plant Celebration is well underway. Continuing a tradition that started in 1995, the sale will feature plants potted from the Mansion’s gardens as well as new offerings and returning favorites that include heirloom and native plants, annuals, vegetables, herbs, trees and shrubs. And Eden-view Foods will be providing delicious organic lunch fare.

We hope you will mark your calendar, bring friends and make a day of it! Look for updates on vendors and Plant Celebration activities at [CentreHistory.org](http://CentreHistory.org).



*Leslie Zuck, Common Ground Organic Farm*



*CCHS gardeners Katie Frieden and Beverly Lipski*

## Historic Preservation Awards Recap



On October 30, 2016 we celebrated some of the people and groups in Centre County that embrace the spirit of preserving our history, our heritage, our land and our resources. The recipients of the CCHS 2016 Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation include:

### For Education and Advocacy

#### *Muddy Paws Marsh Wetland Education Center*



When Greg and Mary Kay Williams bought a parcel of land in the Penns Creek watershed in 1991, they committed to a major restoration effort. Located in the Upper Penn's Creek watershed, the land was restored to its original wetlands condition. Now it serves as an education center where schools and community groups can learn about local ecological systems.

### For Preservation and Restoration

#### *Joe Meyer, Meyer Dairy Farm*

For almost nine decades, Joe Meyer has been working on the dairy farm that was started by his grandfather in 1887. As Meyer Dairy Farm has grown from the original 120 acres, Joe Meyer has preserved both the tradition of family farming and large swaths of beautiful pastures and fields in State College and Boalsburg, a constant reminder of our agricultural roots.



*Photo by Kevin Abbey*

### For Preservation and Restoration

#### *Friends of the Blacksmith Shop in Boalsburg*



When its 160-plus years began to take a toll on the Boalsburg Blacksmith Shop, Boalsburg organizations and individuals formed a support group to save the landmark. Their timely action preserved a rare example of an intact blacksmith shop and provided for future maintenance of this Boalsburg landmark.

### For Preservation and Restoration

#### *The Bellefonte Freight Warehouse*

A unique private/non-profit affiliation resulted in the preservation of a 147-year old structure in Bellefonte. Threatened by the wrecking ball, the Freight Warehouse was moved to a new location in Talleyrand Park where it will be re-purposed for the 21st century as a kayak and canoe museum.



*Moving of the Bellefonte Freight Warehouse.*

*Photo by Ed Debrasky.*

### For History and Heritage

#### *Philipsburg Heritage Days*



Now in its 19th year, the six-day festival known as Heritage Days has become a nostalgic celebration of small town America. Choosing annual themes of historical significance, the celebration has sparked community pride and a reflection on the 200 years of progress since a few pioneering families settled in an untamed wilderness.

### The Jacqueline J. Melander Award

#### *The Ladies of Battery B - 3rd PA Volunteers*

They dress in mid-19th century outfits, but these ladies are more than reenactors. They're educators who strive to provide historically accurate representations of mid-19th century middle class women. Through diligent research, expert craftsmanship, and an emphasis on authenticity, the Ladies of Battery B shed light on the social etiquette, dress, and food of our long-ago ancestors.



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## Thank You for Your Service

We would like to give special thanks to area organizations that lean in throughout the year to help out with a variety of tasks at the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School.

It is with their help, with the leadership of our CCHS volunteers, that we are able to keep the Mansion, the School and their grounds and collections looking their best. We extend our warmest appreciation to the following organizations for their support in the past few months:

AAUW and Hubert Humphrey Fellows  
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 Penn State Student United Way  
 Penn State Women's Lacrosse  
 State College Sunrise Rotary Club  
 Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity  
 Trinity Lutheran Church  
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## Historic Preservation Awards Recap

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### CCHS President's Award

Katie Frieden

Recipient, Katie Frieden was recognized for her long-term and significant contributions to the Centre County Historical Society. Katie has been volunteering with the Historical Society since 2000. Her dog Noo Noo, has been gardening for over 8 years and quickly became the beloved Mansion mascot.



Katie became responsible for coordinating the Garden Committee in 2010. Over the years, Katie's friendship and leadership in the garden committee, and Noo Noo's exemplary herding skills, have gone far to galvanize efforts with the Gardens, the Plant Celebration, the Day of Caring and other service activities.

*Special thanks to Preservation Awards committee members and nominators John Ziegler, Katie O'Toole, Bob Hazelton, Jackie Melander, Dick Pencek, Ford Risley, Barbara Schroeder and Ed DeBrasky who deserve credit for much thoughtful work put into developing this awards program. And to Katie Frieden and Ann Moellenbrock for helping with the event details.*

CNET filming sponsored by Centre County Government and the awards presentation can be viewed at <http://www.centrehistory.org/historic-preservation-awards>



## Volunteer Reception

Thank You!

### CCHS Volunteer Appreciation Reception

Thursday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.

CCHS is pleased to host a reception to recognize the work and dedication of our volunteer colleagues that are involved with giving tours, making events run smoothly, planting gardens, doing research, writing articles, and helping with repairs and so much more! We hope you will join us for a reception to honor your good work and get to know the different ways that people contribute to the Historical Society. You may RSVP to Mary Sorensen at [msorensen@centrefurnace.org](mailto:msorensen@centrefurnace.org) or by simply calling 814-234-2779.



## Gardener's Corner



*Snowy view of the Centre Furnace Mansion from Upper Garden.*

Snowdrops have been blooming at the Mansion now for almost a month, sometimes covered with a blanket of snow and sometimes not! As the spring ephemerals start to push through the leaves, the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners are also pushing ahead with plans for the gardens.

Are you a gardener? We invite you to contribute to the CFM Garden effort and join kindred spirits. Weekly gardening times throughout the growing season are on Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come and go during that time to suit their own schedules. There are also service days and other garden activities to get involved with. If you enjoy gardening and would like to receive more information about getting involved with Gardens at the Mansion, please contact Gardens Coordinator Beverly Lipski at:

**[gardens@centrefurnace.org](mailto:gardens@centrefurnace.org)**



*Snowdrops in the Shrub Bed.*

## A Special Stocking Stuffer Thank You!

The Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art and Fine Craft Sale has evolved to be the Historical Society's premier annual fundraiser because of the great personal and volunteer effort that is contributed in its planning and support. Stocking Stuffer attendees repeatedly tell us that the event is an annual tradition for family members and friends to gather from here and afar. The profits from the event represent about 10% of the Society's annual operating budget, making it a critical fundraiser indeed. Your donations, and more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time spent on this event alone, truly make a difference in keeping local history efforts alive at the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School.

Sponsorship from long time CCHS member, Mimi Barash Coppersmith, and corporate sponsorship from House Wire, Inc. helped CCHS to realize our profits by providing for necessary expenses.

The area's finest florists, Avant Garden, Daniel Vaughn Designs, and Woodring's Floral Gardens, generously donated balsam fir-scented holiday designs to deck the Mansion's halls and inspired the nearly 700 guests who came throughout the event and beyond.

Centre Furnace Gardeners contributed abundant period-inspired supplies to decorate trees donated by Tait Farm Christmas Trees. Stocking Stuffer antique dealers, artists and crafters continue to outdo themselves every year with their wares and displays, and certainly this year was no different.

Delicious savories and sweets for the event were generously donated by Café Lemont, CCHS Volunteer Bakers, Clover Creek Cheese Cellar, Cooke Tavern Soups, Corner Café and Grill, Dante's Restaurants, Inc., Delectable Delights – by Heather Luse, Fasta and Ravioli Co., Giant, The Greek Restaurant, Harrison's Wine Grill, Honeybaked Ham Co., Insomnia Cookies, Macneal Orchard & Sugarbush, Mt. Nittany Vineyard & Winery, Penn Stater Conference Center & Hotel, Ramada, State College Hotel & Conference Center, Sam's Club, Seven Mountains Wine Cellars, Spat's Café & Speakeasy, State College Diner, Suzie Wong's Egg Rolls & More, Tait Farm Foods, The Tavern, Weis Markets, Zola Kitchen & Wine Bar.

Additional program contributors included Pam & Chris Calkins, Centre County Genealogical Society, CFM Docents, CFM Gardeners, Carol & Steven Gentry, Judy Heberling & Michael Husband, David Lembeck, Penn State OPP Landscape, Holly Foy & Ancient Echos and TJ Maxx.

Outside organizations that assisted with everything from parking to set-up to clean-up included Blue Mountain Quality Resources, Harris Township Lion's Club, Penn State Alpha Phi Omega, and State College Sunrise Rotary Club.

And, very special thanks to our gifted volunteer Stocking Stuffer Co-coordinators: Cathy Horner, Deb McManus and Becky Dreese, along with CCHS staff members Johanna Sedgwick and Christine Tate. And to our dedicated Stocking Stuffer Committee including Jill Aller, Joni Arrington, Susan Bowser, Pam Calkins, Taylor Lynch, Ann Moellenbrock, Lynn Royse, Linda Witmer, Betsy Taylor, Linda Wallace, Marsha Ann Tate.

With great appreciation for a wonderful event, we sincerely thank you for everything!

Mary Sorensen  
Executive Director

Katie O'Toole  
President

For a complete listing of donors and volunteers as well as event photos, visit: <http://www.centrehistory.org/thank-you-2016-stocking-stuffer/>





## Docent Corner



Lynn Royse and Gloria Nieweg prepare for a school tour.

The visitor experience at the Mansion and the Boogersburg School come alive through the contributions of a dedicated cast of docents. At the School, docents assume the role of a 19th century school teachers to give tours to elementary age students during the warmer months of spring and fall. The Mansion offers regular visitor hours as well as elementary school and other group tours.

Are you a story teller, have a teaching background or just enjoy sharing history with people? If you have a little time and are looking for an interesting and meaningful way to contribute, we hope you will consider joining our docent team. For more information contact Mary Sorensen @ 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org

## Docent Meeting Dates for 2017

**Tuesday, April 11, 1:30 p.m.**

Meeting & program: Jackie Melander - presentation "Centre County Landscapes"

**Friday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting & program: tbd

**Tuesday, October 10, 1:30 p.m.**

Meeting & program: tbd

Docent meetings held in the  
Centre Furnace Mansion Hearth Room.



CCHS Docent Committees

## Thank you!

Thank you to those who have contributed to the Historical Society in the Fall/Winter 2017 quarter. Your involvement is both meaningful and critical to the Historical Society's work.

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