

Your Passport to Centre County History

Springtime is finally in sight and it's time to get outdoors! The Centre County Explorers Passport booklet, introduced last fall, was designed to encourage explorers of all ages to enjoy the rich collection of historic and cultural sites that are in Centre County.

Every corner of our county has its own unique stories. By visiting the historic sites, museums, galleries, and parks in Centre County that make it unique, you will gain a better understanding of our county's historic, cultural and natural resources. In turn, you will be creating your own stories and helping the communities that you visit by shopping, staying or enjoying the local restaurants and other attractions.

The "Explore Centre County" driving map and online Historical and Cultural Resources Map are companion pieces that support your adventures. The online map is an interactive tool for visitors from near and far to discover Centre County's rich heritage. Divided into the County's seven Planning Regions, both maps provide a way for visitors to quickly access information to publicly available historic and cultural sites. The driving map can be picked up at the Centre Furnace Mansion or Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center. The online interactive map can be found online at www.centrehistory.org/centre-county-historical-resources-map.

What you need to know:

- Centre County Explorers Passports are available free of charge at the Centre Furnace Mansion or the Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center.

- When planning your visits, please remember to check ahead directly by visiting the websites or calling individual sites for hours, admission fees and group reservation information. Some sites close during the winter months or have reduced days and hours. Please see the Around the County section of this newsletter on page 11 for opening dates for some of our local sites.

- When you visit a site, simply make a note of the date and time in your booklet. When you have visited all of the sites in the Passport, be sure to stop by and let us know so that you may receive special recognition for your efforts!

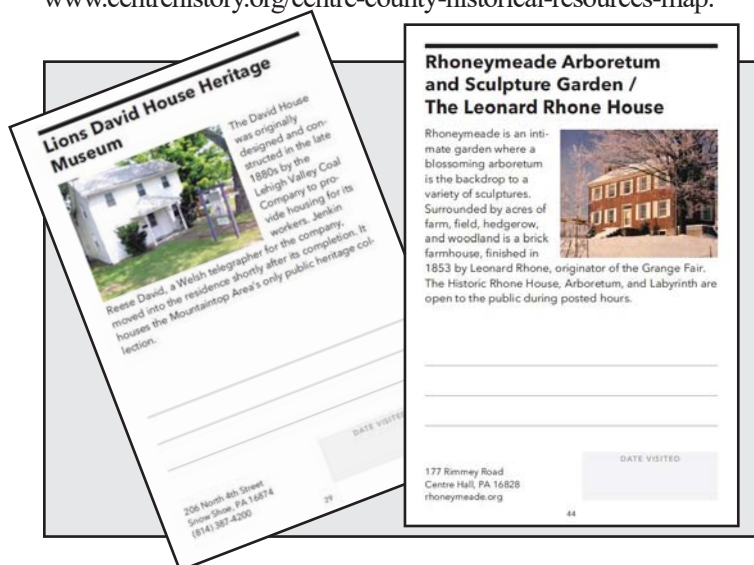
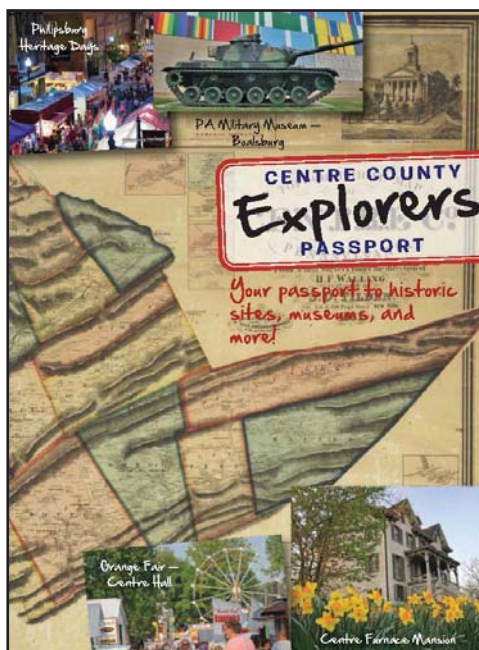
We invite participants to share their own photographs of their visits enjoying Centre County historical and cultural sites

in their adventures around the County. Share photographs, stories, favorite memories with us at:

- Website: CentreHistory.org/explore
- Facebook: facebook.com/centrefurnace
- Twitter: @CentreHistory
- Instagram: @centre.county.history

Remember to add #ExploreCentreCounty to your social media posts so that we can follow your journey!

All of these resources are available on our website and easily accessed at www.centrehistory.org/explore.



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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 *.

SUN/WED/FRI Now-April 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Exhibition: *Lafayette's Tour of America: Interpreted in Historical Staffordshire Transferware*, @ the Centre Furnace Mansion in the Mansion's display cases. Curated by James Farr

SUN/WED/FRI Now-April 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.: Exhibition: *Rural Pennsylvania in Art* by the Farmland Preservation Artists being planned for throughout the Mansion's first floor.

SUN March 31, 2:00 p.m.:

History Talk: *Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania, 1770-1830* by Peter Gilmore, Henszey-Pyle Distinguished Author Series

April 28 2019 - March 29, 2020:

Exhibition: *Up, Up and Away: Sherm Lutz and the State College Air Depot* - featuring the Centre County Historical Society's Sherman Lutz Collection to tell the story of Lutz's impact on Centre County Aviation.

May 5 - August 18, 2018:

The Magic Mirror: Art of the Daguerreotype and Cameras of the 19th Century

This exhibition will interpret the timeline and process of daguerreotype photography and early photography equipment.

TUE May 7, 8:00 a.m. - WED May 8, 8:00 p.m.:

Centre Gives online giving sponsored by the Centre Foundation. Donate at CentreGives.org.

SAT May 11, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.:

Plant Celebration and Garden Sale at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

SAT June 8, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.:

Old House Fair on the Road - Window Restoration Workshop. \$50.00/person, registration required, See page 5 for details.

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



The Historian of Waddle

When it came to writing history, the British historian and BBC presenter Francesca Beauman maintained that “the greatest of all crimes is dullness.” So when it was time to write her dissertation at Cambridge, she decided that a quirky topic was the key to compelling history. “Hence, pineapples, the subject of my first book.”

What Beauman did for the pineapple, Erin Fitzgerald is doing for Waddle, a blink-and-you'll-miss-it community located along Buffalo Run Road in Centre County. Fitzgerald has lived most of her life in Waddle, but she didn't know much about it. Apparently, almost nobody did. Its Wikipedia entry is one-sentence long. The PA Home Town Locator website notes only that Waddle is “a populated place within the Township of Patton.”

So Fitzgerald went to work. She explored the archives at the Pennsylvania Room and the Centre County Historical Society. She pored over old maps and compared them with satellite images from Google Earth. She knocked on the doors of people who live in Waddle's older homes. Some of them were direct descendants of Waddle's founding father, P.B. Waddle, a grandson of Philip Benner. They had stories to tell and old photographs to share. It turns out that there WAS information about Waddle. “But most of it was scattered and not compiled in one place,” Fitzgerald said. “I wanted to do that while people were still around to give testimonials.”

The result of her research—conducted over a two-year period—is a website that documents Waddle's rich past in text, photographs, and maps. Like the best historians, Fitzgerald writes a compelling narrative inspired by her own curiosity. She convincingly creates a world that is now gone, the era of Waddle's “glory days” when it was a bustling hub along the railroad line that connected State College and Bellefonte. She adds quirky details that tug history-lovers into the past. There's the “House with the Hollow Sign,” for example. And the mystery of Andy McNitt who “boarded a train to Philadelphia and was never heard from or seen again.”

But here's the most remarkable part about the historian of Waddle. She's only 17-years old.

“I really enjoyed doing this,” Fitzgerald said. “And there's the added benefit that history won't be lost from one generation to the next.”

Fitzgerald plans to study forensic anthropology in college. Her inquisitive nature and her ability to put some flesh on the bones of history will serve her well in that field.

Meanwhile, her website continues to expand. Since she first published it, others have contacted her to provide their own memories of growing up in Waddle or to share additional photographs. A “Then and Now” section, for example, shows turkey runs on a site now occupied by an ice hockey rink. And Fitzgerald invites comments, questions, or additional contributions. See for yourself at: <https://efitzgerald.wixsite.com/waddlepennsylvania>.

Erin Fitzgerald's website is an affectionate living history of her hometown. And at the age of 17, she may well be the world's authority on Waddle, PA.



Photo of Waddle from Erin's website.

~ Katie O'Toole

Programs and Exhibitions

Up, Up and Away:

Sherm Lutz and the State College Air Depot

April 28, 2019 – March 29, 2020

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



*Ford Trimotor at the State College Air Depot in Boalsburg, 1935.
Note the old Boalsburg pine tree in the background.*

Exhibition Reception

Sunday, May 28 @ 2:00-4:00 p.m.

It's the early 1930's. Automobiles and airplanes are in their youth, and Centre County native, Sherman "Sherm" Lutz is teaching, flying charters, racing, stunt flying, and barnstorming Centre County into the history of aviation. Join us with the exhibition committee for an outdoor spring reception with light refreshments and learn more about the timeline and tales of aviation in our own back yard.

Please help us fund conservation efforts for the Sherman Lutz Collection and exhibition with your donation in any amount directed to the Sherman Lutz Collection. While interns and volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours of time to process this collection, funding for conservation housing and digitization is still needed. Here are some examples of conservation costs:

- \$50.00 - Buys archival boxes, sleeves and labels for 300 negatives (there are over 4000 negatives!).
- \$200.00 - Will digitize and cover conservation and shipping costs for one film reel. There are 21 reels in the collection altogether and we need funding for 16.
- \$50.00 - Purchases one specialty archival box for a camera, air meet trophy or other object. We need 10 for this collection.

The Centre County Historical Society is grateful for continued grant support through:



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Mansion Exhibition Series

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

"LaFayette's Tour of America: Interpreted in Historical Staffordshire Transferware is coming to a close on April 14 when the exhibition closes. Thank you to Jim Farr for his work on this wonderful display. Coming up:

The Magic Mirror: Art of the Daguerreotype and Cameras of the 19th Century

May 5 - August 18, 2019

Featuring artifacts from CCHS and private collectors, this exhibition looks at timeline and process of daguerreotype photography and early photography equipment.

Louie-Jacques-Mande-Daguerre introduced the daguerreotype process in 1839, a process that was widely used from the 1840s until the late 1850s in the U.S. Each daguerreotype image was one-of-a-kind, there was no negative. Each one remains an individual artifact and unique as a painting. After 1860 the process was quickly replaced by the ambrotype, tintype and paper negative.

Thank you to Ann and George Moellenbrock and Cody Goddard for their work in developing this exhibi-

Henszey-Pyle Distinguished Author Series

Sunday, March 31 @ 2:00 p.m.

Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania, 1770-1830 by author, Peter Gilmore.

Dr. Peter Gilmore will speak to themes developed in his newly published book by the same name. Many Irish immigrants shared a vision of a renewed Ireland in which their Presbyterianism could flourish. In the process they created the foundations for Pennsylvanian Presbyterian churches.

Peter Gilmore is an adjunct lecturer in history at Carlow University, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Pittsburgh. His scholarly interests include the intersections of religion, ethnicity, and class in the region and the Atlantic World.

A limited number of the books are available for purchase at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

Thank you to local author Russell Frank for sharing stories from his book, *Among the Woo People: A Survival Guide for Living in a College Town*. The audience had a good laugh at some of his stories of living and working in State College.



The Henszey-Pyle Distinguished Author Series is underwritten by the Anne Hamilton Henszey-Pyle and Kenneth B. Pyle Educational Fund for Regional Heritage Preservation. The programs are free and open to the public.

Old House Fair on the Road

Saturday, June 8 @ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Window Restoration Workshop by Kenneth Nuttle at the Centre Furnace Mansion, State College

The *Old House Fair on the Road* will kick off at the Centre Furnace Mansion on June 8 with a day-long, hands-on workshop by Kenneth Nuttle who has been a professional woodworker for over thirty years. He owns and operates Kenneth Nuttle Historic Preservation in Williamsport. Kenneth worked for Colonial Williamsburg as a historic cabinetmaker and joiner and also served as Professor of Preservation Carpentry at the American College of the Building Arts in Charleston, South Carolina. Among his many projects are the restoration of the Old Senate Chamber at the Maryland State House, window restoration at the Hampton Plantation in McClellanville, South Carolina and the reproduction of doors and windows for the George Wythe House in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Kenneth will demonstrate, from start to finish, how to approach window restoration from removal of the window itself, removal of paint and putty with steam, how to remove the glass from old sashes, clean them up and make necessary repairs and finally reassemble and reinstall them to create a renewed original window that will stand the test of time.

The workshop cost is \$50.00 per person and registration will soon be online at www.centrehistory.org/ohf.

Sunday, July 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

Old House Research in Centre County: An Illustrated Walk-Through by Philip Ruth at the Match Factory in Bellefonte

Drawing on 30+ years of researching historic properties in the Mid-Atlantic region, historian Philip Ruth will demonstrate his process of piecing together a property history, using a mid-nineteenth-century Bellefonte house as an example.

Philip is the Director of Research at Cultural Historic Services Resources, Inc.

Sunday, September 22 @ 2:00 p.m.

Restoration of the Leonard Rhone House, by James Leshner, at Rhoneymeade Arboretum in Centre Hall

James will provide a detailed overview of the restoration that has been done and continues at the Leonard Rhone House, including the history of Rhoneymeade.

James Leshner is the Executive Director at Rhoneymeade.



Leonard Rhone House at Rhoneymeade.
www.rhoneymeade.org

24th Annual Plant Celebration

Saturday, May 11

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

Mark your gardening calendars for the 24th annual Centre Furnace Mansion Plant Celebration! We are looking forward to welcoming spring once again with plant and garden offerings from the Centre Furnace Mansion gardens and several local and regional growers. This sale features both native and non-native heirloom herbs, annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs. The CFM Gardeners will have special garden related items for Mother's Day giving. Lunch savories and sweets will be for sale by Eden View Organics. We are also planning a tag sale including antiques, books and more. Keep an eye on our website, CentreHistory.org or Facebook page for updates and a list of the 2019 vendors as they are confirmed.



Sampler Documentation Days

CCHS held its first successful sampler documentation event at the Centre Furnace Mansion in collaboration with the Sampler Archive Project. At this event, we documented and photographed 42 pre-1900 American needlework samplers that will be processed and added to the Sampler Archive. For more information and updates, see our web page: CentreHistory.org/sampler-documentation-days. We will add a direct link to the samplers when this work is completed. There are many to thank for this effort including Lynne Anderson, Director of the Sampler Archive for her guidance. Special thanks to photographers Keith Shapiro and Fredric Weber whose professional contribution is integral to the documentation of the samplers. Many thanks to committee members Diane Farr, Ann Barton, Pam Calkins, Judy Heberling, Beverly Lipski, and Ann Moellenbrock and Johanna Sedgwick. And for assisting with the event: Elizabeth Dutton, Katie Frieden, Claire Gray, Carol Gouty, Cathy Horner, Michael Husband, Paul McMonigle, Dick Pencek, Paul Scanlon, Dolores Simpson-Rose.



Volunteers documenting a sampler dated 1807.

Gardeners Corner

Fortunately, it's time to think about gardening again at the Centre Furnace Mansion, and no one is more eager than we are to retire our ice cleats, clumsy boots, anti-skid, and ice melt pellets! Snowdrops and Winter Aconite are in full force and will soon be joined by other spring ephemerals to thaw our spirits and remind us that garden season is nearly here.



Garden Thursdays will be starting soon! Gardening day is on Thursday afternoons, weather permitting, from 2:00 p.m. until about 5:00 p.m. To be added to the email list for reminders and gardening news, email CFM Garden Coordinator, Beverly Lipski at blipski@psu.edu.

Donation Request: We are asking for donations of interesting containers – like old baking or jello molds, or interesting baskets that can be used for creative planters at the Plant Celebration. If you have containers like this, they can be dropped off on the side porch at the Mansion.

Garden Program: Beverly Lipski will be presenting her presentation on the history of Victorian garden design and favored plants including examples from the Centre Furnace Mansion.

We are soon expecting dozens of Penn State students from the Homecoming Committee, The Bridge Initiative, BKind, and Circle K who are generously coming to help us pick up sticks and clean up gardens. We are thankful for their annual hard work and for our Gardeners for leading their efforts.



Thank you to the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners for their dedication, time and donations of supplies year-round. The nine gardens at the Mansion and the beautiful holiday decorations that are created would not be possible without you.

Docent Corner



Bob Hazelton points out the remains of the PA Furnace stacks and explains the layout of the furnace to the CCHS docents.

Local elementary students visit the Centre Furnace Mansion each Spring. They come here to answer the questions: Why was Centre Furnace important? How is your life different or the same as the Thompson family? What is the connection of Centre Furnace to Penn State?

While the students are focusing on what was happening here in Centre County, our docents are starting to ask their own questions: what was happening in other areas of Centre County? What were the industries in neighboring counties that affected Centre County?

As continuing education for our docents and volunteers, we will be visiting the following in the Spring and Summer of 2019: Rock Hill School, Boalsburg Heritage Museum, and the Kishacoquillas Valley Historical Society. Other locations are being planned for Fall.

In January and February, docent Lynn Royse took CCHS on the road to the 2nd grade classrooms at Radio Park Elementary. She shared artifacts from Centre Furnace Mansion connected to the 2nd grade “Then and Now” social studies unit. Lynn is a retired 5th grade teacher from Radio Park.



Photo shared on Radio Park Elementary School's Facebook page.

If you are interested in finding out more about docent or volunteer roles at CCHS, please give us a call or email Mary at msorensen@centrefurnace.org.

2019 Docent/Volunteer Meeting Schedule

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

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

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

Collections Corner

By Betsy Taylor

Occasionally a visitor to the Centre Furnace Mansion will inquire as to how we keep our silver so shiny or question just how often that we wash the windows, etc. So, at this time of year, when we try to play catch up with household chores, my answer would be “we get by with a lot of help from our friends!” Here, are a few of our secrets!

Silver Polishing: We have been revisiting our schedules lately, cutting back on the frequency of our polishing, realizing that most museums do not polish their silver with great regularity. A PBS presentation a few years ago focused on the silver at Buckingham Palace and stated it took their crew one year to polish each of their pieces! And, then they begin the process all over again! Our silver is polished primarily on an as needed basis, and polish very sparingly, dipping the tip of a cotton ball into the polish and gently rubbing the silver item, then buffing it with a soft cloth. For a hard to reach corner, or a fancy edging, a Q-Tip can gently be used again, with a light touch of polish. Heavy polishing, as well as frequent polishing, risks the danger of removing the actual silver, so remember the old adage that “less is best”!



Linens: Many of our chests and tables have a fancy runner or circular doily on them. Like so many antique linens, these can yellow with age, and often acquire hard-to-remove spots as well. While I am not always successful, I have had good luck soaking many old linens in a mild solution of warm, not hot, water with liquid Ivory Soap, a small amount of Cascade dish washing soap, and a little lemon juice. I do not measure the exact amounts, but stay on the “safe side,” knowing that I can always repeat the process if needed. Mix the solution and soak the items in the solution for several hours. Rinse well, again in warm, not hot, water and preferably dry in the sun. More valuable or historic articles can be taken to a conservator.

Silk Flowers: Some of our arrangements have been wonderful gifts, others done by volunteers, but all are made of silk or silk-like fabrics. So, once a year we give the bouquets a light spraying of tepid water, a good shake over the sink, and a soft cloth to pat away any remaining water, and the bouquets are “fresh as a daisy.”

Windows and Chandeliers: We are blessed in October each year with volunteers through the Centre County United Way’s Day of Caring, assisting with the upkeep of both the Centre Furnace Mansion, and the Boogersburg School, both properties of the Centre County Historical Society. With the extra help we find that this a perfect time to wash both the windows and beautiful chandeliers

at the Mansion! After the windowsills and frames have been carefully brushed with a soft and



soft paintbrush, we use spray bottles filled with a mixture of water and white vinegar, just as generations did before us, as a safe solvent for washing the windows. We do not, however spray directly on the window, but prefer to spray the solution on a piece of paper towel or soft cloth, wipe the windows clean with the cloth and then pat dry with another clean towel. As for the chandeliers, we remove the prisms and use the spray solution on paper towels, and wipe the prisms. Then wipe the chandelier itself with a paper towel with the solution and then rehang the prisms.

Fireplaces: Again, a cautionary remark! If your brass andirons are antique, limit the polish applications to once a year. In my household, a visit from my mother was the time to polish the brass! Take the time to remove everything from the fireplace interior and give it a good sweep. As for the polishing, I prefer Brasso for a good shine...and lots of elbow grease!

Thompson Reunion



In 1989, descendants of ironmaster Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson held their first reunion at the Centre Furnace Mansion 6 years after opening to the public. 30 years later, another large Thompson family reunion is being planned Saturday, July 20 at the Centre Furnace Mansion. Are you a Thompson descendant? For more information, contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779

Collecting Centre County

When the Centre County Historical Society received the Centre Furnace Mansion in 1978 from David Garver, it began accepting gifts for the collection to meet the needs of its archives, library and a new historic house museum. As the urgent restoration and repair needs of the Mansion were being addressed in the 1980's, attention also turned to the landscape. Plant collecting then began and has expanded to over 200 varieties of perennials, bulbs, shrubs and trees representative of the 19th century in its living collection. The 2004 gift of the Boogersburg School, generously given to CCHS by Robert Struble and Susan Crary with collections intact, led the way to yet another focus of incoming gifts.

Through the generosity of donors, the Society now has over 25,000 objects, documents, photos, negatives, slides, books, and articles that span three centuries of Centre County history. Some donations are offered to CCHS because of the stories that uniquely tie them to the history of the County, or provide insights into Victorian material culture or one room schools. Others are offered by way of downsizing or planned giving.

Processing collections – preparing deed of gift paperwork, documenting, cataloging, labeling, indexing, scanning, and re-housing artifacts is a costly and time-intensive labor of love. We could not accomplish what we do without the work of several dedicated long term and experienced volunteer colleagues. We are also gratefully supported by an ongoing infusion of enthusiastic and able student interns and volunteers.



Photo of Judy with caption: Left: Judy Heberling Director of Museum Services and Senior Historian, Heberling Associates, Inc. volunteers weekly both indoors with collections management, and in the gardens. Right: Rachel Corp, new collections volunteer.

Our long time weekly stewards of the CCHS collections include: Judy Heberling, Monty Christiansen, Vinnie Scanlon, Betsy Taylor, Judy Speedy, Pam Calkins, and Beverly Lipski. Paul McMonigle has stayed beyond his Fall Semester Syracuse University internship to continue working with the Sherman Lutz Collection this spring.

Terry Schiavone has been working with us before his Summer internship. Among recent volunteers are students who have been helping with collections: Rachel Corp, Maddie Sherbondy, Joy Liu, Aaron Ginsburg, Ali Ayub, and Joshua Lustig. Sue Kellerman and her team at the new Penn State Conservation Center have leaned in with professional assistance.



On Monday, January 21, we welcomed Penn State students for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. These students helped inventory the CCHS library so that we can keep our database up to date.

Each of these volunteer colleagues has contributed their time, talents, and expertise to researching, maintaining, and showcasing the rich history of Centre County through the lens of collections.

If you are considering donating any items to the library or museum please contact us before visiting or



Johanna was assessing the textile storage and determining housing and labeling needs while choosing articles to put on temporary display throughout the Mansion.

sending any material to the Society. Our collections management policy guides our decisions so that we remain true to our mission and collect responsibly and in a way that helps us tell our collective story. Unfortunately, we cannot accept everything. Limited storage space, duplication of objects, historical relevance and condition of a donation affect the decision to accept it.

Donations to fund archival boxes, sleeves, and folders and artifacts in need of conservation are always needed and welcome. For more information about donating to the CCHS collections, please contact Mary Sorensen, executive director, by email at msorensen@centrefuranc.org or call at 814-234-4779.

Recent Acquisitions

January 2018 - March 2019

2018.01 Black and white photograph printed on a postcard, "Red Cross Bandage [sic] Rolling W.W.I."

Gift of Joyce Christini

2018.02 Shadow box miniature room called "Victorian Grandmother," made by Narcissa Niblack Thorne of Chicago

Gift of Elizabeth Turner Taylor

2018.03 Two black and white glossy photographs of the Electric Diner, State College, PA

Gift of Megan Orient

2018.04 Booklet Souvenir of the Centre County Centennial 1800-1900.

Gift of William Lyon Gray

2018.05 Handwritten invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Evan Miles'; Inventory and Appraisal for the Estate of Evan Miles. Dated July 16, 1908; Military History of Colonel Evan Miles, First U.S. Infantry; three copies of a black and white portrait photo of Colonel Evan Miles, U.S.A.; typescript carbon copy *Military History of Colonel Evan Miles U.S. Army to date of retirement from active service*; typescript carbon copy, *Military History of Colonel Evan Miles U.S. Army, Brigadier General, Notes*; two copies of *In Memoriam Evan Miles, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired* [died May 24, 1908]; handwritten list of objects to be given to the Valentines of Bellefonte, PA, by Rebecca Miles.

Gift of Brent Eighme

2018.06 Hardbound book *Poems* by Susan L. Harlacher of Halfmoon Valley, Pennsylvania.

Gift of Sharon Marshall Dell

IN MARCH

The mountains rimmed round Half Moon hills
In deeper shadows lie,
While the lazy rays of setting sun
Light up the western sky.

The glory of the promised spring
Comes wafted on the air,
And ice and snow reflect the light
That skies shed everywhere.

While the pale crescent new moon hangs,
A dim light o'er the trees,
'Neath clouds, that seem like smoke to rise,
Borne on the evening breeze.

*From Poems by Susan L. Harlacher of
Halfmoon Valley*

2018.08 Trade card and political advertising card, "Compliments of Bee Hive One-Price Store, Bellefonte, PA.,"

Gift of Adams County Historical Society

2018.09 Small daguerreotype of Juliann Irvin (d. 1856), wife of General James Irvin.

Gift of Anne Hamilton Henszey-Pyle



2018.10 Photographic postcard of Anne Thompson Hamilton Henszey with her mother Elizabeth Thompson Hamilton, who is holding Anne's first child, John Hamilton Henszey (b. 1907); man's black wooden walking stick belonged to John Hamilton, State College; hardbound books, "Aesop's Fables," 1888., "Jo's Boys," by Louisa May Alcott, 1892; hand drawn "Map of the Seven Mountain District and Upper Stone Valley" by Conrad.

Gift of Benjamin Henszey

2018.11 Printed copy of *Life in Downtown State College*, by Helen Breon Volz.

Gift of Joan Brower

2018.12 Linen sampler worked by Leah Rees from Bellefonte.

2018.13 Cloth bound book, *Industries and Institutions of Centre County, with Historical Sketches of Principal Villages, etc., etc*; paperback book, *Penn's Grandest Cavern: The History, Legends and Description of Penn's Cave In Centre County, Pennsylvania*, compiled by Henry W. Shoemaker, Litt.D.

Gift of Luzerne County Historical Society

2018.14 Three 19th century frames with convex bubble glass.

Gift of Vicki Spadaccio

2019.04 Original artist's framed hand-watercolored proof print, "Centre Furnace Mansion with Bunting."

Gift of Thomas L. Smith

2019.05 Original deed from Miles Township dated 1791; original deed from Brush Valley, Haines Township, dated 1789; original warrant from Governor David R. Porter, assigning H. N. McAllister as the Manager of the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company.

Gift of Brent Eighme

Gifts to the CCHS library: Written by Cordes W. Chambers III and representative of the Mountaintop Region -

Manuscript of *General James Sanks Brisbin* (electronic); document about Rockview State Penitentiary (electronic); *The Clarence Honor Roll* (electronic); *The Mountaintop Volume 1* (electronic); *The Mountaintop Volumes 2-7* (hard copies).



Membership

With such disconcerting daily news offerings focused on the worries of our world, it is good, perhaps critical, to have places to rejuvenate and focus on our interests and the beauty of our natural and historic resources in our own back yard. Places like the Centre Furnace Mansion remind us of our 19th century past, telling the stories of an intriguing time without constant connection to the internet on our myriad devices.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our members, we continue to enjoy the Iron Master's home that now houses the Centre County Historical Society. Your membership in the CCHS also makes possible the preservation of the Boogersburg one-room schoolhouse, and countless other explorations of our shared history and heritage – places that help us “get away” without even having to leave Centre County.

As we prepare this spring to host hundreds of elementary age students, install an exhibition about Centre County's aviation pioneer, launch the Centre County Passport program and continue to schedule an engaging series of programs and events, we invite you to reconnect with the past and help preserve the beauty of the present through your membership. Your support means everything.

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 out books from the CCHS research library
- Mansion Notes Newsletter
- Notification by mail or email of upcoming programs

Can't remember if you renewed? Check the outside of this newsletter – your membership expiration date will be noted on the lower right-hand corner. No date? It's time to become a member!

A remittance envelope is included for your convenience. You are also welcome to join or renew on our website at centrehistory.org by going to the “Become a Member” section. The annual membership period is January through December.



SAVE THE DATE! Together on May 7th & 8th we can make a difference! Your gift of \$25.00 or more helps the Centre County Historical Society compete for a larger share of the \$200,000 stretch pool provided by the Centre Foundation and Hamer Foundation as well as qualify for additional prize money!

There are many items on the daily to-do list to make the Centre Furnace Mansion, the Boogersburg School and the activities at these sites and beyond available to the public. Your donations help us to accomplish these mission goals.

Follow CCHS and the Centre Foundation on Facebook during Centre Gives to find out how you can help us earn additional prize money!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to CCHS via Centre Gives. It is an amazing opportunity to have your donation dollars go even further. We hope you will consider support of CCHS this coming May 7-8. Details will follow by postcard and email!

An open house at the Centre Furnace Mansion will be held on **Tuesday, May 7 @ 2:00-6:00 p.m.** Assistance with online giving, Mansion tours, refreshments and fragrant spring flowers in the gardens will be abundant.

As we move ever mindfully into the digital age, with consideration for paper waste and cost, more of our communications will be through e-mail communication.

If you are not currently receiving our e-letter and would like to, please contact Johanna Sedgwick at jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org or 814-234-4779. Or simply go to our website or facebook page to sign up directly.



Jacqueline J. Melander Society



The first gathering of the Jacqueline J. Melander Society held on December 16.

The Jacqueline J. Melander Society is a CCHS planned giving society that was formed to recognize individuals who have chosen to leave a legacy to the Centre County Historical Society in honor of Jackie Melander, the driving force behind the preservation and restoration of the Centre Furnace Mansion. Thank you to the inaugural members of the Melander Society: Jeffrey Bower, Katie O'Toole, Gary Gray, Bob and Jan Hazelton, Dick Pencek, Deborah Raykovitz, Steve and Carol Gentry. If you have already designated CCHS in your will, please let us know. You have already demonstrated your commitment to preserve our past for future generations through your planned giving.

Board News:

The Centre County Historical Society is grateful to outgoing Board members for their dedicated service on the Board of Governors:

- Steven Gentry, 2005
- Carol Gentry, 2009
- Allen Baney, 2010
- James Miles, 2016 Treasurer



We also thank Steve and Carol Gentry for continuing on the Docent Committee at the Centre Furnace Mansion and being an ambassador for CCHS in so many ways.

In 2019 we welcome new members of our Board:

- Edgar Farmer
- Stacie Chandler
- Shannon Wright



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Please visit the organization's website for complete details.

Judaica Cultural Objects and Modern Art by Jewish Artists

April 5 - May 26, Fri-Sun 12:00-4:30 p.m.
@ Bellefonte Art Museum
bellefontemuseum.org

Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series

with Rachel Copeland, soprano and Svetlana Rodionova, piano. Presented by the Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association.
Sunday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.
@ Trinity United Methodist Church, Bellefonte.
bellefontearts.org

Boal Mansion, Piano Recital Series

featuring Amy E. Gustafson
Sunday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.
Tickets are available at BoalMuseum.com

Hey! There's Science in My Ice Cream! - Blue & White Open House & Ice Cream Social.

Sunday, April 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
@ Pasto Agricultural Museum
agsci.psu.edu/pasto

American Revolution Round Table Speaker Series

Sunday, April 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
@ Pennsylvania Military Museum
pamilmuseum.org

Genealogy Coaching

Saturday, April 20 & October 19, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
@ Centre County Library & Historical Museum - Pennsylvania Room
centrecountylibrary.org

How to Climb Your Family Tree

Saturday, May 4
@ Foxdale Village Community Room
Registration required, email education@centrecountygenealogy.org
centrecountygenealogy.org

Lemont Village Association Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
@ Lemont Village Green
lemontvillage.org

Our friends will soon be opening their doors for the 2019 season. Keep an eye out for opening dates and new exhibits!

Boalsburg Heritage Museum

Tours May - December. Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum

Tours May 1 - October 31, Tuesday - Sunday, 1:30-5:00 p.m.
BoalMuseum.com

Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks

Tours June - October. Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
curtinvillage.com

Lions David House Heritage Museum

April through November. Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 p.m. & Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
david-house-museum.org

Pasto Agricultural Museum

Mid March - Mid December, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
agsci.psu.edu/pasto

Penns Valley Area Historical Museum

Re-Opening May 4. Saturdays 1:00-4:00 p.m. through October.
pennsvalleymuseum.org



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Your membership and gifts support all aspects of the Centre County Historical Society's operations in our mission to "help people understand, experience, appreciate and preserve Centre County's cultural and natural heritage." Membership benefits include: *Mansion Notes* - the Society's quarterly newsletter; advance notice of programs; discounted special event admission rates, and a 10% discount on all CCHS publications. The 10% discount applies online as well with code MEMBERS10.

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.

You may also join or donate online at www.centrehistory.org.

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal

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