

Keeping Scotia History Alive

By Bob Hazelton

There is a significant part of our local history that has been hidden in the woods at Scotia. In recent years it has slowly been uncovered and explored. On August 1 of this past summer, we had a big leap forward in revealing more of the history of Scotia. It was “Stewardship Day” at the local office of Baker Tilly. Baker Tilly is a world-wide advisory, tax and assurance firm with an annual event where they close the office and volunteer in the community for a day. They had contacted ClearWater Conservancy who in turn asked if I had a suitable project. That was an easy answer.

A few of us have worked at Scotia over the years and developed a wish list. The projects on this list were sizable and put off and onto the “maybe someday” list. So with Bryce Boyer, John Leslie and me plus 19 Baker Tilly volunteers, we tackled the list. We met at one of the pavilion tables at Circleville Park at 9 in the morning and after giving a brief history including sharing historic photos, we car pooled to a small parking lot along Range Road. After unloading our tools, we walked a short distance to the site where the 1890’s era ore washer had been. The ore washer solved a major problem of iron ore embedded in clay at Scotia and many other area sites. It consisted of a trough set at an angle with 20 foot long logs with paddies attached. The embedded iron ore along with a constant flow of water and rotating the logs, pushed the washed ore out the top of the trough. The remains of the three-story high ore washer building was where we started cutting the brush. We had cleared the site nine years ago

but not as thoroughly as the Baker Tilly group did.

When done, there was a 20 by 50-foot area that had been cleared and raked. In that area three of the cement slabs were exposed that were part of the massive base supports for the actual ore washer logs. In front of that was the foundation, which we theorized, was the wheel house for the cable drums that pulled the ore cars up the incline to the top of the three-story washer. Inspired by all that was accomplished by the Baker Tilly group, we have since discovered a portion of the wheel pits and verified its use. Plus, we have cleared all the brush between the site and Range Road. It’s now impossible to drive by and not notice the site.



Exposed concrete pad that held the frame for the massive rotating logs of the ore washer of the 1890s. Site work completed with Special Use Permit.



Baker Tilly Stewardship Day at Scotia

In the afternoon of the Baker Tilly volunteer visit, we moved to the WWII ore washer site and its massive concrete remains. The task was to clear the brush from between the receiving hopper remains and that of the washer. It was the path of the conveyor that transported the ore to the washer and therefore had rows of concrete bases for the timbers that supported the conveyor. It reveals so much of the site including the concrete supports that were previously hidden in the brush.

Projects like these keep our history alive. You can help by joining, contributing, volunteering, or sponsoring. The Centre County Historical Society could use your help. Membership will get you involved and keep you informed of such projects. Site tours of the Scotia area can be arranged or you can be a part of the uncovering and exploring. Contact CCHS for more information at 814-234-4779 or email info@centrecountyhistory.org.



Wheel pit for one of the cable drums to pull ore cars up the incline three stories up and into the ore washer. Site work completed with Special Use Permit.

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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, which is 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 Boegersburg One-Room School House.

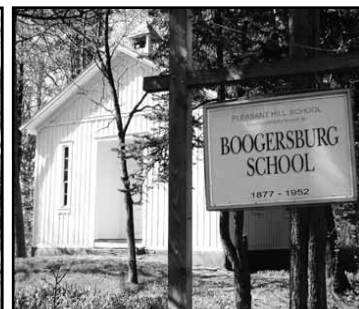
The Centre County Historical Society depends on financial contributions that help support our free public programs and educational opportunities for children, and provide necessary funds for the maintenance and operation of the Society's facilities and collections. Your membership and generosity are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

SUN/WED/FRI Through March 29, 2020

Exhibition: *Up, Up and Away: Sherm Lutz and the State College Air Depot*

SUN/WED/FRI Through January 26, 2020

Exhibition: *Clothing Buttons Past and Present*

SUN/WED/FRI Through January 26, 2020

Exhibition: *Riches to Rags: Henry William Stiegel and his Glass Manufactory*

MON November 11, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Veteran's Day Appreciation Open House



THU December 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Stocking Stuffer Preview Party. RSVP required.

FRI & SAT December 6 & 7, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and SUN December 8, noon - 4:00 p.m., Stocking Stuffer, A Magical Holiday Market

SUN December 15, 4:30 p.m.

Jacqueline J. Melander Society Reception

December 24, 2019 - January 2, 2020

CCHS / Centre Furnace Mansion closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

January 2 - 15, 2020

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

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



When Ann Hettmansperger heard the bad news, she did what people often do when a loved one gets a bad diagnosis. She sought a second opinion. From an arborist. That's because the "patient" was a majestic 250-year old bur oak and one of Lemont's oldest living beings.

Ann is the owner of the Gallery Shop in Lemont. Before the village existed, the tree took root on the gentle slope between what is now known as Spring Creek and Pike Street. The tree escaped the farmers' plows and the axes of loggers who timbered much of the surrounding area to feed the iron furnaces.

On the afternoon before the tree was scheduled to be taken down due to a fatal fungus, a small group of Lemont villagers gathered under the bur oak to photograph it and share stories. There was talk of how the tree might live on in the art of local woodworkers or as a structural timber. There were laments for the loss of shade that the tree's dense canopy has provided. And there was sadness over the departure of one of Centre County's "witness trees."

The concept of a witness tree dates back to early settlements in the American colonies. As surveyors marked out parcels of land, they would document the trees that grew at imagined corners of a plot as a way of marking boundaries. The trees became silent witnesses to the legal division of property.

Today, a witness tree is generally considered to be one that existed at key moments in history or that has simply lived through many eras of American life.

In 1987 the Centre County Historical Society chose a 275-year old white oak in Ferguson Township as a representative tree that was alive two centuries earlier when the U.S. Constitution was written. In his remarks at the recognition ceremony that day, Dr. Philip S. Klein, Penn State Professor Emeritus of History, noted that the tree was growing during William Penn's lifetime. He added:

"History is the memory of a society just as progress is its imagination of the future. Neither can exist safely without the other. This tree gives to us a sense of continuity, without which we cannot live."

Five years later, the CCHS published *The Notable Trees of Centre County* which documented some of the county's oldest, largest, and most historically significant trees, including the American sycamore at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

From the recent gathering under the Lemont bur oak to the passions ignited by the decision last summer to develop part of Pine Hall Forest in Ferguson Township, Centre Countians' appreciation for their trees is apparent. That's why the CCHS is planning a new edition of *Notable Trees*. Please contact us if you would like to nominate a Centre County witness tree for inclusion in the book based on the tree's age, size, or association with Centre County history.

Think of it as a Witness Protection Program for our oldest and beloved sentinels.

~ Katie O'Toole

Programs and Exhibitions

Central PA Civil War Round Table & CCHS Joint Meeting

Doug Riley as Mr. Mark Twain

Tuesday, December 17 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us as Mark Twain comes to life to tell us the story of his life! Mr. Twain served briefly for the Confederate Army in the Civil War.

"I was a soldier two weeks once in the beginning of the war, and was hunted like a rat the whole time. Familiar? My splendid Kipling himself hasn't a more burn't in, hard-baked and unforgettable familiarity with that death-on-the-pale-horse-with-hell-following-after which a raw soldier's first fortnight in the field—and which, without any doubt, is the most tremendous fortnight and the vividest he is ever going to see."



Years after the war Grant would begin a friendship with Twain, who would later publish the ex-president's memoirs. *The Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant* became a best seller in late 1885.

Mansion Exhibition Series

Sun/Wed/Fri @1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment
Through January 26, 2020

The Mansion Exhibition series is a rotating series of smaller temporary exhibitions on display in the Centre Furnace Mansion. We extend our warm gratitude to our summer/fall exhibitors, Ann and George Moellenbrock for their intriguing Daguerreotype display *Magic Mirrors*. And thank you to Cody Goddard for sharing his collection of early cameras in *The Evolution of the Camera*.

Riches to Rags: Henry William Stiegel and his Glass Manufactory

Henry William Stiegel emigrated from Cologne, Germany during pre-Revolutionary America and began work at Elizabeth Furnace near Berks County, PA. He eventually became an ironmaster and he purchased and renamed the furnace "Charming Forge." A highly successful glass making factory was then added.

Stiegel's glass work ranged from window panes to bottles and expanded to include clear and colored ornamental glass, often with hand painted designs and ornate etchings.

Stiegel's success unfortunately turned to financial ruin, and he spent several months in debtor's prison. Henry William Stiegel would be pleased to know that some of his work is now displayed in a number of museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Stiegel Glass" is difficult to positively attribute because the work was not signed. *Rags to Riches* features beautiful examples of Stiegel type glass from ornately hand painted bottles to glasses that were made for popular period



beverages including Flip, Shrub and Syllabub.

Thank you to Richard Pencek for his work in preparing this exhibition.



Clothing Buttons Past and Present

Some people collect buttons to enter competition. Others collect because of the history associated with certain buttons or because they are pretty. Collections can also be based on a theme or material that the buttons are made from and range from the 1700s to the present.



The buttons in this display are metal, ceramic, glass, pearl, vegetable ivory, rubber, and plastic, but there are many other materials to be found.

Thank you to Lynda DeBrasky, a CCHS and Pennsylvania State Button Society member, for sharing her collection.



Old House Fair on the Road Window Restoration Workshop Recap:



All photography by Keith Shapiro

Experts, including facilitator Ken Nuttle, agree that original windows not only contribute greatly to the appearance of historic houses. Properly maintained original windows have a virtually unlimited service life and can be just as energy efficient or more than new replacement windows.

Pane, parting bead, sash cord, weight, glazing putty, muntin, jamb, sill, and stile are just a few of the words we learned to understand as Ken introduced us to the language and techniques of maintaining old windows.

A long time professional woodworker and teacher, Ken brought a unique background to this training. He worked at Colonial Williamsburg as a historic cabinet-maker and joiner, served as a Professor of Preservation Carpentry at the American College of the Building Arts in Charleston, SC, and was part of the restoration effort for Old Senate Chamber of the Maryland State House.

Ken led a group of ambitious old house homeowners during a day-long and hands-on September workshop at the Centre Furnace Mansion. He explained two ap-



Paint removal after steaming

proaches for repair of old and historic windows: "restoring" a window to what it was like when it was new, or "preserving" it to retain some of the window's history of wear. Participants attended because they have old houses and windows that need repair. The workshop was offered to give a better understanding of the process to do the work themselves or better communicate with a contractor.

Using one of the Mansion's windows, we learned how to remove sashes from the window frame and how to replace them. Ken walked us through the process of how to build and use a simple steam box and he demonstrated how long to steam in order to soften glaze and paint and how much working time is needed once you remove the sash from the steam box.

Techniques were shared about the kinds of products and tools needed for paint removal and how best to use them to safely remove old paint and glazing putty from the window so that glass panes could be carefully removed and then reinstalled and glazed.

Video and photographs documenting the day along with a more complete overview will be available in January as a resource for owners of old houses and structures on the Old House Fair webpage at CentreHistory.org/OHF.



A Mansion window sash ready to be steamed.

We recognize and extend our gratitude to Jerry Sawyer Productions and Christopher Bagley and photographer Keith Shapiro for their work



Replacing a cord pulley



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

The Centre County Historical Society recently hosted its 31st Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Over almost three decades, the awards program has recognized 207 individuals and organizations for their outstanding work to preserve Centre County history.

If you missed the Awards Program, the CNET filming of the program is available on our website at: CentreHistory.org/historic-preservation-awards thanks to sponsorship from the Centre County Government. You will also find past year's programs and award nomination forms on the page. Congratulations 2019 Award Recipients!

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

Helen Alters: Helen has been actively preserving history for decades. Among her many community contributions are publications she has written or edited including *Picturesque Bellefonte: An Era of Changes* and *Benner Township: 150 Years of Families, Forging, Farming, Fishing and Flying, Centre County, Pennsylvania*.

Jimmy Brown: Jimmy serves as the vice president and secretary of Hampton's Battery F, a non-profit organization devoted to portraying the life of the common soldier in the Union Artillery during the Civil War. Along with doing historical re-enactments, Jimmy makes presentations to schools, churches and community groups.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Luther Gette: Luther is the curator of the Philipsburg Historical Foundation which operates a museum bulging with artifacts from Philipsburg's past. He is also a driving force behind decades of preservation and downtown revitalization efforts in Philipsburg.

PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

Laird Jones and Svitlana Budzhak-Jones: Laird and Svitlana have lovingly preserved and restored the Kocher House. It was designed by A. Lawrence Kocher who was one of the most prominent American architects of the early 20th century and a pioneering advocate of modern architecture.

SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERISM

Bryce Boyer: Bryce has been a volunteer on countless archaeological digs throughout Centre County, many focused on discovering and exploring old iron ore furnace sites. Through brush-clearing, weeding, and digging, he has made historical sites accessible to other Centre Countians.

THE JACQUELINE J. MELANDER AWARD

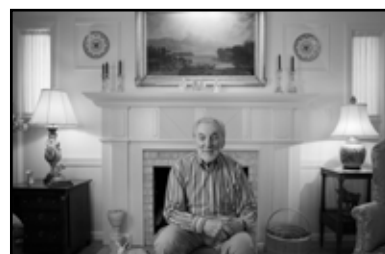
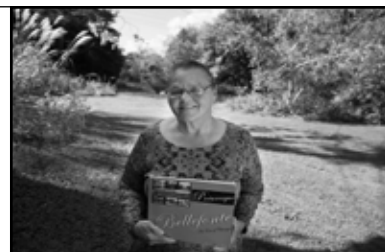
C. Thomas Horner: Tom was one of the early advocates of historic preservation in Centre County. His work on both the interiors and exteriors of many local landmark buildings have left a lasting legacy for future Centre Countians.

CCHS PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners: The mansion gardeners work year-round to design and maintain the landscaping and period gardens at the Centre Furnace Mansion. They also sponsor special programs that contribute to the society's outreach and fundraising goals.

We extend our gratitude to photographer Will Yurman for contributing portrait photography. And special thanks to the Centre County Government for CNet sponsorship to film the awards ceremony. This video will be on the CCHS website at CentreHistory.org/historic-preservation-awards when complete.

Thank you to Awards committee Katie O'Toole-chair, Bob Hazelton, Dick Pencek, Jackie Melander, and Ford Risley. A thank you to Elizabeth Dutton, Lee and Dee Stout, Fran Nufer, Katie Frieden, Stacie Chandler, Bob and Jan Hazelton, Betsy Taylor and Johanna Sedgwick for providing cookies and appetizers for the event. If you know of a project, organization or individual that you feel should be recognized, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org, call 814-234-4779 or visit CentreHistory.org/historic-preservation-awards to receive a nomination form.



17th Annual Stocking Stuffer

A Magical Holiday Market

Friday and Saturday, December 6 & 7, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Admission

Thank you to our Event Sponsors:

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Special note: It is with regret that last year's Town & Gown ad was placed in the current issue in error. Note the current dates and sponsors above.

Preview Party - Thursday, December 5, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Irresistible holiday savories and sweets generously donated by fine local restaurants, wineries and CCHS Bakers will be ready for guests of the Stocking Stuffer Preview Party. Live music will be provided by Holly Foy and Betsy Gamble, two members of Callanish Celtic Band.

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

Schedule of Events

Friday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stocking Stuffer sale
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Author Jodi Moore will be signing her children's books
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Meet the Author & Book Signing with Lee Stout & Harry West, *Lair of the Lion*
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet the Author & Book Signing with Cathy Horner, *The History of the Boalsburg Tavern*



Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Stocking Stuffer sale
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Author Jodi Moore will be signing her children's books
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Brazilian Munchies on site
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Spinning tops for children, wood turning demo with Ken Nuttle.
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Meet the Author & Book Signing with Bill Marcum, *The Foreman's Boys*, *The Story of Civilian Conservation Corps*, *Company 1333*, *Camp S-63*, *Poe Valley*
- 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Pet & Family photos on our decorated porch. Donations will benefit Centre County PAWS, Pets Come First, and Centre Wildlife Care.
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Spinning tops for children, wood turning demo with Ken Nuttle.



Sunday, December 8

- 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Stocking Stuffer sale
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Author Jodi Moore will be signing her children's books
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Meet the Author & Book Signing with Amy Greenberg, *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk*



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



Wheelbarrows of thanks to all who contributed to the 2019 PNC United Way Day of Caring at the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School! On this day, there were 141 organizational and CCHS volunteers between these sites that worked 611+ hours and contributed nearly \$2000 worth of supplies for the day.

To say this is a critical day for maintaining these historic sites is an understatement. We extend special thanks to Penn State OPP, Landscape for expanding our ability to do what we do on the Day of Caring, between much needed tree work, landscaping projects and contributions, we are grateful.

Many thanks to the CFM Gardeners. Their ongoing hours of planning, organizing and leadership make accomplishing a number of garden tasks on the Day of Caring possible. And thank you to Betsy Taylor for managing collections care and cleaning projects inside and to Dick Pencek for leading efforts in Jackie's Joinery. Johanna Sedgwick led a crew of 45 at Boogersburg, accomplishing a great amount of indoor and outdoor work there. Both the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School look splendid and more ready than ever for the next year of visitors!



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To all whose leadership, community spirit and contributions have made the day's activities productive and memorable:

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Membership

Your membership in the CCHS makes preservation possible for the Centre Furnace Mansion, Boogersburg School, and countless other explorations of our shared history and heritage – places that help us “get away” without even leaving Centre County.

As we 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 (*Don't forget to mention that you are a member when purchasing books in our Museum Store. If purchasing books through our website, enter MEMBERS10 at the checkout.*)
- Lending privileges that allow you to check out books from the CCHS research library
- Mansion Notes Newsletter
- Notification by mail, email and our website CentreHistory.org 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!

Join or renew on our website at centrehistory.org by going to the “Become a Member” section or simply call us at 814-234-4779. The annual membership period is January through December.



Recent Acquisitions

June - September 2019

2019.12 1820 Centre County Baptismal Certificate for Suzanna Zeigler, Haines Township.

Gift of Heather and Toby Gandy

2019.13 Potters Mills day book and unidentified ledger.

Gift of the St. Vincent DePaul Society



2019.14 Postcard of Train Robbers Baseball Club, Clarence, 1915.

Gift of David Doss

2019.15 Pamphlet for the Hunter's Run Methodist Church, homecoming and 109th Anniversary, 1965.

Gift of Mark Jones

2019.16 McCall's November Fashion Digest from Schlow's Quality Dress Shop, Simplicity November 1961 Fashion Preview from Schlow's Quality Dress Shop, paper bag from Schlow's State College, Pa.

Gift of the Clearfield County Historical Society

2019.17 23 Stereoscope cards and five puzzles from Gilbert Puzzle Parties.

Gift of Jane Sheeder

2019.18 Items pertaining to Sherm Lutz including: Beckley College group photo, Charles Lindberg photo from Lutz's office, article about Beckley College from the American Aviation Historical Society, and *Simple Aerodynamics* by Monteith & Carter.

Gift Hubert Smith

2019.19 Book: *Shuffling Feet; A Collegiate Anthology*, edited by Scott Geesey

Gift of Arthur and Judy Edell

2019.20 Unframed watercolor attributed to J. Allo-Ward, dated 1937

Gift of Paul Hochsreiter

2019.21 William Thompson typed document by Helen Sellers.

Gift of Gwenth E. Thompson

2019.22 Wooden toy having belonged to John Elliott Thompson.

Gift of Jan & Steve Livingston

2019.23 Nippon dresser set containing a tray with hair receiver, lidded cosmetic dish, hatpin holder and ring dish.

Gift of Linda Witmer

2019.24 Collection of books and ephemera related to the Boogersburg School.

Gift of Bob Struble



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Gardeners Corner

As we wind down the garden season at the Centre Furnace Mansion, we extend our great thanks to those who come week after week to lead an effort that makes the Mansion's period inspired gardens and houseplants beautiful and interesting. Thank you to Beverly Lipski, chair and to co-chairs Katie Frieden and Ella (our canine mascot) and to our "Thursday Regulars" and those who have routinely helped with other garden related activities this year: Marshall Garrett, Joyce Christini, Judy Heberling, Mike Husband, Jan Villastrigo, Carol Gouty, Chris Igo, Floyd Todd, Jo Merrell, Lou Mayer, Sharon Phillips, Fran Nufer, Carol Phillips, Suzann Tedsco, Mike Canich, Steve Wheeler, Mark Pishak, Michele Ebaugh.

We are grateful for your presence, your creative passions and your gifts of plants, bulbs, supplies, and good cheer!



Docents Corner

Our CCHS Docents do double duty as well, not only covering weekly public tour times, but handling school and other special tours and also contributing to the many other events and activities that are a part of our year. We thank you for your time and passion for teaching.

Thank you to Kathleen Edwards at the American Philatelic Society and Mike Andriaccio at the Reynolds Mansion Bed and Breakfast for sharing their time and knowledge with the docents from CCHS. These tours help our docents and volunteers connect the history and timeline of happenings from one community to another throughout Centre County. Thank you also to Linda Wallace for coordinating these trips!



2020 Docent/Volunteer Meeting
Friday, January 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prologue to the Constitution



Thank you to Dick Pencek for assembling a stunning collection of 18th Century artifacts to help tell the story of the 18th century Tavern, tea tradition and even writing with a quill pen. Special thanks to Kristine Bender for all of her work in helping to organize the day and to David Panko for his help in alerting the casual passerby to our tent!



Jacqueline J. Melander Society Reception

Sunday, December 15 @ 4:30 p.m.

The annual reception for members of the Jacqueline J. Melander Society will be held at the Centre Furnace Mansion on December 15 at 4:30 p.m. If you have designated the CCHS in your will, then you are a member, so please join us. The Melander Society was formed to recognize individuals who have chosen to leave a legacy for future generations in honor of Jackie Melander, who was the driving force behind the preservation and restoration of the Centre Furnace Mansion. If you value local history, you can make a lasting impact on our community by remembering the Centre County Historical Society in your will.

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

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

Music Under the Sycamore

Over 100 guests gathered under the historic sycamore tree in September for a late afternoon of perfect weather, good company and wonderful music provided by Pure Cane Sugar.

Thank you to refreshment donors Mt. Nittany Vineyard and Winery, Tait Farm Foods, Philly Pretzel Factory, Katie O'Toole and Ford Risley. And to David Panko, Ann Mollenbrock, Rick and Kimberly Humber, Lynn Royse, Linda Witmer, Deb Raykovitz, Paul McGonigle, and Bonnie Walter for helping to make this event a great success!



Remembering Friends



Lois Smith was a dedicated supporter of CCHS and was passionately involved with the Centre Furnace Mansion during its time of restoration in the 1980s. Lois served on the CCHS Board of Governors and then as an Emerita member of the Board. She was instrumental in helping launch the Docent Committee and was active in collections and

furnishings work. It was Lois's Christmas tree with hand made natural decorations that many may remember during the holidays at the Stocking Stuffer. Lois was 101 years old. We are grateful for her and the work she did during the Mansion's early years.



Davies Bahr was a lovely and long-time member that brought her energy each year to the Stocking Stuffer. The cookie table was one of her favorite volunteer roles during the event.

Henszey-Pyle Distinguished Author Series

Thank you to Dr. Amy Greenberg for her presentation on *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk* on October 13. Amy is the George Winfree Professor of History and Women's Studies at Penn State University and the President-elect of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.

A few copies of *Lady First: The World of First Lady Sarah Polk* are available for purchase at the Centre Furnace Mansion. You can watch her presentation given at the US National Archives based on her book at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKgMPLjYtSc>.

Join us Sunday, December 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for a meet the Author & Book Signing with Amy Greenberg.

Watch our website for the 2020 authors.

Thank you

We are thankful for the many things that people do every day to help out with CCHS. Whether through service, donated items, or providing program support. We thank the following for their contributions:

- **David Blauth** – Sherm Lutz Collection assistance and donation
- **Alan Popovich** and **Peter & Chris Sorensen** – assistance with removal and installation of the office air conditioner!
- **Chris Sorensen** – computer supplies and assistance with set up
- **Anne Messner** – archival supplies
- **Bob Haffner** – furniture repair
- **Dr. Franklin Chow** – tree peonies for the mansion gardens
- Antique donations for Stocking Stuffer Sale:
Diane McKinnon
Lisa Coggins
Joann Dornich
- **Robert Malcom** - Donation of office supplies

Wish List

Thank you for considering wish list items.

- New air conditioner and installation for exhibition building - \$800
- Tools - tools and toolbox, cordless drill, garden tools (gently used are fine!)
- Easels for displays
- iPad for Stocking Stuffer
- Curtains for Master Bedroom

For more information, contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call at 814-234-4779.



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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.

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