

The Pennsylvania Furnace, Past and Present

By Robert Hazelton

In western Ferguson Township, Johnson Road branches off of Whitehall Road and follows a tributary of Spruce Creek. It is not well traveled, but in the mid-1800's it was very busy. There are few buildings now, but detailed historical maps from that era show there were a dozen houses on the left and just as many on the high bank beyond the creek. Living in those houses were workers for the nearby iron furnace. But today only a few people knew where the furnace was located. And fewer knew there were two furnaces. However, there are remains that exist that have been buried in brush. But it is history and beckons to be saved. The effort to do so started a few years ago but began in earnest last December.

To appreciate what is being explored, we go back to 1813 with an iron furnace operation that took advantage of the high bank for loading the furnace. The flow from the creek powered a water wheel driving a bellows for forcing air into the furnace. A mile north was the key ingredient - an extremely large iron ore deposit. Trees for charcoal and a source of limestone, for construction and burning in the furnace, were plentiful. The man behind this effort was John Lyon. His success can be measured by the elegant mansion he built in 1834. It is just a few hundred yards beyond the furnace site - still well preserved.

By 1873 a second furnace was added with the technology of the day using steam to power "tubs" in place of a bellows. This second furnace was large at 43 feet high with a massive retaining wall and an elevated stone foundation for an elaborate collection of machinery associated with the steam operation. It was also converted to the more efficient hot

blast configuration. The ore pit was also modernized with a new invention - the ore washer. Unlike other iron furnaces

which depended on several ore pits sometimes miles from the furnace, the Pennsylvania Furnace operation had two very large and close by ore pits which provided high grade ore for some 75 years. Most likely a longevity unheard of for an iron furnace site operation.

In the final years, the Pennsylvania Furnace operation was owned by Tyrone Mining and Manufacturing who leased it to Andrew Carnegie in 1880. The railroad he promoted that ran from Tyrone to his mine at Scotia had a station at Pennsylvania Furnace. During that time the furnace operated from coke brought in by rail, as supplies of trees to cut for charcoal dwindled. In 1888, the operation ceased although the trains carried freight until 1933.

Until last winter thick brush obscured the view beyond the creek of how Pennsylvania Furnace got its name. After hours of work from several volunteers, most of the brush is gone. Some firewood has yet to be removed. Activity has progressed to grass being mowed. And the remains of the two iron furnace stacks have slowly emerged.

An online search of iron furnaces in Pennsylvania does not list Pennsylvania Furnace. Maybe we can change that. The work at the site and research continues. Yet to be explored are the archives at Penn State and various Huntingdon County facilities. Volunteers are welcome to help with research or site clearing efforts. Please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call 814-234-4779.



Iron master's house in its hay day.



The second furnace at Pennsylvania Furnace. The structure to the left of the furnace contained all the machinery for steam power and hot blast operation. Circa 1930's.



Iron master's house today.

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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.

Through February 28, 2018

Exhibition: *Centre County Women In The American Red Cross, Celebrating A Centennial*

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

October 15

Consumed Nostalgia: Memory in the Age of Fast Capitalism

Henszey-Pyle Author Series

Presented by Dr. Gary Cross

2:00 p.m.

November 5

29th Annual John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards Of The Centre County Historical Society

3:00 p.m. @ The Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center

November 30

Stocking Stuffer Preview Party

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - \$40.00 / \$35.00 members, please RSVP

December 1 - 3

Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art, & Fine Craft Sale

Friday & Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00, Children 12 & under free

December 12

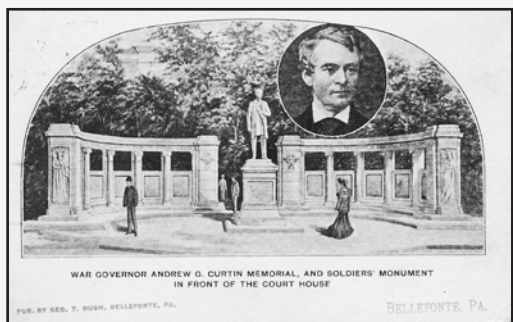
Central PA Civil War Round Table/CCHS Joint Program

Confederate Spy Rose O'Neal Greenhow

Presented in first person by Emily Lapisardi

7:00 p.m.

Visit CentreHistory.org to check the 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.



Postcard: War Governor Andrew G. Curtin Memorial and Soldiers' Monument in front of the Court House with insert of portrait of Gov. Andrew Curtin. Arrival Postmark - ORD PA Oct 12 1906.

Cannon Postcard Collection, 2001.17.175

President's Corner



Monumental Leader

In 2016, the Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year was 'post-truth.' The OED defined the adjective as: "relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." Although the phrase has been in existence for at least the past decade (think Stephen Colbert's concept of 'truthiness'), the OED editors noticed a spike in its use related to the 2016 Brexit referendum in the United Kingdom and the recent presidential race in the United States.

Locally, post-truth might apply to the protest this past summer regarding the statue of Andrew Gregg Curtin, located in front of the Bellefonte Court House. One protester called for its removal on the grounds that Curtin was corrupt.

I beg to differ.

One of the most illustrious sons of Centre County, Curtin had an impressive resume. He was Pennsylvania's governor during the Civil War. He was a confidante of Abraham Lincoln. He served in Congress where he chaired the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He was superintendent of Pennsylvania schools. He was the Minister to Russia. By all accounts, he served honorably in each of those positions. In fact, despite his appointment to Russia by President Ulysses S. Grant, Curtin didn't hesitate to condemn the corruption of Grant's administration. Speaking forthrightly was a habit he developed early.

As a young lawyer in Centre County, Curtin's first case involved the defense of a school teacher accused of stealing a flute. Rather than try to refute the evidence presented by the prosecutor, Curtin candidly conceded his client's guilt. But he believed his client to be a well-intentioned person, so he asked the judge for mercy. He argued that the teacher "...took this flute, in order to instill in the minds of his pupils, the first principles of music." To the chagrin of the prosecution, the judge discharged the culprit.

This is not to say that Curtin was a saint. He was slow to condemn slavery, because like Lincoln, his primary commitment was saving the Union. And he did his share of political kibitzing.

The Civil War era in Centre County, as throughout the United States, is filled with characters like Curtin marked both by greatness and flaws. We owe it to ourselves to examine and interpret that history dispassionately and by using the best evidence—and "evidence" is the key word here—we can find. Maybe this is part of the "unfinished work" of the "living" that Abraham Lincoln referenced in his Gettysburg Address when he said that the world "can never forget what they did here."

Andrew Curtin, by the way, was seated on the platform in Gettysburg when Lincoln delivered his speech. It was Curtin who had helped to arrange the president's visit and suggested that Lincoln make some remarks. If for no other reason than his role in midwifing the Gettysburg Address, the man deserves a monument.

~ Katie O'Toole

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

Sunday, November 5

3:00 p.m.

@ The Penn State/Centre County Visitor Center.

The Envelope Please....

The multifaceted story of Centre County could not be preserved and told without the help of many dedicated and passionate people who give generously of their time and talents. Each year, we recognize some of these individuals and the organizations that support their efforts. The CCHS Nominating and Awards Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Historic Preservation Awards.

For Preservation and Restoration:

Kevin Conklin for his tireless efforts as the volunteer manager of the Rowland Theater in Philipsburg which have helped the iconic theater to reach its 100th anniversary.



The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society for connecting today's generations to the era of the Iron Horse through preservation and demonstrations of tracks and trains and for delighting both children and adults with its Fall Foliage excursions and Santa Express trips.



For History and Heritage:

Gloria Briggs for decades of work at the Eagle Iron Works and Roland Curtin mansion at Curtin Village where she enables visitors to step back in time and experience the life of a 19th century company town.



Nancy Taylor for rallying a group to create the Burnside Township Historical Society and for spearheading the group's effort to return the historic Pine Glen Post Office to its original location in Burnside Township.



The Jacqueline J. Melander Award:

Nadine Kofman for nearly half a century of chronicling the history of Centre County, a project to which she brings her skills as both a rigorous historian and an entertaining storyteller.



The President's Award:

Monty Christiansen for making the extensive postcard collection of Elizabeth Cannon accessible to Centre Countians through his years of painstaking research, organization, and cataloguing of the postcards that date back to 1900.



The Centre County Historical Society has recognized 207 individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Centre County's rich history for 28 years. Join us as we honor the work of our 2017 Preservation Award recipients.

Thank you to the Centre County Government for their support of CNET filming for the awards presentation. Their continued sponsorship allows this important program to recognize excellence in historic preservation efforts in Centre County and to be included on our website. To see past award ceremonies, visit: centrehistory.org/historic-preservation-awards.

Award recipients will be featured on the CCHS website in October and the CNET film link for 2017 will be added in November after the program.

If you know of preservation projects and efforts in Centre County that you feel would be good candidates for recognition in this program, or if you would like additional information, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call 814-234-4779.



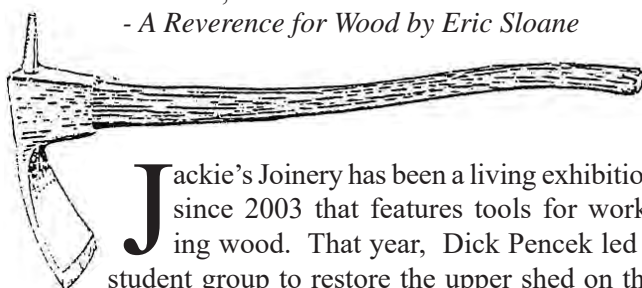
Jackie's Joinery: Early American Woodworking Tools

Featuring the Richard W. Pencek Collection
of the Centre County Historical Society



“Wood was not accepted simply as the material for building a new nation - it was an inspiration. Gentle to the touch, exquisite to contemplate, tractable in creative hands, stronger by weight than iron, wood was, as William Penn had said, ‘A substance with a soul’.

- *A Reverence for Wood* by Eric Sloane



Jackie's Joinery has been a living exhibition since 2003 that features tools for working wood. That year, Dick Pencek led a student group to restore the upper shed on the Centre Furnace Mansion grounds. They went on to research and create a hands-on exhibition using 19th century tools for woodworking that were donated by Pencek. The tools in the exhibition are still being used during Penn State classes and CCHS programs to demonstrate their use and keep the techniques of early woodworkers and builders alive. As William Penn describes wood, it is also appropriate to describe our historic structures created in the old ways, with substance and soul.

Our many thanks to exhibition contributors: Dick Pencek, Professor Emeritus, Penn State Integrative Arts, Jim Belko, Marshall and Jim Garrett, Steve and Carol Gentry, Chenzie Grignano, Lou Mayor, Alan Popovich, Johanna Sedgwick, Mary Sorensen, Katie O'Toole, Floyd Todd.

This permanent tool exhibition will be available during tour hours Sun, Wed, Fri 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. upon request or by appointment by calling 814-234-4779. Watch for 2018 programming that will be planned!

Consumed Nostalgia: Memory In The Age Of Fast Capitalism

Presented by Gary Cross

Sunday, October 15

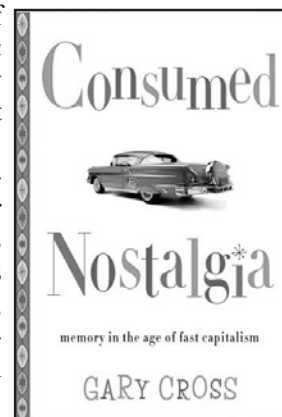
2:00 p.m. @ the Centre Furnace Mansion

We welcome author of *Consumed Nostalgia* and professor Gary Cross. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be, according to Cross. For many of us, modern memory is shaped less by a longing for the social customs and practices of the past, or family heirlooms handed down over generations, and more by childhood encounters with ephemeral commercial goods and media moments. This program is based on Cross' book by the same name.

Gary Cross is Distinguished Professor of Modern History at Pennsylvania State University. He is the author of a dozen historical books on childhood, consumption, technology, popular culture, and work.

Admission to the program is free. Donations are appreciated.

This distinguished author series is underwritten by the Anne Hamilton Henszey Pyle and Kenneth B. Pyle Educational Fund for Regional Heritage Preservation (Henszey-Pyle Fund.)



Membership Updates

Would you like to see this newsletter in full color? Starting with our Winter 2018 Mansion Notes we will be offering it in full color in a digital format that will be e-mailed to you if you choose. This will help to reduce printing and mailing costs associated with the newsletter.

If you would like to receive the digital Mansion Notes, please e-mail Johanna at jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org or visit <http://bit.ly/2fmvstV> to opt-in. Printed copies will be mailed to you if you do not opt-in to the e-mail.

Many of you will be spending time away during the cold winter months here in PA. CCHS postcards and newsletters are unable to be forwarded by the Post Office. To help cut down on the costs of returned mail, simply give us a call at 814-234-4779 and let us know what dates you will be out of the area so that we may stop and resume communications efficiently.



Centre County Women In The American Red Cross, Celebrating A Centennial

By Priscilla Mariani

During World War I and World War II, the American Red Cross had an estimate of over 20 million members and volunteers. In this same time period, the State College chapter of the American Red Cross had raised a membership of a couple thousand. Most specifically, two of these volunteers were sisters Hilda Patton and Alice Irvin Thompson.

Hilda and Alice were both born and raised in Centre Furnace, Pennsylvania by parents James Irvin Thompson and Mary Jane "Janie" Shaw. Both sisters were humanitarian leaders of their respective communities, in both their younger and older years. Hilda not only served during World War II, but also World War I as the founder of the State College chapter's American Red Cross Motor Corps unit.

When both sisters officially joined the American Red Cross, they were immediately put in charge of groups of other workers to maintain order. Alice tended to the sick and wounded and was often on the battlefield while Hilda was a Club director and supervisor, watching girls come and go on their Clubmobiles.

Hilda and Alice travelled the world, experiencing different cultures and helping an uncountable number of people. Both women would later dedicate large amounts of their time after the War's end to helping refugees and displaced persons.



Priscilla Mariani with Jennifer Zukowski as Ms. Clara Barton.

As we celebrate the Centennial of the Centre Communities Chapter of the American Red Cross, it is fitting that we highlight the roles of Hilda Patton Thompson and her sister Alice Irvin Thompson that spanned over WWI and WWII.

CCHS extends special thanks to intern and Penn State student, Priscilla Mariani for her research and work on this exhibition, Michael Milligan, Coordinator of Undergraduate Internships in the Department of History Penn State, and to Virginia Brown and the Centre Communities Chapter of the American Red Cross.

This display will be on view through February 2018 during regular tour hours Wednesday/Friday/Sunday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Centre Furnace Mansion.

Preserving Historic Treasures One Day at a Time

By the time this is in your mail box, the 24th Annual Gerald Russell PNC Bank United Way Day of Caring will have passed and the magic of many projects will be apparent at the Mansion and Schoolhouse. The Day of Caring has been a critical part of the Historical Society's property maintenance plan for over two decades. We owe great thanks to all of the organizations, businesses and volunteers who annually turn out to contribute to and help us with myriad projects at the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School historic sites. A full report will be forthcoming!



The Day of Caring is the largest service day that CCHS is fortunate to host, but we additionally host over a dozen service days throughout the year when Penn State student organizations and businesses like Blue Mountain Quality Resources come out to help with ongoing projects. Altogether this adds up to over 300 volunteers who, in most cases, are introduced in a hands on way to the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School. Thank you to all who lean in to these projects. We couldn't do it without you.

How can you help?

1. Volunteer to lead efforts with community volunteer groups, or help with preparation for service days.
2. Not able to attend, but would like to help? Sometimes supplies are donated, but many are not. You can help through a contribution of gift cards for groceries or any home/hardware store for supplies and lunch fare for volunteers.
3. Contribute garden tools like leaf and garden rakes, shovels, loppers, mulch forks and hand tools are used weekly and for service days through the year. Gently used is fine!

Interested in getting more involved during days of service? Contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org to contribute, be added to our volunteer list or to get more information.



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



The July day brought warm humid weather that appears to be a tradition for this event as though to remind us of the difficult conditions the CCC Boys would have often endured while laboring on the parks, reservoirs, transportation and forestry projects that we take for granted today.

Over 150 turned out to celebrate the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps at the 2017 CCC Legacy Day at Poe Valley State Park and we would like to thank all who helped out and contributed to a successful gathering featuring CCC history talks, displays and a period-inspired menu for lunch. With great appreciation to:

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Mark your calendar for July 18, 2018 for next year's CCC Legacy gathering!

Listen to History!

For those of you following Katie O'Toole's new podcast series Dead Centre, you have a new treat to look forward to. Katie just released a new podcast: The Fraternal Farmer highlighting the life and impact of Leonard Rhone, the father of the Centre County Grange Fair in an interview with Rhoneymeade executive director, James Leshner.

Dead Centre is a must listen, all about Centre County history as Katie extracts intriguing, little known or forgotten facts and secrets about Centre County. If you are not following Dead Centre, we hope you will. The more "listens" and ratings the podcast gets, the more it will be noticed, and we do want Centre County History to be noticed!

Here is how it works: Either subscribe to the podcast Dead Centre on your mobile device or computer, or go directly to the CCHS Website CentreHistory.org and click on the Podcast button. And, most of all, enjoy, spread the word and give it a 5 star rating!

Docent Meeting Dates

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

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Tuesday, January 16 1:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 31 1:30 p.m.

Friday, October 19 10:00 a.m.

Docent meetings are held in the
Centre Furnace Mansion Hearth Room.

Vietnam Veterans Traveling Memorial Wall

October 5 5:30 p.m. - October 8 2:00 p.m.

Penn State Outreach Building, Innovation Park

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall will be at Penn State, Innovation Park from October 5 to October 8. The Traveling Wall is an 80% scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. This event is free and open to the public 24-hours a day for the duration of the 4-day event. This event is sponsored by WPSU and a dedicated group of community volunteers and partners. Closing ceremonies for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Traveling Wall will be held October 8 at 1:00 p.m. Full details at: wpsu.org/vietnamwall.

From the Archives

By Cathy Horner

Some people when hearing the word “archives” envision rooms full of dusty boxes that seldom see the light of day. Our archives at the CCHS, however, are so well used they barely have time to gather dust. We are so fortunate to have some wonderful collections as well as individual objects and paper treasures.

Researchers and research requests come to us from all over. This summer, Celine Brugeat, visited us from France and worked two days with the Barnard/Dickson collection. This collection is an exceptionally special one consisting of the papers and letters of Centre County sculptor George Grey Barnard.



The image collections in our archives are a fascinating look at Centre County through the years. Two collections that are very well used are the Koch Collection that holds 416 photographs of State College and Penn State from the late 1800's through the 1950's and the Ward Collection which has wonderful images of Ferguson Township and Pine Grove Mills in the early twentieth century.

Our archives also house approximately 40 linear feet of manuscript boxes containing journals, diaries, advertising and other consequential materials. Each archival box holds fragments of our Centre County history. Academic scholars, local authors and residents use our resources to research people, places and objects. More often than not, researchers find that hidden gem of history that not only answers their question but brings a forgotten Centre County fact, once again, to the surface.



Céline Brugeat visited the Centre Furnace Mansion in July. She has been researching French Cloisters and was looking into particular years of George Grey Barnard's correspondence.

Museum Store



Whether you are doing research or just curious about the history of Centre County, our Museum Store at the Centre Furnace Mansion and online has a wide variety of publications. We feature over 30 publications in our online shop and double that in our Museum Store at the Centre Furnace Mansion! Stop by to purchase books, gifts, greeting cards and publications from the Centre County Genealogical Society. New in our Museum Store at the Centre Furnace Mansion and online: The 2017 publication by Lee Stout and Harry West, *Lair of the Lion - A History of Beaver Stadium*. Also, we have *Ice Cream U*, a look at the history of Berkey Creamery, by Lee Stout.

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

Wish List

We have a number of items on our wish list, some could be new, some could be gently used items.

- iPad (later than 2013)
- Garden tools – mulch forks, rakes, hand tools
- Metal shelving for collections storage (new)
- Archival storage boxes
- Tools – cordless drill, drill bits, a variety of large to small pliers,

Thank you for considering! For more information, contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call at 814-234-4779.

The 15th Annual Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art and Fine Craft Sale

Event Sponsors Mimi Barash Coppersmith & David Horner and Associates, Inc.

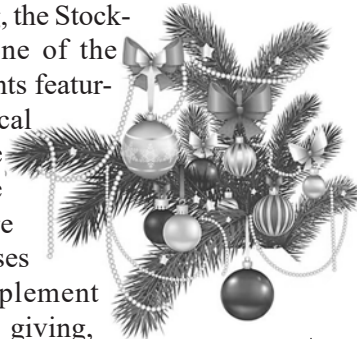
Friday and Saturday, December 1 & 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 3 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Fifteen years and going strong, the Stocking Stuffer continues as one of the area's premiere holiday events featuring the finest quality work of local artisans, craftsmen, and antique dealers. This is also a signature fund-raising event for the Centre County Historical Society that raises critical operating funds to complement membership, annual and planned giving, grants, business support and other fundraisers. Whether shopping for gifts for family and friends or something beautiful for yourself, the Stocking Stuffer offers an opportunity to give twice!

The Stocking Stuffer gets better every year and features favorite returning and new artists and dealers unique crafts, photography, knitting, jewelry, pottery and the always dynamic collections of antique dealers. In addition to our outside vendors, we thank the CCHS Docent and Garden Committees who are working on holiday and garden inspired offerings that benefit CCHS 100%!

If you have never been to the Stocking Stuffer in previous years, why not put it on your calendar now. And if you're one of our members that have attended many times over the years, we thank you and suggest that you spread the word or bring a friend along this year!



Help Us Spread The Word About CCHS's Largest Fund And Fun Raisher!

Along with traditional advertising, we need your help to increase our social media audience for this year's Stocking Stuffer.

Just click twice! Each time a photo or promotional message is posted by the Centre County Historical Society on Facebook and Twitter:

1. Like the post
2. Share or retweet the post

These two simple clicks of the mouse (or tap of the finger) is a very effective way to share our event through a network of friends and supporters.

Stay connected with CCHS:

Facebook: [facebook.com/centrefurnace](https://www.facebook.com/centrefurnace)

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Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art & Fine Craft Sale - Preview Party

Thursday, November 30

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$40.00 admission / \$35.00 CCHS members

Get a sneak peek inside and first opportunity to purchase gifts from over 50 local artist and antique dealers. Enjoy Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine and live music.

RSVP at www.centrehistory.org/rsvp or call the CCHS office at 234-4779.

Be a Stocking Stuffer Supporter!

Join Mimi Barash Coppersmith and David Horner & Associates in supporting the Stocking Stuffer this year through being a sponsor or supporter. Supporting in this way will help offset expenses associated with the event and allocate a larger percentage of the profit to CCHS's mission work.

Here are a few options:

- Stocking Supporter – @ \$100 or \$50 – Your name [and logo if business] will go on the event website page and in the CCHS newsletter.
- Stocking Stuffer Room Sponsor @ \$200 – Supporter benefits plus your name/logo in a frame decorated with greenery in the room for the duration of the Stocking Stuffer as hundreds of guests stroll through.
- Event co-sponsor @ \$1000 – Your name [and logo if business] will go in all promotion and paid advertising, and will be prominently displayed on-site recognition posters.
- Volunteer! We have over 200 time slots that we need to fill to set up, carry out and clean up during the Stocking Stuffer!

For information on contributing in any way to the 2017 Stocking Stuffer, please contact Mary Sorensen @ msorensen@centrefurnace.org or call at 814-234-4779.

Deck the Halls!

Sunday, November 25, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners for a festive afternoon of decking the Mansion's exterior for the Holidays! Bring interesting shrub foliage, pine rope, berries or other natural elements for Holiday swags & wreaths. We'll have hot cider waiting!

Saying Goodbye to Friends

Betty Shields

In 2007, CCHS was fortunate to attract the attention of Betty Shields, who served for a decade as one of the Mansion's docents. Betty came to Lemont from Sewickley, PA after an impressive career as an editor for the Sewickley Herald and was involved in the formation of the Sewickley Historical Society becoming its president and then executive director once the Society had a permanent building. We knew Betty as a friend and advocate of the Centre Furnace Mansion and as an educator and keeper of history for all of the Mansion visitors that she met. We will miss her enthusiasm, grace and friendship.



Honey Jaffe

We are sad to say that one of the Stocking Stuffer's Founding Mothers, Honey Jaffe passed away this fall. Honey, helped spearhead this event and volunteered on the event committee for over 10 years. We celebrate Honey's contribution to the Centre County Historical Society and extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends.



Tree Dedication

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

We have purchased an American Yellowwood that will be planted on the Centre Furnace Mansion grounds on the Day of Caring for long time CCHS friend Joe Banks. Thank you to all who have contributed to the purchase of this tree. For all who knew Joe and would like to attend, we welcome you join us for the dedication of this tree and light refreshments. For more information and/or if you would like to contribute toward the tree, please contact Mary Sorensen @ 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org

Remembering The Notable John Ziegler



John's Ivy Bed - An avid gardener, John collected all of the ivy in the bed next to the Mansion from the Henszey House on Hamilton Avenue.

In 1992, the Centre County Historical Society published The Notable Trees of Centre County. Board members Bob Gruver and Everett McLaughlin and two other faculty colleagues, entomologist Ralph Mumma and forester Bob Shipman joined John Ziegler in the search and documentation of the county's oldest, largest and most distinguished trees. John was a mainstay for this project; the Centre Furnace 275 year old sycamore was one of the stars.

In 1995, CCHS launched the county's historic preservation awards program honoring the people and the projects that reflect Centre County's architectural, cultural and natural history. John was an organizer, cheerleader, keeper of the records, and host of the awards programs. This annual event now bears his name.

John served on the CCHS Board for more than 20 years, most of those years as vice president and major Society ambassador. He was the idea man and problem solver over and over again in the restoring and in the care and keeping of the Mansion and its grounds. And he shared those talents across the community as an elected official and a board member of many other organizations in Centre County and beyond, including The ClearWater Conservancy.



His energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and his ability to recall and relate a relevant story with a twinkle and a healthy laugh were renown. Remembering the Notable John Ziegler will be easy to do for all who had the good fortune to know him.

~ Jackie Melander



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Please visit the organization's website for complete details.

Exhibit - Village Craftsmen: Boalsburg Artisans in the 1800s

Through December 2017

Boalsburg Heritage Museum

boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

Exhibit - Flax: Field to Fabric

Through October 2017

Penns Valley Area Historical Museum

pennsvalleymuseum.org

Lions David House Heritage Museum

Through October 2017

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

david-house-museum.org

Inside The Belly of The Beast

October 28, 2017

2:00pm 4:00pm

Pennsylvania Military Museum.

www.pamilmuseum.org

2nd Annual Apple Butter Festival

November 4, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pine Glen Community Park

www.facebook.com/PineGlenHistory

Lemont German Christmas Market

December 1, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

December 2, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lemont Granery

www.lemontvillage.org

Thank you!

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Exhibitions: For research, programming and professional contributions to the fabulous exhibition "Unraveling the Threads of History", we thank Ann Barton, Diane and Jim Farr, Dick Pencek, Cathy Horner, Ann Moellenbrock, Frederic Weber, David Lembeck, Lynda DeBrasky, Debbie Nydegger, Jim Pass, Bob and Joan Conrad, Lew and Gail Biddle.

Jackie's Joinery – see p. 5

Boogersburg School Docent Committee: Thank you for a successful August open house and for hosting several elementary school tours this season.

CFM Docent Committee: Many thanks for the several school tours, regular tour hours and extra tour times this summer we thank you for your continued contributions.

Gardens: Thank you to CFM Gardens Co-Coordinator Beverly Lipski and Katie Frieden, the CFM Garden Committee for persistence in a particularly wet and weedy year and for all of your help with many service days throughout the season.

Interns and Student Volunteers: Priscilla Mariani for her research and contribution to the Centre County Women in the Red Cross exhibition.

Property: Ed DeBrasky

2018 Old House Fair Save the Date! June 8-9, 2018.

Two days of workshops just for owners of old houses and commercial buildings and anyone interested in or involved in historic preservation. Support the 2018 Old House Fair and consider being a sponsor in 2018. In addition to advocating for historic preservation on a local level, you and/or your business will be featured on the Old House Fair web page, in our promotional materials and on site.

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The Old House Fair is a collaborative educational program of the Centre County Historic Society, Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association and the American Philatelic Society.





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

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