



# HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 825 — HAVERTOWN, PA. 19083

YOU ARE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE  
300 YEARS AFTER!

William Penn received his Charter from Charles II in March 1681 and arrived to found his "Holy Experiment", Pennsylvania, in 1682.

The Administrator of Pennsbury Manor, Nancy K. Kolb, will present an informative program with slides based on the reconstructed handsome mansion of William Penn and its surrounding out-buildings and beautiful gardens on the Delaware River, at our next meeting.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 20th, 1980, 8 P.M.

at the Education Building of the Temple Lutheran Church  
Brookline Blvd. and Earlington Road  
Havertown, Pa.

All are welcome to come, enjoy and learn some background for the celebration of Pennsylvania's Tercentenary.

Did you know that

- Penn visited Pennsylvania only twice?
- in 1699 he rode horseback down Darby Road to speak at Old Haverford Friends Meeting?
- it is reported that many of the Welsh speaking Quaker settlers of our township did not understand Penn's English?
- William Penn personally designed and planned his entire plantation home and gardens?
- he wrote the "Charter of Priveleges" on which our Constitution is based while living at Pennsbury Manor 1697-1701?
- the Liberty Bell on Independence Square was originally cast to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this Charter?

Note to Members:

A short business meeting will precede the program in order to present a few clarifying amendments to the HTHS By-Laws.

At Christmas time we have special decorations at Nitre Hall and a tree trimmed with fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters. Have we a friend who would like to donate an evergreen tree? Story hours for pre-school children will be held Dec. 9 & 16, 10 a.m. Please make reservations. Call Kathy Foden 642-6611.

Mark your calendar now and come on Nov. 20th, 8 p.m. (sharp, please) Bring your friends and enjoy hearing about our heritage from William Penn. Plan to stay for socializing and refreshments.



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ENERGY CONSERVATION?

HAVE YOU THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT WOOD ENERGY?

HAVE YOU EVER MET A CHIMNEY SWEEP?

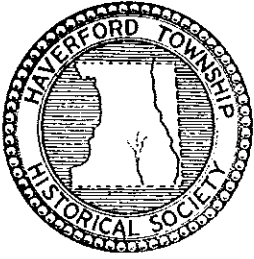
The Haverford Township Historical Society offers answers to all of these questions and many more on Sunday, March 16, 1980 at Nitre Hall from 3 to 5 P.M.

We particularly want to honor and to know our new members and our new secretary on this pleasant afternoon.

The Chimney Crickets, Inc. of Ardmore (real chimney sweeps) will tell us about saving energy and cleaning chimneys as well as give us historical background on the development of fireplaces.

As space is limited, we urge quick reservations, which will be accepted as long as space permits.

Please call 649-5677 or 642-6611 for these necessary reservations. We will look forward to seeing you.



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GENERAL MEETING - Thursday, February 21, 1980

Do you want to hear about another famous friend of Benjamin Franklin? Come and bring your friends to the mid-winter program of the Haverford Twp. Historical Society on Feb. 21.

Conrad Wilson, a resident of Villa Nova, will be our speaker. He is the chief of manuscripts of the Pennsylvania Historical Society. His topic will be "Genealogical Research in Support of an Historic Property." This property was the home of John Bartram who in the early 18th century began the beautiful gardens we can see today in Philadelphia. Mr. Wilson was engaged in his research by the Bartram Family Association. We are looking forward to his program and valuable advice which may help us in preserving our own historic sites.

The meeting will be at Temple Lutheran Church, Brookline Blvd. and Earlington Rd., Havertown, on Thurs., Feb. 21, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend and bring guests.

FUTURE DATES to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, March 16, 1980, 3 to 5 p.m. at Nitre Hall

New members of HTHS will be honored at a Hospitality Party. All members are urged to come and bring prospective members for an informative and social afternoon. We will both enjoy and benefit from an "Energy Conservation" presentation by the Chimney Crickets, Inc. of Ardmore (real live chimney sweeps!). Watch for a later reminder, but mark the date now.

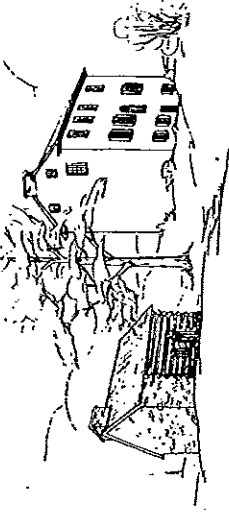
Thursday, April 24, 1980, 6:30 p.m.

A banquet at the Llanerch Country Club in Manoa will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Historical Society. Details to come later, but save the date and invite your friends.

P.S. If you are not now a member of HTHS, we hope you will accept our invitation to join and participate in the preservation of historical properties, information and traditions of Haverford Township.

# NEWSLETTER

HAVERTOWN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



P.O. Box 825 HAVERTOWN, PA. 19083 SUMMER 1980

## FIELD TRIP - Sat., Sept. 27, 1980

Have you visited Nemours in North central France, the site of the Dupont ancestral Home? (Nor has your editor). That name was chosen by Alfred I. DuPont for his beautiful 300 acre estate near Wilmington, a handsome home with extensive landscaped gardens and natural woodlands.

Our fall bus trip (Note: limited to the first 45 persons who place reservations) will tour the gardens and be guided in small groups thru a series of rooms on the 1st and 2nd floors and lower level of the mansion. These rooms are furnished with fine examples of antique furniture, rare rugs, tapestries and works of art. The French-style gardens stretch from the mansion, a modified Louis XVth chateau, in a vista almost one-third of a mile, offering exhilarating views.

Mark your calendar - Sept. 27th. Bus will leave Temple Lutheran Church at 9:30a.m., returning about 3p.m. Send your check, \$12/person NOW to cover transportation and box lunch, to Kathy Foden, 1605 Pelham Ave., Havertown. Made payable to Havertown Twp. Historical Soc. Cut-off date for reservations is Sept 6th. (Phone 642-6611).

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From 1981 thru the fall of 1983 we will celebrate the Tercentenary of the founding of Pennsylvania. Did you know that William Penn visited the Friends Meeting here in Havertown Township? Note the historical marker on Eagle Rd. What programs would you like to include for your Society's part in the celebration of this 300th year of Penns Woods, comments and ideas gratefully received. Be an active member of the Historical Society. Enjoy the fun of joining friends in the celebration. Write P.O.Box 825 or call 449-3585.

Acting President, Betty Stafford

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Free: Have you seen the current folder, "Summer Festival 1980, Drive Yourself Tour" of our local sites? or the new 4-color Delaware County brochure with map?

VISIT NITRE HALL and LAWRENCE CABIN NOW  
Karakung Drive, Powder Mill Valley Park

Summer Patchwork-Quilting Workshop at Nitre Hall was offered but, due to insufficient registration until after the cut-off time, this activity was postponed to a later date. Look for late summer or early fall announcement and call in your reservation early. Kathy Foden 642-6611.

#### COMING ACTIVITIES

Sept. 27th - Field Trip (see page 1)

October: "Dolls and Toys" exhibit at Nitre Hall. Plans are being set up for a program about this exhibit which will be open during the events that follow.

Oct. 6-12 - Main Line Week 1980, sponsored by Main Line Chamber of Commerce. Publicity will be given for our activity at Nitre Hall which will be open to the public Sundays, 1-4p.m.

Oct. 19-Nov.1 - Museum Showcase: Nitre Hall and the Cabin will be open for visitors both weekends, following nation wide publicity by sponsoring group, Women for Greater Philadelphia.

Oct. 18th - A bus tour #1 to the Welsh tract, eastern Delaware County, will be sponsored by the Historic & Cultural Sites Committee and Visitors Council. Nitre Hall and the Cabin, The Grange, Old Haverford Friends Meeting and the Massey House will be visited. The tour includes lunch, fare \$18.

Oct. 25th - A bus tour #2 will include the Providence Friends Meeting, Minshall House, Leiper House, Wolley Stille a private home, Dela. Co. Court House, William Penn's landing site and the Caleb Pusey House. Tour includes lunch, fare \$18. Watch newspapers or contact the Dela. Co. Chamber of Commerce (565-3677) for further information closer to the October dates.

#### On-Going Activities

Your Board of Directors and its sub-committees meet frequently to discuss building maintenance, programs and publicity for activities both within Haverford Twp. and in cooperation with other Delaware County historical sites.

Fall Board meetings are scheduled for evenings, Sept. 18 and Nov. 6. Members are welcome to attend. Call Betty Stafford for details (449-3585).

Urge your neighbors to become members of the Haverford Twp. Historical Society  
Bring a friend to the Fall Meeting, Nov. 20th, 1980

#### Up-Date on Nitre Hall

Funds have been sought to help defray the cost of building the necessary "bridge" to give better access to Nitre Hall's 2nd floor. Funds to implement the 2nd stage of our previously Federally funded grant were unavailable this year.

The Board of Directors was informed that a spring grant application to the E.S.C.Smith Memorial Fund was denied due to the abundance of requests. Further applications are being formulated by the Finance Comm.

On a positive note: The Directors decided to go ahead with the bridge construction using our own present funds. The Haverford Twp. Dept. of Public Works, in cooperation with restoration architect John Dickey's specifications, will begin building the necessary wall foundation this summer. We anticipate that the completion of an entrance-exit from the upper floors will lead to greatly expanded use of Nitre Hall's research facilities, exhibits and for further programs.

#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

for fiscal year 6/1/79 to 5/31/80

Principal receipts were from dues, donations and contributions, 40th Anniversary Dinner, workshop proceeds, tour and open houses, the Colonial Living program and sales of notepaper, candles, soap, gift wrapping and maps.

Important disbursements included the continued replacement of antiques stolen from the Cabin, operation and maintenance of Nitre Hall and Lawrence Cabin, insurance, association dues, Newsletter, postal, printing, 40th Anniversary Dinner, meeting and field trip expenses.

Checking (6/7/79) \$ 589.51

Receipts

5,082.20

Saving (6/7/79) \$6,680.02

Interest 374.30

Disbursements 4,490.94

Transfer from  
Checking \$1,000.00

Balances:

Checking (6/4/80) \$1,180.77

Saving \$8,054.32

The Treasurer's books have been duly audited and are available on request for inspection by any member of the Society.

Harry R. Young, Treasurer

Did you miss these PAST EVENTS -

Colonial Living Experience

Participation by 5th graders continued during all good weather Tuesdays & Thursdays last spring at the Lawrence Cabin. (See Fall Newsletter for details). Dedicated Historical Society members make this activity possible, but we desperately need more adult helpers to work with Kathy Foden and Peg Johnston. Do please volunteer or urge a friend to come join the fun of working with young people. Call 446-1026 or 642-6611.

40th Anniversary Dinner

Celebrated on April 24, 1980, this was a gala affair. The overflow attendance at the Llanerch Country Club enjoyed sociability, choral entertainment, historical talks and a Haverford Twp. "Past and Present" slide show. Many favorable comments call for more of the latter. If members or friends can provide early photos, etc., please offer. We can have slides easily made for preservation.

May 3rd-4th - Cultural & Historical Sites exhibits held at Springfield Mall. In addition to photos and poster exhibits by HTHS, member Sue Loder, in costume provided activity for youngsters to write with a quill pen and stamp colored sealing wax with the Historical Society seal.

May 10th - History Fair

HTHS participated in this all day cooperative event at Rose Tree Park. Historical organizations thruout Delaware County were invited to exhibit. Peg Johnston and our volunteers explained the items used in spinning flax and spun thread. Children who had participated in the activities of the Colonial Living Experience dipped candles and helped sell candles and soap made by the students.

May 10th - 40 members of the Smith family, descendants of Haverford Twp.'s early Welsh settlers (Hayes, Lewis and Lawrence) visited Nitre Hall and the Cabin on an all day bus tour of ancestral homes in this area.

June 12th - A bus load of members of the Tri-Valley Historical Society from Schuylkill Co., Pa. visited our sites, guided by Hilda Lucas and volunteers.

June 12th - Delaware Valley Bicycle Club tour of Haverford Twp., co-sponsored by Dela. Co. Park & Recreation Dept., included Nitre Hall and the Cabin.

Thurs., Nov. 20th, 8 p.m., Fall Meeting at Temple Lutheran Church, Earlington Rd. Program notice will be mailed later.

Pre-Christmas at Nitre Hall

How many members viewed the huge, handsome tree decorated with delightful children stories and nursery rhyme characters last year? It was worth a special trip. Is there a friend who's about to cut down an evergreen and would like to donate a tree for our Christmas '80? It will be used in a corner location so may be ill formed.

Dec. 6th - Holiday Tour, sponsored by Meals on Wheels. We have agreed to open Nitre Hall, the Cabin and the Federal School for the day, Saturday 10a.m.-4p.m. to visitors who will sign up for this restricted, reservation only tour. We need volunteers to help that day. Please call Betty Stafford 449-3585 and offer some time.

ACQUISITIONS

Varied gifts from the estate of Jessie H. Gilmore, niece of Benj. Hoffman, former owner of The Grange, were bequeathed to the Historical Society. Small items (ex., oriental silk, prints, glass, etc.) that are not suitable will be sold for the Society's benefit. The sum of \$100 represents sales to date.

NEEDS

Volunteers who put in hours as In-Kind Service. These hours count as dollar contributions to fund raising. We need carpenters, painters, cleaners, gardeners and more. Want to do research - on Nitre Hall or on Haverford Twp.? Interested in information gathering, ex., how were township streets named? Can you help track down old photos or help identify them? The list is endless - and it's fun! Contact our Membership Chrm., Betty Steller, Mi9-5677 or our "usually at home" Kathy Foden 642-6611.

For Sale: Do you remember the pen and ink sketches of Haverford Twp. scenes by R. Finelli, printed and sold in sets of six suitable for framing? They are: Nitre Hall, Lawrence Cabin, Federal School, The Grange, Pont Reading and Old Haverford Friends Meeting. These are still available and may be purchased individually @\$3, as a complete set @\$15, or a set signed by the artist @\$25. Suggestion: need a house gift, wedding or anniversary present? See them at Nitre Hall or the Haverford Free Library.