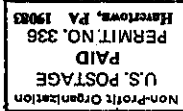


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Bring a friend and come to any or all of our activities. If not a member, we invite you to join. Contact above or

Visit NITRE HALL and LAWRENCE CABIN

Open Sundays 1-4 p.m. or by appointment  
HTHS members Free. Visitors \$1, Children 50¢

Karakung Drive, Powder Mill Valley Park  
Havertown, Pa.



## NEWSLETTER

HAVERTOWN TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 825

HAVERTOWN, PA. 19083 SEPT., 1983

### FIELD TRIP - Saturday, October 8, 1983

Two in One! Here's your chance to visit and enjoy two fascinating eras in our history in one trip - the 17th century and the Victorian age.

Plans include travel by bus to Bristol, Pa., and Burlington, N.J. (Note: limited to first 45 persons who place reservations). Leave Brookline Blvd. & Earlington Rd., 9 a.m.; return about 5 p.m.

In the forenoon we will visit Penna. Senator Grundy's home in Bristol, a Victorian gem, furnished with the rich and elegant appointments of his time. Adjacent is the architecturally unique library building of several levels with a view from the riverbank park.

A gourmet box lunch will be provided and served in the Friends Meeting yard in Burlington, N.J. on restored High Street. The city, settled by English Quakers in 1677, became the provincial capital of West Jersey while Wm. Penn was a trustee, and later when Benjamin Franklin's son, William, was Tory Governor until 1776.

We will take a short, guided walking tour along High Street in this historic district before the Burlington County Historical Society welcomes us thru its three adjacent, furnished historic houses: James Fenimore Cooper home (1789), Capt. James Lawrence (Don't Give Up The Ship" fame) residence and the recently restored Pearson-How 1705-25 structure. A modern library and Museum exhibit domestic handicrafts and more.

The trip is not planned as a fund raiser. It is for the enjoyment and education of members and friends. Member cost \$18; guests \$20. The cost is low due to the very generous effort of member Kathy Foden, acting as our chef, who has prepared our delicious box lunches in the past. Fill out the form on the last page and mail your reservation TODAY for the.

OCT. 8, 1983 FIELD TRIP

## HISTORY OF OLD HAVERFORD FRIENDS MEETING

In 1682 Welsh Quakers who hoped for a separate Barony of 40,000 acres in Wm. Penn's colony began settlements in this area. Existing minutes of the Haverford Meeting start on the 10th day of the 2nd month (April on the old calendar) 1684. Meetings were first held in private homes. The oldest house of worship in Delaware County, a log building was erected in 1688 on the present site. A committee was appointed in 1694 to "get a stable made adjoining this meeting house".

The oldest part of the present building was built in 1700 "at a cost of 158 pounds" as a stone addition to the first structure. This is the center section of the present Meeting House proper. A stone addition on the north end replaced the original log portion in 1800. First-Day school rooms were added 1930 thru 1959. It is still serving an active membership.

Old Haverford Meeting is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites. A Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker on the front lawn records the heritage of the meeting house where Wm. Penn twice worshipped while in his province in 1699-1700.

You Are Invited  
by Old Haverford Monthly Meeting  
to join in its 300th Anniversary Celebration  
at the Meeting House, Eagle Rd. and St. Denis Lane

Oct. 28, 1983 - Friday, 8 p.m.  
Frank Judson, Esq., "All You Wanted To Know  
About Quakers and Were Afraid To Ask"

Oct. 29, 1983 - Saturday  
(following HTHS sponsored "Fun & Games" 1-4)  
5 p.m. - Covered Dish Supper - No Charge;  
just bring a dish; rolls and beverage  
provided. Call H. Huber 356-4576 or  
M. Goebel 525-2427; reservations  
requested.

7 p.m. - A half hour original Play in the  
Meeting House by Friends in costume.

Oct. 30, 1983 - Sunday  
10 a.m. - Adult Forum speaker, "Quakers Today"  
11 a.m. - Meeting for Worship. All Welcome.  
Noon - Social Hour - Refreshments

Events sponsored by Haverford Township Historical Society

Oct. 5, 1983

We have been invited by the Women of Greater Philadelphia Committee who sponsor Museum Showcase to have children representing the "Colonial Living Experience" demonstrate from noon to 1 p.m. in the Great Court at John Wanamakers, Philadelphia. There will be other exhibits daily for the first week in October (Monday thru Saturday) by various groups. Haverford Twp. school children in costume will be churning butter, carding and spinning wool on drop spindles. These are things the students regularly do at the Lawrence Cabin.

Oct. 27, 1983 - Thursday, 8 p.m.

Haverford Twp. Historical Society is cooperating in activities to complement the 300th Anniversary celebrations of the oldest house of worship in Delaware County, Old Haverford Friends Meeting, S. Eagle Rd. and St. Denis Lane. Program speaker at this meeting for members and friends will be announced in a separate mailing. Mark your calendar.

Oct. 29, 1983 - Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m.

"Fun and Games of Long Ago"

HTHS volunteers will guide outdoor activities for children, such as bowling on the green, marbles, etc. Any and all children are invited to participate. A small exhibit of old games and toys will be possible if members are willing to share any of their "old fashioned" treasures. (No dolls, please, this time) Call Kathy Foden (642-6611) for details and offer to help.

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In Haverford Township, October 1983 is being declared Heritage Preservation Month. In addition to the activities listed on a township sponsored calendar, note also these events:

Delaware County Institute of Science - Open House, Sunday, Sept. 18th. For information contact Mrs. D.R. Reynolds, 371 Highland Ave., Media, Pa., 19063. Dr. George Smith, one of the founding members of the Institute, was born and lived in Haverford Township and wrote the first history of Delaware County, 1862.

Oct. 23rd: Pa. Historical & Museum Commission is declaring "Heritage Day" at all state owned historical sites. Special programs and exhibits are planned at each site.

## NITRE HALL - open Sundays, 1-4 (or by appointment)

Bid plans for Nitre Hall restoration work have been reviewed. Contract has been awarded by the Board of Redevelopment Authority of the County of Delaware. A pre-construction conference was held recently at the site and work should begin about mid-Sept. It is due to be completed this fall. Special autumn and winter exhibits will be determined by the progress of the work.

This contract includes building the retaining wall and bridge, providing access to the 2nd floor, plus interior work. The latter includes steps toward energy conservation as well as refurbishing. The work will be under the direction of our architect, John Dickey, FAIA, Media, Pa.

The Nitre Hall Preservation Committee consists of

Alan Amenta  
Peg Johnston  
Darrell Kratzer  
Betty Stafford  
Betty Stellar

Please feel free to contact  
any of the members for further info.

## LAWRENCE CABIN

Thanks to our hostesses, the Cabin has been open for visitors on Sundays from 1 to 4, (May thru October). Margaret Shissler is in charge of the host/guide schedule. Call to offer your help - 446-3843.

The second phase of the current treatment for preservation of the logs should be done before the fall weather cools. We need volunteers to help spray the exterior of the cabin with the necessary, non-toxic waxy substance. Phone 446-1026 to participate.

## Report on Recent Events:

A Candlewicking Workshop was held June 14th at Nitre Hall. Instructions and materials were provided each person for the completion of a 14" pillow cover, using the popular 19th century needle art. Eleven participants enjoyed the project and the sociability.

Mini-Tour: A notice was mailed to interested members inviting them and friends to join a car-pooling trip on Friday, August 12th to center city Philadelphia. Among the places visited were the American Jewish History Museum and the Phila. Mint, the renovated Bourse for "Dutch Treat" lunches, the Dolley Todd and Bishop White houses, 2nd Bank exhibits and the educational and entertaining finale, the half hour play "A Visit With Benj. Franklin".

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society activities in the past have been geared toward raising funds for the Nitre Hall restoration. As this work proceeds we are in a good financial position to assume our commitments. Our current balance is \$6521., plus our C.D. investment.

## HTHS OFFICERS

At the Annual Meeting, April 21, 1983, the following Board of Directors was duly elected:

Ruth Gillingham (Mrs. H. Butterfield)  
Libby Irwin (Mrs. Harry F.)  
Rosemary Kanavy (Mrs. J.R.)  
Charlotte Prichard (Mrs. W.J.)  
Bill Prichard  
Steve McHenry (Mrs. Milton)  
Margaret Shissler (Mrs. Robt.)  
Frank Whitten

Officers: 1st V.Pres., Harry Young; 2nd V. Pres, Betty Stellar (Mrs. Eliot); Corresp. Secty., Betty Stafford (Mrs. F.H.); Treasurer, Ken Tiss. The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has requested Peg Johnston (Mrs. Robt.) to assume the duties of President during the period while the restoration work at Nitre Hall is in progress.

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Mark Your Calendar for future dates  
of regular HTHS meetings, Thursdays  
at 8 p.m.: Nov.17, 1983; Feb. 16, 1984;  
and the Annual Meeting, April 26, 1984.

RESERVATION FORM - Please cut off and return  
(This will be the only mailed notice of this event)

FIELD TRIP - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1983

Tour via bus to Grundy Mansion and Burlington, N.J.  
historical district, including box lunch.

Number of reservations:

@ \$18/person, members; \$20/guest \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Hav. Twp. Hist. Soc.  
Mail to: P.O.825, Havertown, Pa., 19083

I cannot attend but would like to contribute  
to HTHS preservation efforts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_