



NEWSWORTHY

The Delaware County Heritage Commission has published a 12 page booklet called A Graphic History of Delaware County. Maps and graphics, divided into the 17th, 18th 19th and the 20th centuries, chart the major events in the world, in the colonies and the United States, in Pennsylvania and in Delaware County. There are four fold-out maps depicting the growth of our county. The booklets are to be distributed to the 4th, 7th and 10th grades in all public and non-public schools in the county. Each classroom will also receive enlargements of the four maps.

The Haverford Township Historical Society has joined a Consortium of area historical agencies to develop an educational project designed to take advantage of the enormous educational potential of these organizations.

The Consortium has received a grant from the William Penn Foundation to help local schools develop better programs about American history, using the facilities of cooperating area institutions. They expect to make school visits to the sites more meaningful and strengthen the network between historical agencies. Our Society is the only historical society providing a regular program that is already included in the school curriculum.

Those involved in the joint project are: Brandywine Battlefield Park, Caleb Pusey House, Chadds Ford Historical Soc., Chester County Historical Society, Newlin Grist Mill Park, Thomas Massey House and the Haverford Twp. Historical Soc.

A full time Museum Education Consultant will be hired. At the completion of the year's project, a brochure will be developed for schools and a long range plan for future educational programs.

Come visit Nitre Hall and the Lawrence Log Cabin. Appointments can be arranged at any time for individuals or groups. Call 353-1213 or 449-3585. Both sites are open and all are welcome on the special week ends when activities are scheduled: June 28-29; Aug. 2-3 and Sept. 6-7.

P.O.Box 825

HAVERTOWN, Pa. 19083

SUMMER 1986

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday Eves.
Nov. 23, 1986
Feb. 17, 1987
Apr. 24, 1987

Next season's meetings of the Haverford Township Historical Society will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Temple Lutheran Church on Earlington Road. Notices will be sent to members.

Excellent speakers have been scheduled by program chrm., Jeanne Mulcahy. In

the fall, Vice Pres. and General Manager of WCAU-TV, Steve Cohen, will speak on Benjamin Franklin. 1987 marks the 200th anniversary of the Constitutional Convention. Hobie Cawood, Director of Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, will report on the importance of the convention and plans for the celebration. For our annual meeting, Dr. David Cooper of the Univ. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine will discuss the history of the school and his profession.

LAWRENCE CABIN - NITRE HALL

Special exhibits and demonstrations will be held this summer on specific weekends, 1 to 4 p.m. Spinning was highlighted on May 3rd and 4th with Susan Lucas spinning wool on her Great Wheel and Peg Johnston spinning flax and cotton. On May 31st and June 1st, Kathy Foden was weaving and a variety of hand woven fabrics were on display.

Patchwork and quilting are scheduled for June 28th and 29th. On August 2nd and 3rd, visitors will be invited to participate in a quilting bee. Candle dipping will be featured Sept. 6th and 7th. Children will particularly enjoy making their own candles. Come, bring your family and friends to visit the log cabin and Nitre Hall on these special weekends and show our appreciation for the volunteer workers and guides.

SPECIAL GIFTS

The Rotary Club of Haverford Township presented a check for \$500 at our annual meeting for use at the Federal School. This was a result of a slide presentation on the history of Haverford Township given to the Club last year. Joe Reese, a member of Rotary and Vice Pres. of the Historical Society was instrumental in fostering this gift.

The Haverford Township Education Association honored our President, Peg Johnston, at their annual meeting in May. Dolley Kelly, a teacher at the Middle School and a member of our Society, made the presentation: a donation in Peg's name "toward the purchase of a map for the Federal School". This appreciated and appropriate gift was the result of our April meeting when a map of the United States in the early 1800's was displayed.

The Brookline Club, which was incorporated in 1914 and became a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs in 1926, disbanded this spring. In disposing of their assets they were most generous to the Historical Society. We were presented with an American flag and stand, a silver tea service with tray and a check for \$1000. They requested the money be used in conjunction with our work at the Federal School or designated for educational programs.

The Brookline Junior Women's Club will continue the tradition of community service begun by the senior group. They are contributing members of the Historical Society and recently made a much appreciated gift of \$100. They are fondly remembered for participating in several of our "Old Fashioned Fashion Shows."

In Nitre Hall we have a growing collection of period clothing and textiles that should be appropriately stored. As a member of St. George's Chapter of The Questers, Betty Stafford interested the group in our needs. They applied for a grant from the State organization of The Questers and received \$100, this spring. It will be used toward storage facilities in Nitre Hall.

**** Watch for notice of a fall Field Trip ****
in our next Newsletter

NITRE HALL MAINTENANCE

Haverford Township has signed a contract to have the exterior woodwork of the powder master's mansion painted. Work is scheduled to begin mid July. The roof is in need of repairs and hopefully it will be reshingled this summer.

LAWRENCE CABIN MAINTENANCE

In-kind services are needed to help improve the area around the cabin and Nitre Hall. The cabin logs should be sprayed with a non-toxic, waxy substance to help preserve them. Although the Township cuts the grass regularly, some of the shrubbery and trees need pruning and flower beds and herb garden need attention. Volunteers? Phone Peg, 353-1213.



1797 FEDERAL SCHOOL

Plans and specifications for preservation work on the Federal School on Darby Road are out for bids. It is expected that restoration will be under way soon.

APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED

Have you seen the handsome cupboard on the ground floor of Nitre Hall? Our sincere thanks to Walter Geary, one of our members, who designed and built this closet for storage of equipment used for the Colonial Living Experience. Walter volunteered his time, tools and labor for which we are most grateful.

We also thank Charles Gans, plumber, for contributing labor and materials to install a faucet on the hot water heater in Nitre Hall. This eliminates the necessity of children in the Colonial Living Experience program to enter the caretaker's apartment to fill containers with hot water.

The bindings on a number of our books have been repaired by Mary Louise Cammarata, a resident of Haverford Township, who volunteered her services. This will extend the useful life of these volumes and represents a considerable saving for us.