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Haverford Township Historical Society

Spring, 2010

Heritage Festival Set for June 6, 11 am - 4 pm



Join us for one of Haverford Township's favorite community events as the Historical Society celebrates the rich, cultural heritage and local history of our area. In the beautiful and historic setting of Karakung Drive along Cobbs Creek, the Heritage Festival brings together people from all over the Township. This year's event will feature:

- Live music all day;
- Food from local favorites jd mcgillcuddy's and Havertown Pizza as well as Bella Rose Catering and local Boy Scout troops and a beer tent for over 21 visitors;
- Historical re-enactors and tours of Nitre Hall & the cabin;
- Juried photography exhibition featuring photos taken in Haverford Township;
- Model trains by local train enthusiast Bill Parkinson and Antique cars from the Historical Car Club of PA;
- Local non-profits on hand to share their missions;
- Local artisans and crafters;
- Pony rides, a scavenger hunt and children's activities and much, much more!

The Heritage Festival takes place on Karakung Drive between Lakeside Drive and Manoa Road. Parking is available at either end of the festival along the road. We encourage visitors to walk or ride bikes. A bike parking area will be available near Nitre Hall at the festival. The festival will be held rain or shine. **Stroll the drive and enjoy the day with the whole family!!**

HTHS Annual Meeting Thursday, April 15 @ 7:30 PM

The Grange Estate
143 Myrtle Avenue, Havertown, PA



The Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Grange Estate at 7:30 PM on Thursday, April 15. Dave Jordan, chairman of the Philadelphia A's Historical Society will be speaking. Attendees will get a chance to see a Loving Cup given to A's players after they won the 1913 World Championship. The cup was donated to the Historical Society by the family of Amos Strunk, A's player from Haverford Township. Other A's memorabilia will also be on display.

The Annual Meeting will begin with the business of elections and a by-laws vote before the program. *Admission is free, light refreshments will be served.*



Enter your photos in our PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Historical Society is sponsoring an exhibition of photos taken in Haverford Township. Join us as we celebrate the natural beauty and unique character of our Township and document it for future generations. Entries to the contest will be juried and cash prizes awarded in the categories of "Natural Beauty" and Township Life and Culture". Children's entries are welcome and will be judged in two categories (13 & under and 14-18). The fee to enter the contest is \$5 per photo (maximum of three submissions per person). Contact Jeanne Angell (angellsrus@comcast.net or Lauren Yacina (Lauren.Stevenson@verizon.net) for more information.

By-Laws Committee Meets

Board President Amy Wolfe, Secretary Mary Courtney and Renee Coffee met to review and make recommendations for revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society. The goal is to create a document with which we can be in compliance. The amendments are highlighted in the document inserted in this newsletter with new wording in bold italics. This will require a two-thirds vote of the members present at the April Annual meeting. Please review the changes and come prepared to cast your vote.

—See Insert for Draft of Constitution and By Laws—



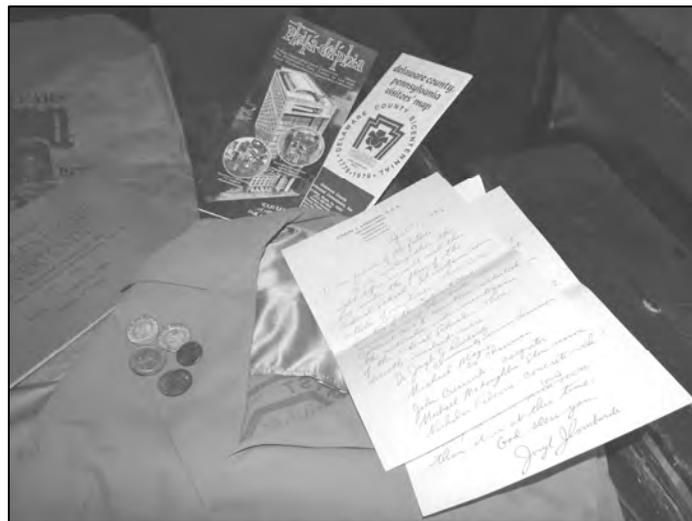
New Roof for the Summer Kitchen at Nitre Hall

By Mary Courtney

Wessley Sessa and craftsmen from 18th Century Restoration returned to re-roof the structure they built for the historical society in 1991. The building, modeled on a Quaker carriage shed is a major player in the Colonial Living Program each fall. After many seasons in the damp Powder Mill Valley, a new cedar roof was required to retain its integrity. The Summer Kitchen will also be the site of cast-iron-stove cooking and craft demonstrations in this year's Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 6.

We look forward to new roofs on both the Lawrence Cabin and the Federal School this summer.

May is Heritage Month and 2010 commemorates the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Remember Seneca Falls!



Time Capsule Discovered During Federal School Renovation

By Amy Wolfe

“To our friends of the future” . . . so begins a letter written by Joseph J. Lombardi, dated April 30, 1976 and included in a time capsule hidden under the floor in the Federal School. The time capsule was discovered recently when township carpenters took up a section of the wood floor in need of replacement due to termite damage.

The capsule, wrapped simply in a brown ABC Bakery grocery bag, contained items relevant to the times 34 years ago. These include Dr. Lombardi's Optimist Club blazer, Bicentennial memorabilia, 25c Septa tokens, and local maps. In addition there was a list of the Optimist Club members involved in the extensive 1976 restoration of the Federal School. Time, Sports Illustrated and Philadelphia Magazines of the period were also included. Of particular interest, in light of the recent Winter Olympics in Vancouver, is the Time cover story, featuring Dorothy Hamill in the 1976 winter Olympics held in Innsbruck.



Dr. Lombardi's letter closes with the following sentiment: “Our greetings to you in whatever period in time this is found and we sincerely hope and pray the world and society is in a better state than it is at this time. God bless you. Joseph J. Lombardi”

Plans are currently being made for the display of the time capsule items in the near future. Special thanks to carpenters Greg Basile, Brett Cardarelli and Dan Perri who completed the Federal School repairs and found the time capsule.



HTHS Board members Terri Dougherty, Dick Walker and Amy Wolfe decorate Nitre Hall during the Holiday House Tour.

Holiday House Tour

In spite of torrential rains on Sunday, December 13, 2009 the Holiday House Tour was a success. Ticket holders visited seven homes in Haverford Township among them, The Lawrence Homestead, the Grange Estate, Arbor Cote in Beechwood and Nitre Hall. Coordinator Terri Dougherty already is working on the 2010 tour. Homeowners and volunteers gathered at Nitre Hall for a post-tour party. Thanks to the many hands that made the day possible: Jeanne Angell, Sandy Bollinger, Mary Courtney, Bridget Coyne, Erica Deuschle, Suzanne Guelli, Carolyn Joseph, Sue Kratzinger, Donna and Pete Lunny and the Dougherty family.

Special thanks to Ring of Roses Florist on Darby Road who donated poinsettias for the House Tour! Your continued support of local history is much appreciated!

Welcome New Members

Patricia Maher

Stacey Mattox

James and Elizabeth Mellon

Lois Puglionese

Roy Sandstrom

Jack and Kathy Schank

The Gallo Family

Delaware County Historical Society

The Historical Society invites you to be part of the Heritage Festival! Step into history with us!

Volunteer Give us an hour (or two!). We need volunteers to direct parking, sell tickets and direct visitors.

Artists/Crafters Reserve your space now! Spaces are filling quickly, but we encourage local artists and crafters to join us at the festival. The registration fee is \$25. Forms are available on our website at haverfordhistoricalsociety.org.

Non-Profits Represent YOUR organization at the Heritage Festival. Share your mission, network, fundraise and enjoy a great day. Non-profit organizations can reserve space for free at the Heritage Festival.

Contact Tricia Woodman at johnwman@msn.com for more information.

Tour Guides Needed

The Friends of the Grange, an organization that oversees Haverford Township's historic Grange Estate, is seeking volunteers to work as tour guides for the 2010 Mansion Tours season beginning April 10. The Mansion Tours are 1 p.m.-4 p.m., weekends through October. Training is available.

The Grange Estate, at 143 Myrtle Avenue at Warwick Road, was one of the original settlements in Haverford in 1682. The mansion and outbuildings on the property reflect life in the mid 19th century.

For more information on joining the tour staff, call 610-446-4958.

Recent Additions to the HTHS Library and Archives

- Everyday Artifacts America 1750-1850 by Anthony L. Tafel 2009 A full-color illustrated soft-cover book of the best of the author's extensive collection of early Americana: blacksmith, hearth and farm tools, toys, clothing and assorted fascinating ephemera.
- Donated by Rose Ball of Ardmore – 15 volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica Ninth edition; 1876 American Reprint; J. M. Stoddarel and Co. Philadelphia. Board member and Franklin Institute Librarian Renee Coffey will try to fill in the missing volumes of this rare edition.
- Thanks to Robin Hartley who scanned the entire HTHS newsletter file to disc. We have also saved hard copies in a binder for easy reading.



Send your suggestions, comments and feature ideas for the HTHS Newsletter to Tricia Woodman at johnwman@msn.com or leave a message at 610.446.7988.



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WITH US!**

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Upcoming HTHS Events

April 15 **7:30 PM**
Annual Membership Meeting at the Grange Estate
143 Myrtle Ave. Havertown, PA
Speaker Dave Jordan from the Philadelphia A's
Historical Society

June 6 **11 AM to 4:00 PM**
Heritage Festival along Karakung Drive

HTHS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Haverford Township Historical Society is to protect, preserve and promote the history of our community and to sustain its cultural heritage for future generations through educational programs, accessible archives and site preservation.