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HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

The eleventh annual Holiday House Tour is scheduled for **Sunday December 2nd from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.**

There will be several architectural styles showcased this year including Tudor, Colonial and Bungalow. This Historical Society fundraiser has been a great success in past years.

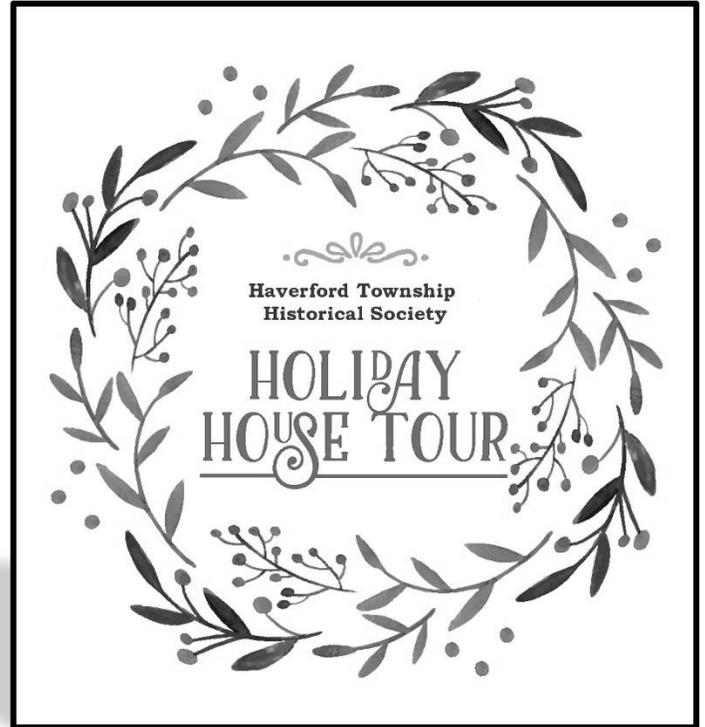
Mark your calendars for this great holiday event. Please call Terri Dougherty for ticket information or questions at (610) 449-1571 or email at terridesign88@yahoo.com. Let's all enjoy the holiday season.

Arrive at either of the Tour Start locations (below) the day of the tour. Pay in cash or by check here.

The Tour Start locations and ticket locations:

- 536 Kathmere Rd, Havertown
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Volunteer Corner — by Amy Wolfe

“In the past we had the wish that things would stay as they were. Now, however, we are making Nitre Hall better for the next generations.” So says Terri Dougherty, Director at Large on the Haverford Township Historical Society Board of Directors.

Terri, who moved to Haverford Township as a child, first became interested in the Society when she took the History of Haverford Township class at the Middle School nearly 30 years ago. She became friendly with the late Peg Johnston, then Society president, who invited her onto the board. As a new volunteer Terri became a guide in the Colonial Living Program, and set up the holiday displays in Nitre Hall. With the birth of her third child, however, Terri found it necessary to step back from the board, but her interest never waned. She continued to attend meetings and events.



Fast forward 12 years or so, and time finally allowed Terri to rejoin the board. She immediately began to investigate how to run a House Tour. “I wanted us to have a house tour because when I travelled I enjoyed going on house tours, and thought that because we have beautiful homes in Haverford Township, that we should have a house tour too!” Terri organized the first Holiday House Tour eleven years ago. The event is a significant fundraiser for the Society, and allows the public to purchase tickets and visit homes that run the gamut from historically significant, to architecturally interesting, to simply beautiful. The Holiday House Tour takes place each December.

Now retired after 40 years as a nurse, Terri has thrown her energy into the Nitre Hall restoration and decoration project. She recently spearheaded the complete overhaul of the office, which, she says, “needed to be beautiful and functional.”

Upcoming projects to be completed under her designer’s careful eye include proper lighting, and the restoration of the original kitchen, as well as painting the interior of the building, and addressing the landscaping issues. “Nitre Hall has to look like a home while respecting the history of its residents” says Terri.

A point of pride for Terri is that her three children have inherited her interest in local history. Husband Doc, Haverford Township Public Works Supervisor, is also supportive of Terri’s and the Society’s efforts.

As for her thoughts on the work being done by the Society, Terri says “because we are an all volunteer organization, getting things done is a matter of time and availability. I think we’ve done remarkable work in the past few years with a small, dedicated and passionate core group, but there’s a lot more work to be done to further our mission. We owe it to the history of our township and the future HTHS volunteers.”

Haverford Class of '63— by Richard Kerr

Some time back we received an inquiry from the Haverford High Class of 1963 reunion committee about the possibility of conducting a guided bus tour of Haverford Township. I agreed to serve as tour guide. In planning the route and sights, I came to realize that the Class of '63 is a special year that really punctuates the recent past history of our township. A lot has changed within their lifetimes.

Most of the people in this class were born in 1945, making them older than “Havertown” itself! The U.S. Post Office invented the word “Havertown” to rename a post office building and its service area effective January 1, 1946. Before that, the postal address for this part of our township was “Upper Darby” and previously “Llanerch.” The address of Haverford High was “Brookline, Upper Darby, Penna.”!

At about the time the members of the Class of '63 were born:

- America was still fighting World War II. Food, gasoline and tires were being rationed. “D Day,” “VE Day” and victory in the Pacific theater were still to come. The Atomic Age was yet to start, with a bang (actually two large bangs). The Berlin Wall and the Cold War loomed on the horizon.
- The Pennsylvania Railroad was still operating coal-fired steam locomotives on the Newtown Square Branch through the township.
- Most homes in the township were heated with coal. Instead of collecting “trash” and “recycling” the township collected “garbage” and “ash.”
- There was an open field where Manoa Shopping Center is now.
- The Philadelphia Chewing Gum Corporation was established (1947) and would soon locate its “Swell” bubble gum factory on Eagle Road in Oakmont.

While the Class of '63 members were growing up or in their school years:

- Haverford Township residents could now dial phone numbers themselves, instead of asking an operator to do it.
- The school district built Lynnewood Elementary School (1951), Chatham Park Elementary (1955), the Senior High (1956) and Coopertown Elementary (1958).
- Bobby sox, saddle shoes, fluffy petticoats, poodle skirts and bowling were “all the rage.”
- West Chester Pike became four lanes wide through the township, after the West Chester trolley line was abandoned.
- Home delivery of dairy products and bread was common. The milkman took back the empty bottles for washing and re-use.
- We still had lead in our gasoline and paint, and we used asbestos in pipe insulation, electrical insulation and house siding. Water-based latex paint was just becoming available.
- Owner Samuel T. Jacoby and his employees at the National Wood Preservers plant on Eagle Road (across from the chewing gum factory) simply dumped thousands of gallons of waste chemicals on the ground, later to become the EPA’s Havertown PCP Superfund environmental remediation site.

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When the Class of '63 graduated:

- The Haverford State Hospital on Darby Road had just been built and opened.
- The Ardmore trolley line still ran in between Darby and East Darby roads past Llanerch School, the Junior High School and Oakmont School. Discounted student tickets could be used to get to school.
- A “shopping mall” was opened in nearby King of Prussia.
- The Ford Mustang was a sensation, and Chevrolet would soon respond by making its Corvette a Stingray. Ralph Nader was deciding that the Chevy Corvair was “unsafe at any speed.”
- The United States Post Office introduced Zip codes, with the help of the “Mr. Zip” stick figure.
- We were still all in the 215 telephone area code and had phone numbers that included exchange names like Hilltop, SUNset, Midway, etc.
- British rock and roll groups were poised to start their “invasion” of America.
- President John F. Kennedy would be assassinated that fall.

It's enough to make your head spin, isn't it? Congrats to the Class of '63 for making it back to Haverford Township and for their Magical History Tour!

Bryn Mawr Guernsey Cattle Show Award — by Richard Kerr

Over the past several years HTHS has been able to assemble information and a substantial artifact collection covering the old polo field in the northeast corner of Haverford Township. The public park now known as “The Polo Field” was once just that - the home turf for the Bryn Mawr Polo Association. This club fielded horse-mounted polo teams and competed with other such clubs. Its Polo Field was also used as the site of the autumn Bryn Mawr Horse Show from 1914 through 1947, held annually with breaks during the World Wars. The Bryn Mawr Hound Show, for foxhunting hounds, was held concurrently with the horse show. The Polo Association member list and the show participant lists read like a Main Line or East Coast social register.

We now have in our collections many news articles, press photos, annual catalogues and items from these shows, including bronze

bridle medallions (some with their ribbon rosettes still around them) presented to winning horses, and a silver bowl presented to a hound show winner. Many of these items are on display in Nitre Hall.

There was a third, smaller show held in conjunction with the horse and hound shows, but it did not cover their entire span of years. That was the Bryn Mawr Guernsey Cattle Show, which was last held in 1935. We recently acquired an object from that. It is a sterling silver trophy plate from 1932, awarded to the “Best Cow, two years and under three years old, bred and owned in Pennsylvania.” It's difficult to imagine that, after three or four decades of suburbanization in our township and area, dairy cows were still being judged just a block away from busy Lancaster Avenue. We had no photos of this event, just the listing and entrant information in several horse show catalogues, so this presentation plate is a welcome addition to our collection. Who was the 1932 winner, you ask? Sunny Slope Priscilla, also identified as 309328 in the plate's extensive engraving.



5th Annual Archaeology Festival - by Kate Clifford

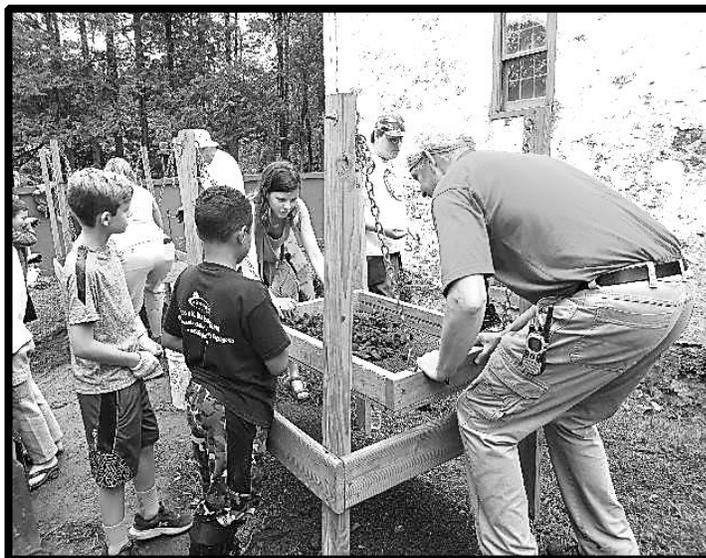
Saturday, September 8th was the 5th annual Archaeology Festival held at Newlin Grist Mill in Concord. It was co-sponsored by the Delaware County Planning Department, and numerous local historical organizations and universities had tables showing their artifacts and giving out handouts for their groups. Despite the early rain, almost 300 people came out during the day to participate in this event.

Haverford Township Historical Society displayed a small sampling of the artifacts from our display case in Nitre Hall along with our catalog of artifacts completed by our own archaeologist, Mike Lenert. If you have not had a chance to see all of our artifacts, which include Native American projectile points, axe heads, and a mortar and pestle, some of which are 10,000 years old, then I encourage you to check it out the next time you're in Nitre Hall. Other local historic groups that presented there include the Grange, which displayed many 18th-19th Century artifacts; the Thomas Massey House, which showed a wide range of artifacts from Native American projectile points to 18th Century domestic items; the Marcus Hook Preservation Society, which displayed items found around the Plank House; and the Delaware County Historical Society, which displayed some artifacts from the 1940s dig of the Native American settlement in Marple Township, which is Haverford Township's closest connection to a settlement. More information about this settlement will be in our upcoming Township history book.

Along with the informational tables, there was lots to see and do:

The millwrights shop in the Mill were hammering and chiseling all day, helping to rebuild parts of the mill that have been lost or damaged. There is a plan to replace much of the existing mill wheel as it has deteriorated for various reasons, and constantly leaks. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out with the wheel, please contact them.

Kids of all ages had different activities to participate in. The younger ones could do a 'Kids Dig', where they could dig through a square to try and find all of the artifacts and identify them in a book.



They practiced digging and sifting. Older kids could reassemble pottery using hot glue guns. Teenagers and adults could help with the real excavation along the mill's tailrace. It was led by the Newlin Grist Mill archaeologists and West Chester University. Volunteers could use sifters to find the pieces, or help with the cleaning of the artifacts under a different tent. All of the artifacts would be labeled and identified and a new archaeology display is planned for the Newlin Grist Mill's visitor center soon.

Atlatl demonstrations were at the barn due to the weather. Atlatl is spear throwing using a curved stick, similar to jai alai. It was a way to have a more forceful throw, which is useful when hunting prey. We practiced on hay bales.

Time Chef (Mr. Henry Ward) was there with a variety of Native American foods to sample, and with cookbooks and handouts so you could make them yourself. The foods included Corn and Berry Bannock (fried corn bread nuggets flavored with honey and cranberries), Parched corn kernels, Piscataway Berry Pudding (berry compote), Lenape Trail Mix and Tockwaugh Herbal Tea. Mr. Ward is a chef and an archaeologist and demonstrates and lectures at many festivals in the Mid-Atlantic region. We included a recipe on 7 for Parched Corn Kernels which you can try at home.

Overall, it was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. I encourage everyone to come out to next year's festival. More information is at <http://www.newlingristmill.org/archaeology>

Old News... by John Kirkland

Thanks to HTHS Member, **Betty Murta Graham**, we have access to a whole slew of old news periodicals from the township. Betty was able to loan us these treasures which we carefully scanned, and we hope to be able to make them available digitally.

Below is another snippet from the "Eagle Herald" September 13, 1934 edition! It's the "SOCIAL" page, the 1934 version of Facebook, it seems. Compared to Mrs. Jones chasing her chickens, and Johnny Mann playing tag with a dog, pictures on Instagram of my neighbor's ice cream sundae don't seem so inane after all! These old newspapers never get "old".

THANK YOU (again) BETTY!!

The Eagle Herald
Only Newspaper in Manoa and Bon Air

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The Eagle Herald, Thursday, September 13, 1934

SOCIAL

Miss Doris Spurdens, of Harding avenue, drove her parents to Asbury Park, N.J., on Sunday to view the charred wreckage of the S.S. Morro Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Haas and family, of Country Club Lane, have returned home after spending the summer at Ocean City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gretzinger and family, of Washington avenue, have returned home after spending the summer in Cape May.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillian and family, of Garfield avenue, have returned home after spending the summer in Ocean City.

Whitemans, of Woodbine road, spent the week-end in Wildwood.

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ABOUT
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By
C. A. Lott

Johnny Mann playing tag with a dog on the ball diamond.

Mrs. Jones chasing her chickens.

Fal Sbicca wearing the head dress of a Fiji Islander.

Kass Ericson walking in the rain.

Mrs. Guigus and George Bernhard exchanging secrets.

Norman Kellow working under his 'barge'.

Bill Wilds still talking about the Country Club. He should have seen the Morro Castle.

Mrs. Smith, of the pike, displaying her cut flowers, and are they fast sellers!

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Indian Parched Corn

Parched corn is an ancient method for turning hard dried field or dent corn kernels, into a crunchy and nutritious trail food. The dried corn is first soaked in fresh water, dried and then slow fried in corn oil until it puffs up to crunchy kernels. For an added touch of authentic flavor, sprinkle cooling parched corn with finely ground smoked sea salt (course sea salt smoked on a fine screen over hardwood until it darkens to a medium brown).

1. Put 1 cup of dent corn and 2 cups of water into a covered container in the fridge to soak for 3 days.
2. Drain and pat dry with a towel
3. Heat ½ inch corn oil (or grease, lard, bacon drippings, etc) in a deep pot
4. When oil is hot enough that a drop of water sputters in it, carefully add some kernels.
5. They will rise to the surface as they cook.
6. Take them out to drain when they are brown and crunchy (not chewy).
7. Be careful as occasionally a kernel may pop like popcorn.
8. Salt while warm and enjoy.



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- **Individual Membership:** \$15
- **Household Membership:** \$25
- **Contributing Organization:** \$40

In **addition** to dues, you can further support the Historical Society by donating as one of the following:

- **Nitre Hall Club** supporter: \$25
- **Lawrence Club** supporter: \$50
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Omissions

In the Spring 2018 Newsletter, we had a great article; "**The British in Haverford, Another Look – by Clarissa Dillon, PhD**". Due to size constraints in the newsletter, we were not able to include the footnotes. The fully footnoted article can be found on our website by going to the DOWNLOADS page, and then looking under the "Past Newsletters" section.:

<http://haverfordhistoricalsociety.org/downloads/>

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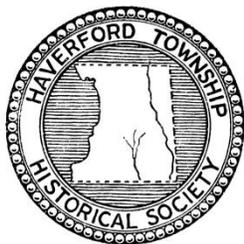
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