

The Haverford Herald

The newsletter of the Haverford Township Historical Society

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Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 7:30pm, Grange Estate

The membership meeting will begin with a brief business meeting. At the meeting the membership will be asked to vote on a change to the bylaws. **It is important that as many HTHS members as possible are present at this meeting to assure that the proposed changes can go to a vote (see details about the bylaw change below). We encourage ALL MEMBER attendance.**

Our guest speaker will be Wes Waters who will present a lecture, exhibit and slide-show entitled: ART DECO: The Marriage of Form and Function.

Mr. Waters' presentation focuses on the evolution and relationship of form and function which evolved and matured during the art deco era. Slide projector visuals, and a display of collectibles, as well as Mr. Waters' knowledge, insights and perspectives will illustrate his presentation. Drawing on his extensive engineering background and his many years of art deco collecting and lecturing, Mr. Waters will add to your knowledge of art deco. Mr. Waters is a past president of the Art Deco Society of Washington, D.C. He began collecting over 26 years ago. His art deco home on Darby Road in Havertown is authentically furnished with collectibles from 1926-1940. Mr. Waters' home was showcased at the 2012 HTHS Holiday House Tour.

Proposed Changes to the HTHS Constitution and By-Laws

HTHS' Board of Directors proposes that our Constitution and By-Laws be changed to increase the Board of Directors from ten people to twelve.

As presently written:

"ARTICLE V OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The Board of Directors shall consist of the Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator and **five** Directors at Large. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board."*

Proposed change:

"ARTICLE V OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*The Board of Directors shall consist of the Offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Curator and **seven** Directors at Large. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board."*

HTHS 6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, December 8, 2013; 1-4:30pm

This self-guided tour is an excellent way to enjoy the diversity of the private residences in our township. Tickets may be purchased in advance (contact Terri Dougherty at 610-449-1571) or on the day of the tour (at 434 Greenview Road in Havertown starting at 1pm). The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to spend the day with friends while further exploring our township's beautiful homes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 17, 2013
HTHS Annual Meeting
 Grange Estate, 7:30pm

December 8
Holiday Open House Tour
 1-4:30pm

June 8, 2014
8th Annual Heritage Festival

We hope you attended our very successful 7th Annual Heritage Festival in June 2013. We thank our sponsors and volunteers.

Haverford "Firsts and Notables" Exhibit on Display at Haverford Township Free Library

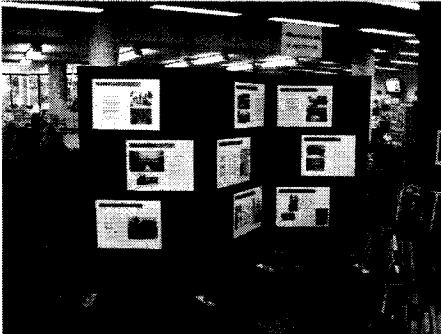
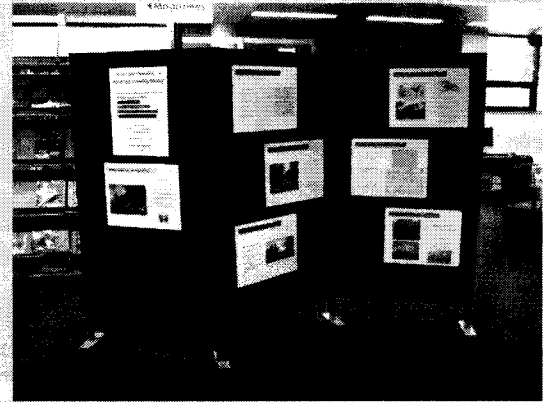
The Haverford Township Historical Society has a new display in the Haverford Township Free Library this Fall. It is accompanied by a new companion website that contains a number of historical monographs on the subjects, each with further online links for the interested reader. The display is part of the Delaware County Celebration of History and Culture.

The display, "Firsts and Notables" in Haverford Township History, covers sixteen topics from our local history that are significant "first" or "notable" events or people, encompassing five eras in township history. Did you know that William Penn, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln all came to Haverford Township? That Haverford Township had the first female township commis-

sioner in Pennsylvania?

That we had a world champion, gold-medal Olympic high-jumper, and *her* records stood for decades? Or that the busway we take for granted was the first of its kind?

Please stop by the Library to see the display, created by Rich Kerr and Emily Yacina. Also explore the detailed companion website at <http://history.havtrail.com/> for further intriguing stories. Also available are helpful articles pointing to online resource books of local history, online historical atlases and maps of Haverford Township, and a history of Haverford Township population statistics, all just a click or two away.



HTHS Volunteer Interns

The Historical Society loves its interns. This year we welcomed **Emily Yacina**, a senior at Haverford High School. Emily helped to create the Firsts and Notables display at the library. We were also privileged to have intern **Josh Stricoff**, a student at West Chester University. He has volunteered throughout the summer and is continuing to work with us. Josh has assisted with a wide variety of curatorial duties, helped at several HTHS events and created the exhibit entitled "Neighborhoods" which is now being displayed at Nitre Hall.

HTHS at Delaware County "Celebration of History"

HTHS Board Member Rich Kerr represented Haverford's Historical Society at the Delaware County Celebration of History event that was held at Rose Tree Park in Media the last Sunday in September.

The event was a grand finale to the Delaware County Historical Society's HISTORY MONTH. In addition to the expo of vendors and historical information tables, the event included the 2nd Annual Ride for History, a day full of historic venue tours, displays of antique cars, an international food court and historical entertainment. Haverford's Federal School was open for tours and visitors.

Rich reported a lot of interest at the HTHS table. His participation at the event also earned HTHS a little publicity here—
<http://www.delcotimes.com/lifestyle/20130930/delaware-county-celebrates-224-years-of-unique-history>



HTHS Participates in the Heritage Preservation's Conservation Assessment Program

HTHS was chosen to participate in the 2013 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). CAP assists museums by providing funds for building and conservation specialists to identify conservation needs and recommend ways to correctly improve collections and building conditions.

Michael Henry, Engineer and Architect of Watson & Henry Associates, and Susan Duhl, Art Conservation and Collections Consultant, spent two full days evaluating and surveying our sites: Nitre Hall, Lawrence Cabin, Summer Kitchen and Federal School. It was really a pleasure to spend time with Michael and Susan and to discuss the many facets of our collections and buildings. The onsite consultation and subsequent report will enable HTHS to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures and environmental conditions, and will help the Society to make appropriate improvements for immediate and long-range care of the collections and historic structures.

A comprehensive report is expected by the middle of October. Once the Board of Directors has had a chance to review the report, more information will be shared with our membership. We hope to have a fundraising campaign to advance the suggested conservation and environmental recommendations in the comprehensive report written by Michael and Susan.

CAP Assessment Committee - Carolyn Joseph, Irene Coffey, Rich Kerr

HTHS Long-term Board Member, Mary Courtney, Retires

Mary Courtney moved to Arizona in August leaving behind many fond memories of her time with HTHS. Mary began her journey with us in the mid 1980's and has given freely of her time and talents to our community and the Society.

In her 30+ years of service Mary helped with cleaning Nitre Hall's gardens on Earth Day, researched Township history, wrote newsletter articles, edited the newsletter, served as both teacher and director for the Colonial Living and Federal School Programs, taught the Adult School course on Haverford Township history, painted the buildings, worked on membership mailings, stamped envelopes, wrote grants, and served as project consultant. She was instrumental in creating the Haverford Heritage Trail and the Battle of Llanerch Crossing Park. She also held the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary. When there was a job to do, she was there to help or lead. And she did it with a smile and joy in her heart. We have been blessed to have her in our community and wish her well in her new community. They are lucky to have her in Arizona!

Before she left, Mary gifted HTHS with books that enrich the Society's library collection. These included books on traditional early American crafts and on the history and ghost stories of Delaware County as well as collections of nineteenth century children's literature. Mary has donated other books in the past, and we are grateful for all of her contributions.

As a gift to Mary for her many years of service, an original, stained glass wall hanging of Nitre Hall was presented to her at the July board meeting. The work was designed and created by Jeannie Joseph.



HTHS Federal School Featured on WFMZ-69 TV

Board Members Donna Lunny and Rich Kerr hosted a TV reporter and cameraman from WFMZ-69 TV (Berks County) at the Federal School in September. The production duo was shooting a feature for their "One Tank Trip" series of local points of interest. Although darkening skies and a downpour interrupted their filming and compromised the lighting inside the school, the feature was able to be completed in one day. The film features video of the Federal School as well as interviews with Rich and Donna. The final program is in the format of a two-minute feature that appeared on the TV station and can continue to be viewed on the station's website. The link to the viewing is <http://www.wfmz.com/news/One-Tank-Trip-Federal-School/-/121458/21689960/-/wpundwz/-/index.html>.

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