



The Haverford Herald

The newsletter of the Haverford Township Historical Society

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Membership Meeting Thursday, OCTOBER 16th 7:30pm, Grange Estate

The annual meeting of the Historical Society begins with a brief business meeting followed by a guest speaker and refreshments. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

Our speaker is Laurie Rofini of the Chester County Archives and Records Service. Her topic is, "Grant me Relief from this Loathsome Jail": Down and Out in Early Chester County.

Ms. Rofini's presentation will reveal how John Dolby and others like him ended up in the "loathsome" jail of Chester County, and whether their imprisonment was caused by debt, misfortune, or crime.

It will also explore the lives of the working poor.

Ms. Rofini holds an MSLIS from Drexel University and an MA and BA in History from West Chester University. She has been on the staff of the Chester County Archives and Records Services since 1982, serving as Director since 2002.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 10, 2014
Oktoberfest Fundraiser
and Silent Auction
7pm, Nitre Hall

October 16, 2014
Membership Meeting
7:30pm, Grange Estate

December 7, 2014
Holiday House Tour
1 to 4:30pm

April 16, 2015
Annual Meeting
7:30pm, Grange Estate

June 7, 2015
Heritage Festival

BUY TICKETS ONLINE at
www.haverfordhistoricalsociety.org

Tickets are now on sale for the Oktoberfest and the Holiday House Tour. Tickets will not be mailed. Please pick up your pre-paid tickets at the will call table at each event.

Tickets can also be purchased by check through the mail or at the door (while quantities last).

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY proudly presents:

OKTOBERFEST 2014

Friday, October 10, 2014; 7pm - 10pm
\$25 per person *discounts for members
Historic Nitre Hall

This year marks the 7th Annual Oktoberfest and Silent Auction Fundraiser Event featuring annual beer garden, light refreshments, musical performances, and silent auction. Your ticket price also includes a free HTHS logo beer glass.

Friends and non-members are welcome to attend this event at the regular price. It's best to purchase tickets ahead in case the event fills. If you are not currently a member or you need to renew, you can purchase or renew your membership to take advantage of the discounted ticket price.

Let us know if you'd like to donate a product or service for our silent auction.

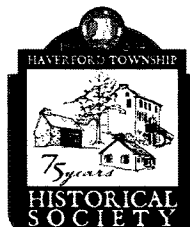
*Discounted Member Tickets
Individual Members: \$5 off ONE Oktoberfest ticket
Household Members: \$5 off TWO Oktoberfest tickets
Organizational Members: \$5 off THREE Oktoberfest tickets

HTHS members will also receive a raffle ticket for a special Members-Only drawing. You must be present to win.

Please note: This event is for adults age 21 & over

Oktoberfest Event Features:

Silent Auction Fundraiser
Beer Garden
Oktoberfest Appetizers
FREE HTHS Signature Beer Glass
Musical Performances and Bands

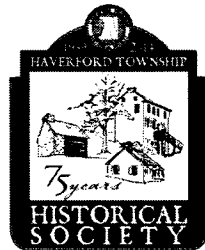


Heritage Festival Success and Thank You

Thank you to the event coordinators and all of the volunteers who helped with the Historical Society's 2014 Heritage Festival. The positive outcome of this event would not have been possible without the hard working hands of many exceptional volunteers. The weather was BEAUTIFUL and the event was well attended.

If you would like to be involved in helping with the Heritage Festival in a future year, please make sure we know. We would love to include you and to have your help and support.

Thank you to all of you who stopped by the Historical Society's membership table to introduce yourself, to learn about our society endeavors and to join us as new members. We are so glad to have you on board with us!



Did you get a 75th Anniversary Glass at the Heritage Festival? If not, no worries, you can get one at the Oktoberfest this fall! Thanks to Glen Swantak for help with the logo design.



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY presents:

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR 2014

Sunday, December 7, 2014; 1-4:30pm

\$25 per person * (discounted tickets available to members)



Please join us and discover the varied beauty in our Haverford Township homes and properties!

Your ticket includes a detailed brochure with maps, photos and descriptions of all of the houses on the tour. You may tour the homes in any order and at your own pace. At every home, you will be greeted by a home host volunteer who can tell you about that property.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event at the regular price.

Discounted tickets are available to Haverford Township Historical Society Members:

- Individual Members: \$5 off the cost of one ticket
- Household Members: \$5 off the cost of up to two tickets
- Organizational Members: \$5 off the cost of up to three tickets

Contact Terri Dougherty right away if you would like to offer your home as one of the showcase properties on the tour. We are happy to accept a wide variety of home styles.

Advance tickets can be purchased online at www.haverfordhistoricalsociety.org or by mail with a check. Tickets will also be available on the day of the tour at the starting location.

For more information about this event, contact Terri Dougherty at 610-449-1571

The Oakmont "Japanese Beetle Quarantine Station"

By Richard Kerr

In the 1920s an unusual type of bug was discovered and captured at a nursery in New Jersey. It took a year before biologists identified it as an obscure beetle from Japan that had somehow traveled to America. It thrived in America far better than it did in its remote, colder habitat in Japan. Efforts to eradicate the beetles failed, and they rapidly spread through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. Government efforts then focused on slowing the spread, since the economic impact on the American produce, flower and shrub industries was unknown and feared.

So it was that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture established a quarantine office and station "on Eagle Road near Oakmont, Delaware County" in 1932. Its purpose was to inspect shipments of produce and nursery products which might contain the insidious beetles and their larvae. That building, which was sold off by 1935, went through several uses before becoming the first section of the Philadelphia Chewing Gum Corporation's factory building in the 1960s. The site now hosts the new Haverford Area YMCA.

Even today, quarantine efforts continue in America against the Japanese beetle. It has spread to all states touching the Mississippi River and all states east of there, but states like California, Arizona and Colorado are still vigilantly trying to slow its ceaseless westward progress.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

(first time members)

Barber Family	Lyons Family
Barbieri Family	Martin Family
Kelly Brennan	Mandell Family
John Coyne	McGuire Family
Dash Family	Melton Family
Anthony Dintino	Ney Family
Duzen Family	Cora Pinhak
Engman Family	Ryan Family
Flemming Family	Amanda Schoppet
Germick Family	Janice Smith
Hoopty's Pizza	Diane Tate
Kasper Family	Wagner Family
Rosemary Lynch	

(If you are a new member and haven't received your welcome materials please email us.)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT (Heritage Festival)

Big cheers go out for the overwhelming support we got from Ms. Jackson and her fabulous students at Haverford High School's National Honor Society who gave their time as volunteers at the 2014 Heritage Festival.

Almost half of our Heritage Festival volunteers were students. Most of them were first time volunteers. We would also like to give a big shout to **Max Bowden** who volunteered for every single shift of the day, working from 8am setup to 5pm cleanup and every shift in between!

HERITAGE FESTIVAL DRAWING WINNERS:

The historical society is happy to announce the winners of the giant baskets of historical gifts and logo items that were raffled off at this year's membership booth:

New Member Drawing – Kelly Brennan, Havertown
General Drawing – Larry Serlin, Havertown

CLUB LEVEL DONORS

Lawrence Club

Irene & Jim Coffey

Federal Club

Hoopty's Pizza
Kelly Music for Life
McGuire Family

Historical Society Membership Dues Increase

For the first time in many years, the HTHS Membership annual dues have increased. The increase is long overdue. The additional funds will help us in our endeavor to further our mission and to sustain good stewardship over the historical buildings and collections we administer.

New annual rates for membership are as follows: Individual Membership, \$15; Household Membership, \$25; Organizational Membership, \$40

And we've added CLUB LEVEL SUPPORT. We truly appreciate the members who go above and beyond to further the HTHS Mission. These club supporters are donors who support HTHS with more than their annual dues. Consider adding a Club Level to your annual support:

- Nitre Club \$25 in addition to annual dues
- Lawrence Club \$50 in addition to annual dues
- Federal Club \$100 in addition to annual dues



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to welcome awesome new volunteers. This summer, we have trained several new docents who are now able to give tours at our Nitre Hall location. Several of these volunteers led tours at our Open Houses this summer at Nitre Hall. We'd like to recognize these dedicated folks who chose to share their Sundays showing visitors around one of our historic buildings along Karakung Road. HTHS gives a big hand to Kelly Brennan, Christine Melton and Mike Murphy.

Our Sunday Open House events from June through September welcomed many first time visitors to our building and introduced them to the history of the historic mill area.

The Historical Society Needs Your Help

Board of Directors

Several positions are available to those interested in serving on our society's board. We have immediate needs for a recording secretary, Historical Commission liaison, curator, program director, legal advisor etc. If you have interest in getting involved with HTHS at the board level, please contact us to apply for one of our open positions.

General Volunteers

We can use your help in a HUGE variety of ways. If you have ANY of the following skills, talents or areas of expertise contact us: website design, technology, social media, fundraising, grant writing, building, legal knowledge, writing, research, organizational management, finance, insurance, conservation etc...

WE ARE ALWAYS looking for willing volunteers to do grounds improvement, gardening, event planning, cooking, cleaning, docent work, envelope stuffing, communication, etc... If you have a will to help, we'll find the best place to get you started.

Financial Donors

Have you wished you could support the historical society in a more tangible financial way? You can! We accept donations in any amount at any time.

NEW Members

The Historical Society is always happy to have new members join us. To become a member for the first time or to renew your membership, sign up and pay on our website. You can also mail your check to our PO Box, details on the website. Contact us to see if your membership is current. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us as well.

DID YOU KNOW? The Historical Society is happy to accept high school and college volunteers. We will sign letters of community service for students who volunteer with us.

HTHS Board of Directors

Officers

Vince Snyder:	President
Irene Coffey:	Vice President, Librarian
Amy Wolfe:	Treasurer, Education Coordinator
Carolyn Joseph:	Curator

Members at Large

Terri Dougherty:	Holiday House Tour Coordinator
Sherrie Jenkins:	Haverford Herald Editor, Membership Director
Richard Kerr:	Researcher, Haverford Heritage Trail Liaison
John Kirkland:	Web Master
Donna Lunny:	Publicity Director, Corresponding Secretary
Chris Whiting:	Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

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