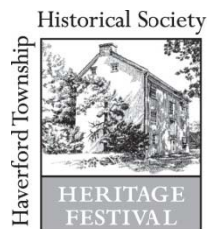




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11 AM to 4 PM

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## HTHS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 PM

@ Haverford Twp. Free Library

Haverford Township Historical Society members are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting on

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM, downstairs at the **Haverford Township Free Library**. The meeting is being held ahead of the 7 PM public presentation of "Haverford History as Seen in Old Postcards." The meeting will include brief reports on Historical Society activities and the election of board members. Please join us!



## "HAVERFORD HISTORY AS SEEN IN OLD POSTCARDS"

Wednesday, April 22

(FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!)

7:00 PM @ Haverford Twp. Free Library

The Haverford Township Historical Society and the Haverford Township Free Library are teaming up to host an evening of "visual history" entertainment at 7 PM, April 22, 2015 at the Library (Mill Road and Darby Road, Havertown). Keith Lockhart and Rich Kerr will be presenting "Haverford History as Seen in Old Postcards," mostly drawn from Keith's outstanding collection of local history. Due to the expected popularity of this presentation, we will be using the Library's downstairs community room.

Keith Lockhart has been a life-long collector and researcher of Delaware County history, truly earning his unofficial title of Delaware County Historian. He likes to share his wealth of knowledge and artifacts, giving frequent talks around the county and providing historical resources through his extensive website, [www.delawarecountyhistory.com](http://www.delawarecountyhistory.com). Keith also serves as a board member of the Delaware County Historical Society.

Keith will dig deep into his collection, but being a "South Delco" resident he has asked Rich to help fill in facets of our township's history. We fully expect that the audience will chime in, too, although the plan is to go light on the historical details and maximize the visual entertainment. Old postcards were a popular fad in the first two or three decades of the 1900's. They provide a wealth of historic views from that era, when our township's suburban development was beginning. Many postcards were photographic prints, and some were hand-tinted to provide coloration. Expect a lot of Llanerch views, especially!

Don't miss a delightful trip back into our community history! Make plans to attend and join the fun on April 22nd!

## Art Sciubba Compiles Haverford Athletics Compendium

By Rich Kerr

Schools comprise a large part of local history, and school athletics are probably the most popular part of our school history. When the Society looked into whether to gather Haverford High School yearbooks as part of its historical mission, we discovered that at least four collections already exist: two or more at the high school itself, one at the library, and one with the alumni association.

What has gone missing in Haverford, though, is a good record of our township schools' athletics. Through a succession of near-biblical catastrophes, the school district's repository of information, photos, trophies and plaques has been greatly reduced. Beyond the perennial lack of storage space, there was asbestos contamination in the 1980's, five feet of basement flooding in 1995 and a major renovation of the high school building in 2000.

Enter Arthur Sciubba, Class of 1968. Despite a busy career as teacher and coach out in Kentucky, Art was "true to his school" and took on the task of compiling and recreating an accurate and complete record of Haverford's sports history.

He **really** took it on, despite the distance factor. He tracked down and contacted practically everyone you might think of, found and borrowed old local and school papers, football programs, personal records and so on. Art contacted us after spotting our online write-up about Brookline's Jean Shiley, an early homegrown woman high-jumper who was Olympic gold medalist and world record holder, and whose 1928 Pennsylvania high school high-jump record was not surpassed until 1973.

The project grew and grew, and the final result, entitled "**A Century of Haverford High School Athletics and Beyond**," just self-published by Art himself, fills two hardbound volumes. Truly a labor of love, the book is arranged in "scrapbook" style. It is a collage of old photos, news accounts, score tallies, team pictures and original research. If you attended Haverford High, people you know are no doubt in it. It's fun to page through it.

In return for our help with his monumental effort, Art has donated a copy of his work to the Society's library of local history. We are most grateful!

If you are interested in a copy, the two-volume set is available from *Art Sciubba, 1040 Shive Lane E-2, Bowling Green, KY 42103.*

The cost is \$85 (which includes only Art's actual printing and binding cost, plus a sizable donation to the Haverford High School Sports Hall of Fame), plus \$12.65 for postage. You can contact Art at [txcoach.sciubba@hotmail.com](mailto:txcoach.sciubba@hotmail.com).



Art Sciubba

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### Please take a moment to remit your 2015 Historical Society Membership Dues.

Your ongoing support allows us to continue our efforts to preserve and promote local history in our community! Individual Membership: \$15, Family Membership: \$25, Contributing Organization: \$40  
Send your check made payable to "HTHS" to PO Box 825, Havertown, PA 19083

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## Suzanne Iserman - Thoughtfully Remembered

We recently learned of the passing in Georgia of Suzanne Fitzwater Iserman, who had been a Haverford Township elementary school teacher and long-time member of HTHS with a passion for history and genealogy. Her memorial service and burial in January took place locally. Unbeknownst to us, her family asked that, in lieu of flowers,



*Suzanne F. Iserman*

gifts in her memory should be made to the Haverford Township Historical Society. We have received a number of donations in memory of Sue, and we gratefully thank both her family and the gift donors for honoring her in a way that thoughtfully reflects her lifelong interests.

## HTHS Hidden Collections Initiative



Historical Society  
of Pennsylvania

In April 2014, The Haverford Township Historical Society participated in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's

Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR). "The goal of the HCI-PSAR project is to make better known and more accessible the important but often 'hidden' archival collections in the many small historical repositories in the Philadelphia region."

The HTHS archival collections descriptions have been added to the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL) finding aid site, <http://dla.library.upenn.edu/dla/pacscl/index.html>.

**HTHS** thanks sponsors  
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Pepper's Café  
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Manoa Beverage  
Haverford Township Civic Council  
Hooty's Pizza

## Holiday House Tour a Success

The **Holiday House Tour 2014** turned out to be the largest attended event to date. The weather was perfect! Many thanks to the gracious homeowners for opening their homes for the tour.

We also want to thank the docents and volunteers for a job very well done.

*The Holiday House Tour 2015 will be December 6, so mark your calendars!*



*Nitre Hall 1935*





### “Thank You” Letters from Colonial Living Student Visitors

Colonial Living is the long-running living history program for fifth graders run by the School District of Haverford Township in conjunction with the Historical Society.

Year after year Colonial Living continues to be the most popular elementary school field trip. As evidence here are some excerpts from the thank you notes of some young “friends.”

Thank you for making me have a fun day. I really enjoyed singing the song while churning the butter, it was really funny. I also enjoyed cutting the wood, and then I got to kick it. Thank you for making me have a fun day, and for missing school.

Dear, friends, Thank you for that Amazing trip! I Also liked that one of the friends at Nitre hall sent me time traveling! I especially liked the wood cutting.  
Thank You!

Thank you for the awesome field trip! My favorite part of the feid trip was cutting the wood with the bow saw. I liked the food, and I also like making it. I hope when other kids come here, they will love it as much as I did!

Thank you for showing us how to make stuff like kandles, curning the butter, cooking and more. I like the tour of Nider hall and making the getting the sope. I liked the hole trip, I hope we have another one like it!

thank you for this experience! It was super fun and exciting. My favorite part was cooking and sawing the wood! I had a really good time! You guys were really nice.

Thank you for all the old-timey fun!  
I loved cutting the wood with saw.  
It was cool making some griddle  
cakes. I learned a lot too. I would  
like to come again soon.

Thank you for making  
my day. Also thank  
you for teaching me  
so much about the  
colonial times.

Thank you for teaching us to  
cook, start a fire, and many  
more things. You were great  
colonial woman and great  
butter song singers.

What I liked the most  
was preparing the stew,  
making the sweet potato  
bread, and of course  
eating it. It was so  
yummy! I really want  
to come back. This  
was the best field trip  
ever! But what I loved  
was being with you.

At Lawrence Cabin I  
learned how to saw wood.  
I also enjoyed sawing the  
wood. But my favorite  
thing that I learned about  
was how they had to offer  
you food. That would  
take 2 seconds at my  
house.

Dear friends, I loved the trip thank you here are some of the  
things I loved: Sawing Wood, looking for sticks, and cooking. (The  
reasons I loved these things are:) I loved the things we made. I  
loved looking in the bushes and on the hill. Also I've only  
chopped wood never sawed it. I learned Nitre Hall was a gun  
powder mill. I also learned how to make bread. Plus my friend  
Aiden and I almost got crushed by a tree trunk. Your fellow  
Quacker, Colin



## Society President Vincent Snyder Steps Down

Vince Snyder has announced that he is stepping down as President and Board Member of the Society. A long-time member, Vince has served on our Board of Directors for 17 years. During that tenure he has served as Treasurer and most recently as President. We are very grateful to Vince for his many years of service to the Historical Society, and the many things he has done to further our cause and to look after the historic buildings that we tend for the township. He continues to be a member.



Vince Snyder

Until the Board reorganizes following elections at the Annual Meeting, Vice-President Renee Coffey will handle the duties of President.

## “Your Land and Mine” by Edmund W. Viguers, Jr.

Edmund Viguers (pronounced to rhyme with “tigers”) grew up on a farm in the southwest corner of Haverford Township. He witnessed the transition of his farm and the other nearby farms into residential suburbs, which surrounded him in his old family homestead. With a deep affection for the land and an interest in its history, he researched both in great detail. In pre-internet times, this required a lot of correspondence and travel to enlarge his personal first-hand knowledge by interviewing others and digging through archives of deeds, wills, and other records.

In 1968 Viguers published some copies of the result of his work, an accurate and detail-packed monograph entitled “Your Land and Mine,” in order to preserve this history for his unknowing new neighbors and future generations. The work covers four inter-

related, adjacent farms and their residents since William Penn’s colonial times, in the area known today generally as the Bon Air and Pilgrim Gardens neighborhoods. Viguers’ history is so fact-packed that it takes time to read through it, and each re-reading brings forth new insights.



The old farmhouse still remains, disguised among blocks of newer houses, with a new identity: 1240 Center Road. HTHS Board member Terri Dougherty and her husband Richard bought the farmhouse from the Viguers family and have restored it.

The Haverford Township Historical Society is pleased to announce two recent developments regarding Edmund Viguers’ work. First, we have scanned “Your Land and Mine” into a text-searchable PDF file and placed it on our website. This will give his nearly impossible-to-find historical work the larger audience that it deserves. You can find it at [www.haverfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.haverfordhistoricalsociety.org) by looking under “**History and Resources**” and then “**Historical Resources.**”

The other news is that late in 2014 an aging nephew of Viguers contacted Delaware County historian Keith Lockhart and gave him two boxes containing Edmund Viguers’ research notes. After going through the materials, Keith has decided that HTHS would be the best repository for this very local historical information and has thoughtfully passed it along to us for safekeeping. Thanks, Keith!

## Upcoming Events

### Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia

presents "Games that Influenced Base Ball"

When: **Sunday April 19 NOON – 3pm**

Where: **Cynwyd Station Park (Bala Cynwyd)**

Join Scott Alberts of the **Athletic Base Ball Club** for a presentation on 18th and 19th century ball games that influenced the invention of baseball.

Scott is a native of our area and an amateur social historian. Scott reestablished the **Athletic Base Ball Club (ABBC)** of Philadelphia in 2009. In 2010, the HTHS got involved and helped the team get off the ground, and HTHS and ABBC have been partnered ever since.

The Athletics recreate the game of "base ball" as it was played during the 1860s, competing in real games, with painstakingly reproduced uniforms & equipment against like-minded teams from around the country as members of the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League. Scott's research, and this event, is particularly focused on the more obscure games in the baseball family and how these games fit into the lives of those who played them.

Games will include:

**Stool Ball:** 12:00-12:30

**Long Ball:** 12:30-1:00

**Town Ball:** 1:00-2:00



Scott Alberts  
photo by Mark Stehle

This event is free to the public and a great opportunity for baseball lovers and historians alike. Come check it out! More information about this event on the Athletics web site: [www.phillyvintagebaseball.org](http://www.phillyvintagebaseball.org)

### Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia

presents **Vintage Base Ball Exhibition**

When: **Saturday August 29 11am – 4pm**

Where: **The Navy Yard, Philadelphia**

The Athletics will be hosting 10 teams playing 1864 style base ball with teams from the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League. This event is free. More information about this event on the Athletics web site: [www.phillyvintagebaseball.org](http://www.phillyvintagebaseball.org)

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#### as Seen in Old Postcards

*(open to the public)*

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Festival

along Karakung Drive

Sunday, June 7, 2015

11 AM to 4 PM



## Nitre Hall Open House:

*2015 Summer Schedule*

*for Open House at Nitre Hall*

10 AM – 1 PM\*

- Sunday, June 07 \**(open all day during the Festival)*
- Sunday, June 28
- Sunday, July 26
- Sunday, August 23
- Sunday, September 20

## HTHS Oktoberfest Fundraiser:

Friday, October 02, 2015

7:30 PM @ Nitre Hall

## HTHS Holiday House Tour:

Sunday, December 06, 2015

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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Festival along Karakung Drive

Sunday, June 7, 11 AM to 4 PM

Join us for Haverford Township's favorite spring event! This year's Heritage Festival promises to be the best yet as we continue the tradition of celebrating local history and culture in the beautiful setting of Karakung Drive. There will be living history exhibits, music, dancing, food and a beer garden featuring craft brews from some of the area's finest microbreweries.

We are proud to host many of Haverford Township's community organizations as well as local artisans and crafters who will be on hand to display and sell their work. There will be pony rides and a Colonial era conjurer (*Levram the Great*) for children (and adults) of all ages. Parking will be available on Karakung Drive outside the boundaries of the festival and in surrounding neighborhoods. We encourage you to walk or ride bikes if possible. More information and forms for artists and non-profits to reserve space can be found on our website.



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