



HTHS Newsletter

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HTHS Board Members Carolyn Joseph, Dick Walker, Renee Coffey, Mary Courtney, Tricia Woodman, Amy Wolfe and Vince Snyder accept a proclamation from Commissioners Mario Oliva and Chris Connell in June.

Haverford Township Commissioners Proclaim the First Sunday of June as Heritage Day

At their June meeting, the Board of Commissioners recognized the Haverford Township Historical Society for its work in preservation of historic treasures, education and community outreach. Wishing to show formal appreciation to all those involved in the preservation of their hometown's historical and cultural resources, the Commissioners proclaimed the first Sunday of June as Heritage Day. The proclamation will be hung at Nitre Hall, headquarters of the historical society. Tricia Woodman also received individual honor for her leadership of five successful Haverford Heritage Festivals, beginning in 2007.

HTHS thanks the sponsors of the 2011 Heritage Festival. We couldn't do it without you!

Dougherty Landscaping

Mommy Time Massage
with Michelle Barber

Sherrie Jenkins,
Creative Memories Consultant

jd mcgillcuddy's

Loopdihoops

Logic Boardshop

Nolan Painting

Hair Design by Sharon

Haverford Township
Farmers' Market Association

Cerca Trova Yoga

Comcast Spectacor

Center Lanes

Friends of the Grange

Amalia Belly Dance

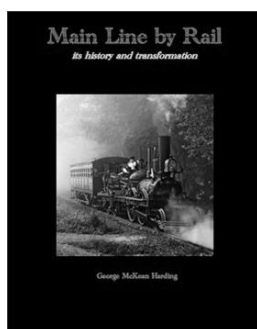
Erica Deuschle

Snap Fitness

Pictures by Todd

Suzanne Guelli Design

Camera Shop



HTHS General Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 13 @ 7:30 PM @ The Grange

Program presented by George McKean Harding, author of Main Line by Rail: Its History and Transformation, a compelling and colorful narrative that tells how the Philadelphia Main Line evolved into the area we enjoy today. Mr. Harding's book is filled with interesting details about our past and includes many illustrations. George was born in Bryn Mawr and moved to

Haverford in 2003, when he contacted the Haverford Township Historical Society to research aspects of his project. He has served as President of the Brynford Civic Association with a special interest in the Preston area of Haverford Township. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. *The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.*

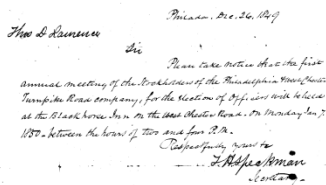
Christmas in July: Generous gifts to HTHS arrived in July all connected to the Lawrence Cabin. By Mary Courtney



The Griffin family enjoys a visit to the Lawrence Cabin in July.

Our early 18th century log cabin, prized for its legacy to Haverford Township as a first-settlers' home with architectural roots in Delaware County's Swedish history and a century and a half of one-family ownership, apparently inspired Philadelphia artist Jean Leon Gerome Ferris as a perfect setting for his "Home for Christmas -1784." J.L.G. Ferris was educated at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and at the Academie Julian, in Paris and painted "Home for Christmas" in 1900. Imagine Mr. Ferris riding the West Chester Traction line to the original site of the Lawrence cabin on the Darby Creek to study this picturesque dwelling. The Ferris archives available on-line describe it thus: "An old Log Homestead of ye *French & Indian Times*, enlarged by a substantial stone Building of ye *Revolutionary Period* houses a typical Farmers Family. The House in ye Picture is still standing at Darby Creek and ye West Chester Turnpike, & is

one of ye quaintest about Philadelphia." The artist produced a series of seventy-eight paintings which were later available for purchase as reproductions. Forty of these were published in the book, *The Pageant of a Nation* by the L.J. Bullard Company, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. David Rubner of New Lenox, Illinois owns the painting and sent a full-color reproduction to us this summer. It will be framed and hung at Nitre Hall. Mr. Rubner's notes and correspondence are also available to be read. As a happy coincidence, Mrs. Betty Griffin, a descendent of the Lawrence family, who now lives in Maryland requested a tour of the Lawrence cabin on July 13. Mrs. Griffin did not arrive empty-handed, but delivered to our care over 400 documents including an 1841 family bible with Lawrence-Massey genealogy, minutes from the Haverford Yearly Meeting, numerous receipts for household and business supplies and other documentation of Thomas Lawrence's family in Haverford Township.



The above meeting notice for the Philadelphia and West Chester Turnpike Road Company in 1849 was donated by Betty Griffin, a descendant of Thomas Lawrence.





Oktoberfest! At Nitre Hall

Friday, October 7, 7 to 10 PM

It's time for the Historical Society's annual fundraiser at Nitre Hall! Set amidst the fall foliage in the Powder Mill Valley, this year's Oktoberfest is shaping up to be our biggest and best yet. With an expanded selection of craft beers (as well as non-alcoholic beverage options), you can enjoy live music, light fare and a silent auction of items donated by local businesses. Tickets are \$25 and include a complimentary Heritage Festival pint glass to enjoy your favorite brew!

Tickets may be purchased at the door or by sending \$25 cash or check made payable to "HTHS" to: Oktoberfest Tickets, c/o Tricia Woodman, 1114 Edgewood Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Be sure to include your name and email or phone number to confirm your purchase.

Old Photos of Haverford Township on Display in Public Spaces

Haverford Township Historical Society's archives at Nitre Hall store a large photograph collection, but that's not the only place to glimpse the past. The following are local sites displaying vintage pictures of the township:

- Applebee's, *Manoa Shopping Ctr*
- Centrella's Deli, *Brookline Blvd*
- Jd mcgillicuddy's, *Brookline Blvd*
- Oakmont National Pub, *Darby Rd*
- Peabody's Pub, *Darby Rd*
- Super Fresh, *Manoa Shopping Ctr*
- TD Bank, *Eagle Rd*
- Wagner Real Estate, *Darby Rd*
- Haverford Township School District's Oakmont Administration Building, *Eagle Rd*

If you know of any other places to spot historic photos, let us know at info@haverfordhistoricalsociety.org.

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and Twitter

New Officers Selected for HTHS Board

At the May Board of Directors' meeting Vincent Snyder, Treasurer, assumed the duties of President. Amy Wolfe is the new Treasurer.

OFFICERS

President	Vincent Snyder
1 st VP	Dick Walker
2 nd VP	Renee Coffey
Treasurer	Amy Wolfe
Curator	Carolyn Joseph
Recrd. S'cty	Mary Courtney

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

<u>Building & Grounds</u>	-Chris Whiting
<u>Education</u>	- Amy Wolfe
<u>Heritage Festival</u>	- Tricia Woodman
<u>Holiday House Tour</u>	- Terri Dougherty
<u>Membership</u>	- C. Joseph & M.Courtney
<u>Newsletter</u>	- Tricia Woodman
<u>Programs</u>	- Dick Walker
<u>Publicity</u>	- Donna Lunny
<u>Web Site</u>	- John Kirkland

Welcome New Members

Christine Baer
Ruth Miller Cox
Richard Kerr
The McNair Family
Jane and Thomas Unkefer
Lauren Stevenson Yacina

Athletic (Vintage) Base Ball Club of Philadelphia

HTHS co-hosted with the A.B.B.C., the **1st Annual Philadelphia Vintage Base Ball Fair & Exhibition** in August at the Historic Navy Yard's Marine Parade Grounds. Twelve clubs of the Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League participated over (2) days made possible by the following:

Event Sponsors

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lovitzlaw.com

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Tastykake: tastykake.com

More information about the team and vintage base ball can be found at www.PhillyVintageBaseBall.org.

In Memoriam
Marie "Sally" Boyer
August 25, 2011

Sally served on the HTHS
Board of Directors for
several years.



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HTHS's own John Kirkland joined members of the Athletic (Vintage) Base Ball Club of Philadelphia for a game at Lynnewood School on July 9th. Read more about our partnership with the AVBBC of Philadelphia on page 3.

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

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