



The Governor's Gossip

Winter 2012

Presidents Message

Dear Members,

Thank you for the honor to serve for the next two years. It is only with the help of such talented individuals such as Vice President Ann Power that I feel confident we can continue the progress we have made under the direction of Jan Semmel. Thanks Jan for all of your hard work and accomplishments.

Our society is fortunate to have a Board of Directors with such varied experience. We would not have been able to purchase our new property without using their many talents. I know our society can continue to rely on their sound guidance. This year we also welcome a new junior board member Cassandra Jones. I hope that a new look at some of our projects will provide some fresh ideas.

This year we have many exciting events at our campus. Our fourth annual Antique Show will be held on March 3rd – 4th and in no time our 32nd annual Christmas House Tour will be upon us. With the help of our talented members and dedicated volunteers we should look forward to a great year.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Robert Swan, GWHS President

Antiques Show March 3 & 4

The GWHS Park will be the setting for 35 quality antiques stands with dealers coming from as far away as Vermont. New for this year we will have 2 dealers in "Captain Ralston's Store" (the lower level of the RM House) and an additional 3 more rooms of dealers on the 2nd floor of the RM House. Also if the weather is nice, we may have a few outdoor vendors on Sunday. Stands will be in all three of the historic buildings featuring historic room settings, hearth cooking & sampling and informative speakers. The dates align again with the 12th annual "Heart of the Valley" antique show at the Ice House in Bethlehem. Many attendees last year enjoyed an exciting day of antiquing by visiting both shows, only 8 miles apart.

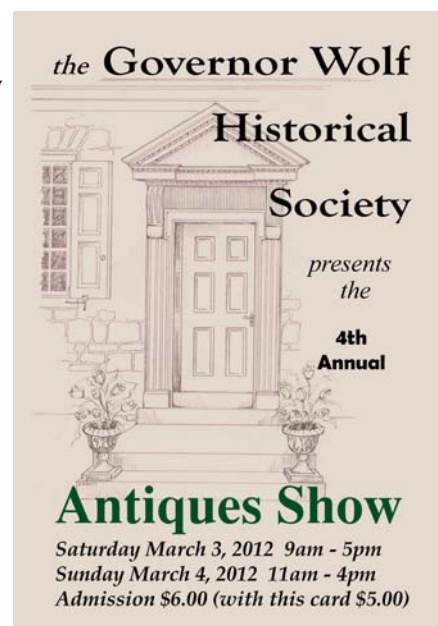
Jen & Allen George, owners of the "Daily Grind" in Bath will be back serving up delicious coffee, sandwiches & more in the Schoolhouse Café. Parking is free, admission is \$6.00 (or \$5.00 with this article). For additional information call 610-390-0555

Saturday - 9AM - 5 PM

Sunday - 11 AM - 4 PM

- 1:00 -- Dave Irons, of Irons Antiques, Kreidersville, PA speaking on "Tramp Art"
- 2:00 -- "Collecting Victorian Knife Rests" Janet Kline
- 3:00 -- Shirley Frey speaking on "Making Band Boxes" - featured in Early American Life

If you have some antiques you would like to sell, consider our members table at the antique show. If your item sells, you get 75% and the GWHS gets 25%. Bring your items to the society Sat. February 25 at 9AM
Questions? Call 610-390-0555



THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Lehigh Engineering – As always, thank you to LE for *printing the newsletter on a quarterly basis.*

House Tour “Thank You’s”

TO ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS, BOARD AND MEMBERS for their countless hours and tireless efforts with this year’s 31st Christmas House Tour – “*super job!*”

Also, a huge “*Thank You*” to all the HOMEOWNERS, St. PETERS UCC CHURCH AND THE JOSEPH STECKEL HOUSE, members and staff.

The Home News and Morning Call did an outstanding job for us this year as well as our ticket outlets, Sponsors, Patrons, Crafters, Caterer, Musicians, etc.

The talents, time and efforts of the FLORISTS, DESIGNERS, JUDGES AND STUDENTS made every home a showplace this year and we are grateful for all of you.

Sincerely, House Tour Committee

Thank you to Ann, Jackie, Jo, Dalton, Jan, Kathy & Julie for making mailing labels, proof reading, and mailing the newsletter



Monocacy School

Museum Opening

In conjunction with the Bath museum, our GWHS museum

and grounds will also be open the same days, the 3rd Saturday of April-June, Sept.-Nov., and will also be open in conjunction with the Antique Show and the Christmas House Tour from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Old local photos, period furniture, and old books are contained in the museum. GWHS members could assist researching local history. A copier is available for printing with permission from GWHS volunteer staff (limited copies). Watch for more information later in the year.

Submitted by Jackie Ellenberger

Recipe Corner

Parsley Soup

(from the Bath Recipes 250th Anniversary Book)

1 lg. onion, thinly sliced
2 lg. carrots, thinly sliced
4 tbsp. butter
3/4 c. parsley
4 c. chicken stock
1 lg. potato, thinly sliced
Salt & pepper

Melt butter and stew onion and carrot for about 6 minutes. Add potato and cook another 3 to 4 minutes. Add chicken stock and seasonings. Simmer about 35 minutes. Cool slightly and puree with parsley. Reheat before serving. Serves 6-8.

WISH LIST

The Society is in need of the following items to help our events function more efficiently.

*6' or 8' plastic banquet tables with folding legs,
florist wire, night light bulbs,
bisque color kitchen exhaust fan*

Keep these items in mind for the Historical Society if you are willing to donate any of these items.



Ralston-McKeen House

The Governor's Gossip is a quarterly publication.

Darrin Heckman, Editor

Carol Bear-Heckman, Assistant Editor

Any member wishing to submit an article for the Spring newsletter must submit the information by the March 25, 2012 deadline.

An e-mail submission is preferred.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT



A vital organization moves vigorously ahead with its 'charter for being', and avoids lingering too long, comfortable in its accomplishments.

In this spirit, the 'Gov Wolf' campaign committee proposes reaching outside the bounds of its loyal and supporting membership, to the wider community in which it resides.

Today's challenges that face us invite (and require) a wider community involvement.

With the above in mind, the committee is proposing to the 'Board', that it host a formal (invitation only) evening introduction, to the 'Projects' of the Gov Wolf Historical Society, to representative members of the community.

An appeal will be made to these 'members', to the effect that, 'It is hoped that such a group of like minded people might gain much social and cultural enjoyment and fulfillment as, "The Ralston Society", in support of the projects of the Governor Wolf Historical Society'.

This evening's introduction will be in the form of, 'A Tavern Night in the Ralston-McKeen House', with simple 'colonial' meal and drink, served by us the members.

Members do not fret - - - Plans are in the works for similar events for 'GW' membership, later in the year.

GOVERNOR WOLF HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You can help preserve our community's rich cultural heritage by becoming a member of the Governor Wolf Historical Society! Please return the following application below with a check payable to: Governor Wolf Historical Society. If family, please include all names. Mail to: Governor Wolf Historical Society, P.O. Box 134, Bath PA

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INDIVIDUAL \$15.00 FAMILY \$25.00 BUSINESS \$40.00
STUDENT \$7.00 RESTORATION \$60.00
SENIOR LIFETIME (+62 YEARS) \$250.00 INDIVIDUAL LIFETIME \$500.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Society needs your help to implement the major improvements planned for the GWHS Park.

Please make your tax deductible check payable to: Governor Wolf Historical Society. Mail to: Governor Wolf Historical Society, P.O. Box 134, Bath PA 18014.

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Ralston McKeen House on left, Wolf Academy on right as viewed from the west side. Note the frame addition on the south end of the RMH which was removed.



This is the back of the Wolf Academy when it was used as a barn.



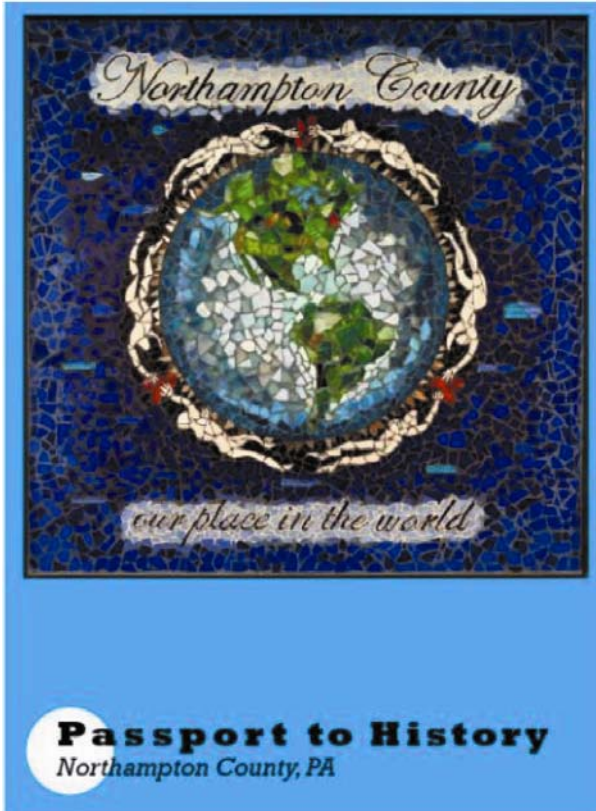
This is the front and south side of the Wolf Academy.



This front view of the Wolf Academy shows it was used as a residence at one point.



This is the rear of the Ralston McKeen House when the roof was being installed.



The Passport to History program offers 260 years of Northampton County history by 19 participating historical societies. When passport holders visit each of the 26 sites, their FREE booklets will be stamped. Those who visit every site within 2012 will be eligible for an award at a special Northampton County History Day in March of 2013.

Gov. Wolf will start distributing the booklets at the Antiques Show.

Easton Area: 1753 Bachmann Publick House, Sigal Museum, Northampton County Courthouse, National Canal Museum, Delaware & Lehigh Heritage Corridor, Hugh Moore Park, Historic Williams Township sites, Frace Log Cabin, Parsons-Taylor House, Wagener Spring House

Bethlehem Area: Goundie House, Colonial Industrial Quarter, Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts, Lehigh & Keyston Valley's Model Railroad Museum, Moravian Museum, Steelworkers' Archives

Bath & Nazareth: 1796 Ralston-McKeen House, 1785 Wolf Academy, Bath Museum, PA Long Rifle Museum, John Joseph Henry House, Siegfried Log Cabin, Whitefield House & Gray Cottage

Saucon Valley: Heller Homestead, Hellertown Historical Society, Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse, Grist Mill

Walnutport: Locktender's House and Canal

**Experience 260 years of history
in 26 stops**

**Limited Edition passports
are available**

Can you help with the Antiques Show?

Get involved and help the society with the 4th Annual Antiques Show.

We need helpers to assist the dealers in carrying their items in to the buildings on Fri 3/2 from 9AM - 4 PM, Sat 3/3 from 7AM-10AM and Sun 3/4 from 4-6PM.

If you are able to help a couple of hours, call Darrin at 610-390-0720

Bring in your old stuff for CASH!!!

If you have some old items around the house you'd like to cash in, bring them down to the society on Sat 2/25 between 9AM-1PM. We'll agree on a sale price and try to sell it at the member's stand at the Antiques Show. 25% will go to the society and you get the rest. call Carol at 610-390-0555



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The Governor Wolf Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of local history through education as well as the preservation and restoration of historically significant structures. Society meetings are held every Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM on the campus, and are open for all to attend. Office phone 610-837-9015

The 2012 Governor Wolf Historical Society Officers

President	Robert Swan	610-837-6544
Vice President	Ann Power	610-746-1105
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Recording Secretary	Julie Swan	610-838-8923
Corresponding Secretary	Jackie Ellenberger	610-764-1083

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February	14	Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
March	3	Annual Antiques Show , 9 a.m.-5p.m.
March	4	Annual Antiques Show , 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
March	13	Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
March	24	Ralston Society Tavern Night, 6:30 p.m.
April	10	Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
May	4	Annual Society Dinner
May	8	Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m., Guest Speakers, Alan & Pat Christ, "Quilting 100 Years, 1830-1930"
June	12	Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

If the upper right hand corner of your mailing label is not 2012, please renew your membership.