



The Governor's Gossip

Fall - Winter 2009

2009 CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

On December 4 and 5, the 29th Annual celebration of the tour will be held. Five private homes will be featured, a historic church, a one-room Borough Hall with jail cells, the Society's three buildings at the GWHS campus and the Siegfried Log Cabin in Bath. New and improved parking is available at the Log Cabin.

This old stone farmhouse was built about 1780 as a store and a home for a large family. This was, at one time, a temporary haven for young couples that were dismissed from the Nazareth Moravian Church for dating without consent. I doubt this would hold any validity today! There are four working fireplaces and original features. The present owners found this fabulous house on the internet and have added a vineyard on the grounds.



A grand Victorian house, built in 1890, is home to the present owners since 1970 and only the third family to live here! Many rooms and floors will be on the tour including cozy kitchen, music room, dining room and an attic retreat with built-in window seats.

Magnificent, stone, Keeping Room, Tavern Room are all words to describe this local beauty! So much local history relates to this home, built in 1813 by James H. Horner. Present owners have lovingly restored this home by repointing the exterior stone walls, building two new chimneys, replastering, painting with colonial era colors, etc.



The present owners have been converting this brick Victorian back to a single-family residence from a 2-unit dwelling. Original deeds will be on display. You will love the new kitchen, which features a slate top on the wine bar taken from a cupboard in the old kitchen.

This lovely Victorian has a front veranda to sit and enjoy the spacious yard, creek, barn and gazebo. Original architectural features include woodwork, floor, unique newel post, pocket doors, etc. The gable-end triple windows have unusual "willow" glass.



How many tiny villages are left like this in the area? Incredible history of the slate industry is right here with much of the slate and slate stone being used to construct buildings in New York City!

Church - The original church was located two blocks from the site of this building today and was founded in March 1868 as Chapman Quarries Methodist Episcopal Church. The original church was dismantled and the materials were used to build the present building!



Borough Hall - Incorporated in 1850, council meetings were held in the store-room until 1909 when plans were proposed for the present building. The unusual construction is standard rock face cement block and consists of a Council Chamber and three jail cells. Total cost was less than \$1,000!



Jump-start your holiday fun with our historic homes house tour and shop 'till you drop at our campus Craft Show. Also enjoy our annual hearth cooking and a fresh wreaths and swags sale. All proceeds benefit restoration at this historic campus.

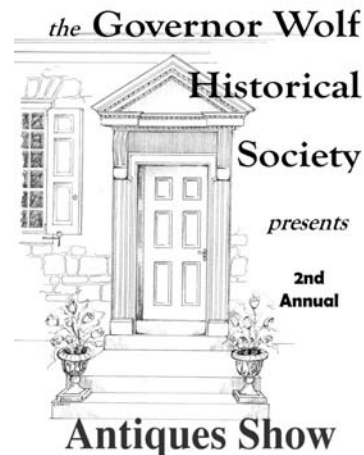
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Lehigh Engineering – for printing the newsletter.

Antiques Show March 13 & 14, 2010

All of the dealers, except for 4, will be returning for the 2nd Annual GWHS Antiques Show. New this year we will have 6 additional dealers in “the old schoolroom” in the Monocacy Building. The dates align again with the prestigious “Heart of the Valley” antique show at the Ice House in Bethlehem. Many attendees last year enjoyed an exciting day of antiques by visiting both shows, only 8 miles apart.

The GWHS Antiques Show will feature 30 quality antique dealers in three historic buildings at the Governor Wolf Historical Society’s Park. Highlights will be historic room settings, hearth cooking & sampling, a vintage fashion show and informative speakers. Jen & Allen George “the Daily Grind” in Bath will be serving up delicious coffee, sandwiches & more in the Schoolhouse Café. Parking is free, admission is \$6.00 (or \$5.00 with this article). For information call Carol 610-390-0555



Wreath Making

COME OUT AND HELP MAKE FRESH GREEN WREATHS ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1st & 2nd FROM 9AM TO ?

BRING GLOVES AND CLIPPERS AND JOIN IN THE FUN! PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF WREATHS BENEFIT OUR RESTORATION PROJECTS.

NOTICE: Greens are needed for Historical Society Wreath-making Fundraiser.

If you are planning on trimming or cutting down pine trees over Thanksgiving weekend, we would appreciate receiving them. Drop them off at the Society Campus November 29th or 30th.

WISH LIST

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

*Folding step stool, 3 or 4 steps
Drip less white or ivory taper candles
Old wooden chairs
brooms . elec can opener
50 cup or larger coffee maker
ice bucket
Florist wire*

If you are willing to donate any of the above items please contact the us at 610-837-9015

Recipe Corner

LEBKUCHEN

(from Ann S. Power)

2/3 cup honey
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tbs. lemon juice
2 2/3 cups all purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
Heat honey to boiling; cool. Add brown sugar, egg, lemon rind and juice, flour, soda and spices; blend well. Stir in citron and nuts; chill dough several hours. Roll out 1/4 inch thick on floured board. Cut in rectangles 2 x 3 inches; place on greased cookie sheets; decorate each cookie with one cherry. Bake in 400 oven 10 to 12 minutes. While cookies are baking, bring sugar and water to boiling in a pan; boil 3 minutes; stir in confectioners sugar. Brush hot cookies with glaze; cool on wire racks. If glaze becomes stiff, add a few drops of water; heat until clear again. Store in covered container to mellow.

1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 cup chopped candied citron
1/2 cup chopped nuts
candied cherries
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
2 tbs. confectioners sugar

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Any member wishing to submit an article for the next newsletter must submit the information by the December 15th deadline.

An e-mail submission is preferred.

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Say hello to Virginia Lopresti....

For those of us who have been involved with GWHS for many years, Virginia Lopresti is a friendly and familiar face. Virginia and her late husband Joe were fixtures at our meetings, events, and restoration projects for many years. Virginia and Joe were first introduced to the GWHS 29 years ago when they attended our first annual House Tour. Their love of history led them to become active with the historical society and thereafter all of their efforts were in volunteering their time for subsequent house tours, country teas, craft shows, and numerous other events.

When the old ramshackle additions were torn down from the Ralston-McKeen House, Virginia initiated an archeological dig prior to the restoration of the buildings. For many years Virginia was in the kitchen of the Ralston-McKeen House handing out coffee, tea, cookies and smiles for happy house tour attendees.

Virginia continued her volunteer activities after Joe passed away in 1993 and today at 94 years young, she can still be seen at historical society events.

In addition to the GWHS, Virginia has been active with the Jacobsburg Historical Society, Hunter-Martin Settlement, and Joanna Furnace. Virginia and Joe had seven children and Virginia's love of history is second only to her love of family, which today includes 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Virginia is busy baking cookies for the upcoming 29th Annual House Tour and if you plan to attend this year, please stop by our hospitality area in the Monocacy School, have a cookie, and say hello to Virginia Lopresti.

Submitted by *Kathy Wilhelm*



DESSERTS Deserts are needed for the Friday Night December 4th Christmas House Tour.

COOKIES Cookies are needed for the Saturday December 5th Christmas House Tour!



Yes, I want to be a sponsor of the 29th Annual Christmas House Tour!

Name _____

Name to be used in booklet _____

Address _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Sponsorship Amount _____ Check your preference: Sat tickets ___ Fri tickets ___

Mail tax-deductible check, payable to "Gov. Wolf Hist. Society"
to GWHS Christmas Tour Sponsor, P.O. Box 134, Bath PA 18014





Siegfried Log Cabin

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 10 Monthly Society meeting 7:00 PM
- November 14 Work Day @ Society 9:00 AM
- December 4 Friday night candlelight Christmas House Tour
- December 5 Christmas House Tour 10am—4pm
- January 12 Monthly Society meeting 7:00 PM
- January 16 Work Day @ Society 9:00 AM
- February 9 Monthly Society meeting 7:00 PM

“Signposts on the Ocean” David Mowen will be speaking about and displaying his collection of navigation items .

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