



The Governor's Gossip

Fall 2010



Governor Wolf Historical Society 30th Christmas House Tour

The 30th Anniversary of the GWHS Annual Christmas House Tour will be held on December 3 and 4. Six private homes and historic sites will be open and waiting to embrace you with history, ambience and entertainment. Homes range in age from 1761 to 1900. Historic sites include the Society's three buildings ~ the 1785 Wolf Academy, the 1795 Ralston-McKeen home and the late 1800's Monocacy Schoolhouse, all located on Jacksonville Road, just outside of Bath. These 3 buildings offer a craft show, a fresh wreath and swag sale, hearth cooking demonstrations and light refreshments Saturday only. A newly-created redware tile will be offered for sale and made by Mark Amey Pottery. The Siegfried Log Cabin in Bath will be open.

This year, we are excited to also entertain you with the Siegfried Train Station and Museum at 21st and Canal Streets in Northampton (Saturday ONLY). On the menu will be light refreshments, history and a Chinese auction.



The Simcoe Gallery on Main Street in Northampton will open their doors on Saturday to give you a rare opportunity to tour period room settings on the first floor and view a 2-story glass atrium filled with plants and tropicals located at the rear of this 1918 brick gem. Gerald Simcoe, artist, pianist and horticulturalist, will show his many paintings and entertain on his antique 1896 Steinway grand piano.

A brief sampling of the homes located from Bath west into Northampton is:



~ A large, early 1761 stone and log home graciously awaits your visit with incredible restoration and bucolic setting.



~ A Victorian charmer with original floors, trim, stained glass and many additional features is next. Two staircases will take you up and down to view all the rooms that have been lovingly decorated.

~ A beautiful property that has been in the family since 1950, restoration has been on-going since 2002 and a large addition added including an elevator and summerhouse which houses a home office.



~ The next home, known as Hillside Acres, features the original 1900's section of the house and additions. A barn and old smokehouse (used now for a potting shed) will also be open.



~ Located in Bath will be 2 beauties, side-by-side:

One, just recently having restoration completed, will be open for the first time showing first and second floors and a peak at their café!

You won't have to walk far, just next door, to see first and second floors of another period restored home and furnishings.



Tickets will go on sale on Saturday, November 13, at Bath Drug, Country Capers, Curt's Cyclery, Miller Ace Hardware and Steckel House Antiques. The price will remain the same as years past, \$17.00 in advance, and \$20.00 on the day of the tour. All proceeds benefit the Society's restoration of its buildings.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Lehigh Engineering – for printing the newsletter.

Robert Swan – for his tireless efforts in maintaining the Campus grounds!

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Antiques Show

3rd Annual Antiques Show

MARK YOUR CALENDERS
THE 3rd ANNUAL ANTIQUES
SHOW IS SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 12 & 13 2011.



Restoration Progress

Following is an update on the restoration progress at the GWHS campus:

~ On the Ralston-McKeen house, Stirling Painting has built, installed and stained two sets of basement doors on the East side of the building.

~ Restoration Services has custom-made two new windowsills and installed them, also on the Ralston-McKeen house.

As always, thank you to everyone on the restoration committee for your help and input

Submitted by *Dalton Semmel*

WISH LIST

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

Dripless ivory or white, 8" or 10" taper candles

6' or 8' plastic banquet tables with folding legs

7' x 8' braided rug with some green color
florist wire night light bulbs

If you would like to donate any of the above items to the Historical Society, please contact us at 610-837-9015.

Thank you!

Recipe Corner

CALIFORNIA CHICKEN

(from Annette Vliet)

Serves/Makes: 8

Ingredients:

- 4 whole chicken breasts, boned, skinned and cut in half
- ½ cup chopped green onions 2 sliced carrots
- 1 cup red wine 1 chopped onion
- ½ pound fresh mushrooms 8 oz Catalina Dressing
- Marjoram Garlic powder
- Cayenne pepper

Directions:

Arrange chicken and vegetables in small baking dish (Small dish keeps juices around meat.) Pour wine and dressing over ingredients. Season to taste. Bake **350 degrees for 1 hour 15 minutes**. Baste a few times while baking. Add more wine if needed.

G.W.H.S.—Anniversary Redware Tile

In honor of the 30th Anniversary of the GWHS House Tour AND the 225th Anniversary of the Governor Wolf Academy, a hand-crafted redware tile has been made by local craftsman Mark Amey of Mark Amey Pottery.



Please help us with the purchase of a tile (\$18). All proceeds benefit the restoration of our 3 buildings at the Gov.

Wolf Historical Society campus. Tiles will be available for sale on the day of the tour, Dec. 4, and on Friday night, Dec. 3. You may also purchase a tile at Steckel House Antiques and The Daily Grind, both located in Bath. Please fill out the order form below if you would like your tile to be mailed.

What a great stocking-stuffer!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Quantity \$18.00 per tile plus S & H & ins.(\$6.00) _____
Total Amount \$ _____

Mail your tax-deductible check and form to:
GWHS, 6600 Jacksonville Rd., Bath, PA 18014

Or call Jan Semmel, 610-262-1103



The Governor Wolf Historical Society invites you to the Friday night Candlelight Tour celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Christmas House Tour.

As a patron, for a donation of \$40 for members (\$48 non-members), you, the volunteer staff, homeowners, floral designers, and sponsors will take a candlelight tour of the private homes and our campus on Friday, December 3. The Candlelight Tour begins at the Ralston-McKeen House at 6:00 PM, visits each of the decorated homes, and concludes at the Wolf Academy with soft music, light buffet, and desserts. Tickets are limited and must be received by Nov.15. If you have questions, please call Carol Bear Heckman at 610-390-0555.

To be a patron of the 30th Annual Christmas House Tour please mail your name, address, phone number and check to "Gov. Wolf Hist. Society" to GWHS Patron-Carol Bear, 207 W Northampton St, Bath PA 18014

2011 Christmas House Tour

Would you like your old house to be considered for the tour? We are always searching the area for old homes for this annual event. There is no cost to the homeowner and many tell us what a rewarding and fun experience it was to participate, an honor for them and the history of their home.

Please call Jan Semmel, 610-262-1103.



Wreath making will take place Monday & Tuesday Nov. 29 & 30, from 9am to 9pm with a lunch & dinner break. Come any time to help out. Bring a pair of gloves & clippers if possible. Also, any unusual greens if you have any available. Join in the fun and help us with this important fund raiser.

**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 18014.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

INDIVIDUAL \$10.00 FAMILY \$20.00 BUSINESS \$30.00
STUDENT \$5.00 RESTORATION \$50.00

LANDSCAPE FUND – LAND ACQUISITION

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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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Siegfried Log Cabin

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| November 9 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| November 13 | Work day at the Society, 9:00 a.m. |
| November 20 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| November 29-30 | Fresh wreath and swag making, Monocacy Schoolhouse, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. |
| December 3 | 30th Christmas House Tour & Reception , 6-10 p.m. |
| December 4 | 30th Christmas House Tour , 10 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| <u>2011</u> | |
| January 11 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
speaker Dave Mowen "Signposts on the Ocean" |
| February 8 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
"Making Miniatures" by Ken Vliet (Mar. 8, snow date) |
| March 8 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| March 12-13 | Annual Antique Show |

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.

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 Winter newsletter must submit the information by the Dec. 25, 2010 deadline.

An e-mail submission is preferred.

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