



The Governor's Gossip

Summer 2010

Christmas in July news

2010 Christmas House Tour

Can it be that the Gov. Wolf Historical Society will be celebrating the **30th Anniversary** of their annual house tour of historic homes, sites and landmarks? Yes, hard to believe that for 30 *consecutive* years homeowners, volunteers, patrons, crafters, sponsors, etc., have been graciously participating. And 2010 is no exception!

This year's tour will be held on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Several wonderful homeowners have already agreed to open their homes along with a very special historic landmark, the Simcoe Gallery on Main Street, Northampton.

To delight your senses, our homeowners offer houses constructed of stone, log, brick and interiors range from classic Victorian to primitive to eclectic. The 1918 Simcoe Gallery features a restored staircase, French pocket doors and a 2-story atrium including orchids and tropicals. Gerald Simcoe, featured artist and pianist, will be showing many of his paintings including his recent Dutch still life, which has recently concluded touring galleries and museums in NYC and Amsterdam. Gerald will be entertaining patrons with selections on his antique Steinway grand piano.

The GWHS campus will again offer crafters in all three buildings, a fresh wreath and swag sale, hearth cooking demonstrations and tastings and more.

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER AND
MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 4!**



Past GWHS President Kathy Wilhelm accepts an honorary crock from current GWHS President Jan Semmel at the annual dinner.

GARDEN TOUR:

Well, another Garden Tour has come and gone. Again this year, the gardens on display were spectacular. Each garden was unique and had a special character of its own.

The Governor Wolf Historical Society owes a special thank you to the garden owners - Diann & Joe Sauer, Betty & Jim Masteller, Alan & Lorraine Weiss, Carol & Darrin Heckman and Karen & Fred Hahn.

We also thank Point Phillips Perennials for providing plants for sale at the Wolf Academy and all the volunteers who helped make the event possible. Again, thank you



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Lehigh Engineering – for printing the newsletter.

a BIG thank you to KAREN HAHN & JO EVANS for another GREAT Garden Tour!!!!

Antiques Show

3rd Annual Antiques Show

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



Ralston-McKeen House

Restoration Progress

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

Ralston McKeen House:

Stirling Painting is working on the new basement doors on the East side of the building. The new doors are installed and need to have a finish coat of stain.

Two new windowsills will be installed by the end of July.

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

Submitted by *Dalton Semmel*

Recipe Corner

RHUBARB APPLE STRAWBERRY CRISP

(from Annette Vliet)

- 3 cups rhubarb, stalks, sliced
- 3 cups apples, sliced
- 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- 1 cup raisins or blueberries
- 2 cups rolled oats, uncooked
- 1/2 cup walnuts, pieces
- 1/2 - 1 tsp. cinnamon, ground
- 1/2 cup Splenda Brown Sugar Blend (optional)

This recipe may be cooked in a microwave oven set on "high," or in a conventional oven at 350 degrees F. Wash and clean the rhubarb, apples, and strawberries, removing any bad spots, cores, and stems. Slice into pieces that are small enough, so that when you are eating the crisp, you get a combination of flavors with each bite.

Place all of the ingredients into a covered glass or ceramic baking dish and cook until the rhubarb is tender. Mix occasionally to ensure uniform cooking.

To "crisp" the top, remove the cover from the baking dish near the end of the cooking time.

Remove from the oven and serve.

Enjoy! It's also great served cold.

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!

The Governor's Gossip is a quarterly publication.

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Any member wishing to submit an article for the Fall newsletter must submit the information by the Sept. 25, 2010 deadline.

An e-mail submission is preferred.

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PHOTO CENTER



On Tuesday, June 1st the gifted classes of Northampton Area School District toured the Governor Wolf campus. Ann Power & Jo Evans told the students the history of Governor Wolf and proceeded with a tour. The students also square danced, heard the history of early education in US, and were entertained with Stephen Foster's songs. (photos left & right)



Eric Quimby, Jan & Dalton Semmel @ History Matters, Lehigh Heritage Center Allentown.



David Mowen having a discussion with a trolley car conductor on our annual field trip.

GOVERNOR WOLF HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

LANDSCAPE FUND – LAND ACQUISITION

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

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| July 13 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| July 17 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| August 10 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. - ? |
| August 21 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| September 14 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Speaker Dave Mowen "Signposts on the ocean" |
| September 18 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| October 12 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Speaker Betty Kelly "Solo Hiking On Appalachian Trail" |
| October 16 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| November 9 | Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| November 20 | Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m. |
| December 3 | 30 th Christmas House Tour & Reception, 6-10 p.m. |
| December 4 | 30 th Christmas House Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. |

On a monthly basis, approximately 6 committee meetings are also held.

The 2010 Governor Wolf Historical Society Officers

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