



The Governor's Gossip

Winter 2008



Jo Evans & Eric Quimby Hanover Street in Bethlehem. Many additions have been constructed in this stone and wood-framed clapboard, sided home. Script and microfilm deeds trace the home to 1841, while antique tongue and groove panel at the staircase exhibit age of home to be late 1700's. The home was purchased by Jo and Eric in August, 1990. Continual refurbishing includes exposing ceiling beams, modernizing the kitchen and repointing the stone staircase wall. Interesting to view is the dining room, which features former beams, pegs, and a ladder from the 2nd floor of the original barn on property. Also, many old growth ceiling beams in the sitting room and living room have etched roman numerals from a previous structure. The outline of a fireplace can be sighted on the eastern wall of the living room, the oldest room in the house, while the ceiling on opposite end of the room has a stovepipe hole.

Carol & Michael Shimoskie Washington Street, Bath

Eight years ago my husband and I were looking for a smaller home since all of our children had grown and left home. When we saw this home come up for sale we knew this was just the size we were looking for. It sits back just a little on a quiet street. We purchased the house from John Kardelis who had done a tremendous amount of restoration to the inside and outside of the house since it was built in 1898. We did however make some changes to the front porch about five years ago. We changed the entrance to the porch from a side entrance to a middle entrance and added a brick walkway leading up to the steps. I enjoy sitting on my back porch in the sun listening to the birds and watching them make nests in the bird houses I have hanging. I especially like my dining room which has a really nice alcove that sets it off. The kitchen has beautiful oak cabinets and all of the molding and doors in the house are a dark oak. The first floor, second floor and attic will be open for the tour.



Barbara & Harold Snyder Whitehead Road, Nazareth



The stone farmhouse we call home dates from the mid 1800's. It has been in Barbara's family, the Whiteheads, since 1946. It came to us in 1999 and we began making it our own. The original house had been covered with stucco- then aluminum siding in the 60's. After seeing the stone exposed when work was done on the porch, we couldn't resist having the rest of the stone uncovered and repointed. In the kitchen simple natural cherry cabinets were installed. The pegged ceiling beams and a stone wall and fireplace were exposed. Upstairs are beautiful random width floors and original old doors. A window was removed to make a doorway to the addition, which includes a family room, laundry room and master bedroom. All the woodwork in the addition was made to match the original trim. The majority of the house will be open for the tour. Things to look for are: a collection of trains in the family room, two operating Z gauge trains in the coffee table, quilts and family memorabilia.



Ralston-McKeen House

RESTORATION PRESERVATION

Meetings for the committee will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Workdays are scheduled at 9:00 am each Saturday following the monthly meeting, all are welcome.

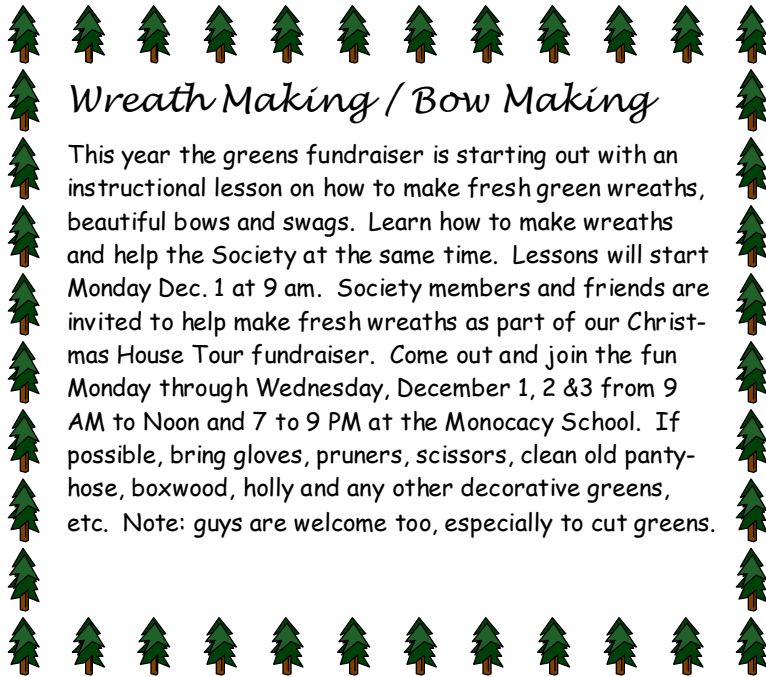
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Lehigh Engineering – for printing the newsletter.

Mr. & Mrs. William Fagan – for their donation of a antique chair.

Jo Evans & Trish Mowen – Bath Community Days GWHS stand.

Jackie Ellenberg – for the cost of mailing of the newsletter.



Wreath Making / Bow Making

This year the greens fundraiser is starting out with an instructional lesson on how to make fresh green wreaths, beautiful bows and swags. Learn how to make wreaths and help the Society at the same time. Lessons will start Monday Dec. 1 at 9 am. Society members and friends are invited to help make fresh wreaths as part of our Christmas House Tour fundraiser. Come out and join the fun Monday through Wednesday, December 1, 2 & 3 from 9 AM to Noon and 7 to 9 PM at the Monocacy School. If possible, bring gloves, pruners, scissors, clean old pantyhose, boxwood, holly and any other decorative greens, etc. Note: guys are welcome too, especially to cut greens.

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 January 25th deadline.

An e-mail submission is preferred.

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Recipe Corner

CHRISTMAS CAKE

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- whites of eggs
- 1 1/2 lb. Dates
- 2 lb English walnut

Blend ingredients. Bake at 275 degrees for 2 hours.

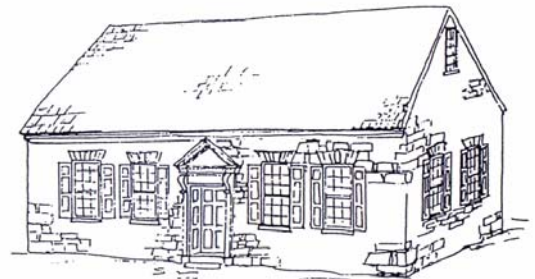
from "Treats from our Country Kitchens"
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Helen Kern

WISH LIST

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

- Old small wooden tables*
- small 3 or 4 step ladder*
- Old wooden chairs . plastic buckets*
- brooms . elec can opener*
- 40gl trash bags*
- 50 cup or larger coffee maker . ice bucket*
- Christmas Ribbon*

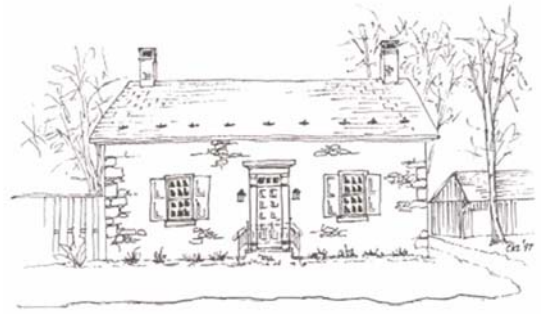
If you are willing to donate any of the above items please contact the us at 610-837-9015



Wolf Academy

Judy & Mike Stoner Sullivan Trail, Belfast

The earliest part of the Stoner home is an 18th century farmhouse. Comprised of native rubble stone, it has a center door with horizontal transom and symmetrical six-over-six windows and chimneys. The dark green two-panel shutters, brick stoop and wrought iron rail complement its appearance. Mike and Judy purchased the seven-acre property twenty years ago. Since that time they have redone the entire inside and outside. Outside, they removed stucco and aluminum siding, rebuilt a screened-in side porch, opened up the 30-year old rear addition by adding French doors, windows and a deck. The kitchen was relocated to the center section of the house which dates back about 150 years. The rear addition is the living room, a one-and-a-half story room with a large fireplace. The oldest section of the house has a Federal style fireplace in the dining room and an original cooking fireplace in the parlor. Judy decorated with stenciling in two bedrooms and the stairway. In 1997 a garage was added to the existing barn.



Kim & Dennis Malavolta Main Street, Stockertown

This center hall stone house, built in 1752, was once part of a large farmstead that extended to Friedenstahl Road. The final subdivision occurred in 1964 when the house with one acre of land was sold at auction. The original house had six rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs to the left of the hall, one upstairs at the end of the hall (now the bathroom) and the original kitchen to the right of the hall (now the keeping room). Around 1870, a room was added above the keeping room and in the 1950's a frame lean-to kitchen was added to the back of the house. Although the house had fallen into disrepair when we purchased it in 1984, most of the original details were intact or later uncovered. Most of the windows have their original glass. The interior doors were scraped to reveal grain painting and the wide plank floors were refinished. There are five fireplaces, the keeping room fireplace having been faced with brick was uncovered to reveal the original walk-in cooking hearth and bake oven. The slate roof was beyond repair and had to be replaced and two chimneys were recently rebuilt. We in-

stalled a large brick patio that includes the original root cellar. Future projects include repainting, flooring for the keeping room, and some window replacement.



Judy & Dan Bauer Main Street, Stockertown

In 1845 Stockersville (now Stockertown) was a village of Forks Township, consisting of nine dwellings, one tavern, two stores, two lumber yards and a permanent stone bridge crossing to the grist mill on the left bank of the Little Bushkill Creek. The Bauers purchased the four story grist mill in 1985. The stone structure was constructed as a saw mill in 1750 and converted to a grist mill in 1794. When the Bauers purchased the property, all the machinery was gone and chute holes and rough, dirty floors existed on the third and fourth floors. There were no walls on the third floor and on the second floor they reconfigured rooms and spaces. At the entry they created a two-story opening, with an overlooking third floor loft. The first floor staircase was rotated 180°. Dan built a new second floor staircase 180° opposite from the original. Judy wire-brushed each beam on both floors. The only work done by contractors was third floor plumbing and heating. On the third floor take note of stenciling and writing on the board walls found between walls. Note Dan's great-grandfather's trunk carved with "UTAH". In the master bedroom, Dan made built-in wardrobes with beaded, pegged, hand-planed and dovetailed features. The bathroom has a zinc-plated tub with wooden rim and a marble sink and toilet from the old Lake House Hotel in Saylorsburg. The kitchen is currently being remodeled by Dan & Judy.



Teel Schoolhouse Kathleen & Steve Unger Kesslerville Rd and Miller Rd

Built in 1868, this one-room schoolhouse is typical of the many local schools constructed in the late 1800's. School was held here until 1947 when the students were sent to Schmidt's School about 3 miles south on Kesslerville Road. In 1951 the school was sold to Mr. Floyd Remel, a local farmer who used the building for storage of fertilizer and seeds. The property was purchased by Steve and Kathleen Unger in 1978. Mr. Unger was a rural mail carrier in the area and saw the potential of the school as he stopped on the grounds to have his lunch. Information indicates that the name Teel was the name of a nearby farmer who donated land for the school. The Ungers have refurbished the school in the style characteristic of the early 1900's. Desks, blackboards, books and maps have been collected from the area. A potbelly stove was purchased from a one-room school in Lehigh County and class photos, report cards and memorabilia have been collected from former students and teachers. The school is constructed of local hand make bricks.



The original slate roof has been replaced with a tin roof, the inside walls painted and the floor oiled to give it that old school look. Look at the dunce stool and hat, the old photos, the list of student punishments and the rules for new teachers, posted on the wall.

From the WEBMASTER - Josh Anderson

"Ready to surf?" Have you visited our website lately? This fall the Governor Wolf Historical Society made a renewed commitment to the <http://www.govwolf.org> website. The webmaster will have the responsibility of making timely updates to the site, proposing enhancements to design and content and re-researching a new web authoring tool for long-term website stability. The GWHS Board has also formed a website committee and assured that the website will be a permanent topic to discuss at monthly board meetings. In come the members and guests - we need your input! Please send your ideas to webmaster@govwolf.org. One of the areas we're working on is the use of PayPal to enable members and guests to purchase event tickets online (such as for the Christmas House Tour), renew membership and make donations. We would like to make this process as seamless as possible for our patrons - please let us know how you would like this feature to be crafted for your convenience. On our website you can find up-to-date information on events, the history of our society, pictures of our buildings and membership and board details. You will also find the latest copy of the newsletter along with an archive of past issues. If you would like, we'll even send you an e-mail when the next newsletter has been uploaded to the site. Keep any eye on the website over the next few weeks as we'll be adding details of the Christmas House Tour. Be sure to check out the website and make it one of your favorites. Our contact information is current so we'd love to hear from you!

Please note - the <http://www.governorwolfhistoricalsociety.org> website will be inactivated - please remove this link from your favorites.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Each room of all the homes in the tour is staffed with a volunteer who gives a little history about the home or items in the room. Volunteers are invited to join us for the Friday December 5th evening candlelight tour and buffet at no charge. The Friday tour starts at 6pm. To be a volunteer call Jo Evans at 610-266-0510. Tickets for the Saturday tour will go on sale Sat Nov 15th. Tickets will be \$17 in advance or \$20 the day of the tour. The tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Country Capers, Bethlehem, Steckel House, Bath, Curt's Cyclery, Nazareth, Bath Drugs, Bath and Julies Antiques, Easton, Garden of Eden, Allentown, Village Flowers, Palmerton, Precious Petals, Whitehall, Miller's Ace Hardware, Northampton, Posey Peddler, Easton. View the homes at www.govwolf.org or call 610-390-0555 for more information. To attend the Friday evening candlelight tour and buffet as a patron the tickets will be \$48 (\$40 GWHS members) please complete the form below and mail.

2008 CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR PATRON - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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\$48 per person; \$40 for GWHS members
Mail registration and payment (payable to Governor Wolf Historical Society) to:
GWHS Patron c/o Carol Bear Heckman 207 W. Northampton Street, Bath, PA 18014

Antiques and Garden Show April 4 & 5 2009

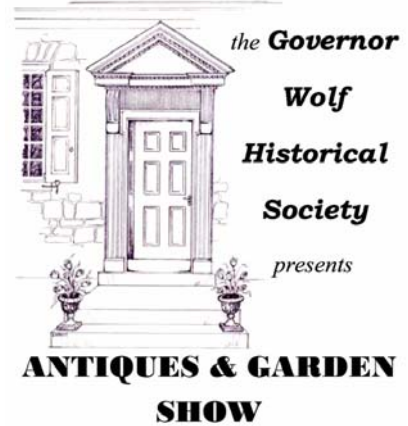
We already have paid contracts with over half of the dealers for the show. There will be 25 antique dealers and a tent with garden items and plants. The show cards have been printed and distributed to antique shops, malls and shows. We have met with Girl Scout leaders and they will be putting on a vintage fashion show. Fashions from the 1700's to the 1970's will be modeled. Anyone willing to lend some clothing for the show call Carol at 610-390-0555.

It will be held at the Governor Wolf Historical Society's Park in all three historic buildings. This show will act as a companion show to the already established Heart of the Valley Show held at the Ice House in Bethlehem just 8 miles away. For additional information call Carol 610-390-0555

Antique Show Committee:

Carol Bear-Heckman, Darrin Heckman, Jo Evans, Jan Semmel, Dalton Semmel Ken Vliet, Annette Vliet, Barbara Schwarz, Kathy Wilhelm

Submitted by *Carol Bear-Heckman*



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.

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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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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 11 Monthly Society meeting 7:00 PM
 Guest speaker Tom Gettings, Wetlands Conservancy
 "Lehigh River Preservation"
- November 15 Work Day @ Society 9:00 AM
- December 5 FRIDAY NIGHT Christmas House Tour 6:00 PM
- December 6 Christmas House Tour 10AM—4 PM
- December 9 Monthly Society meeting 7:00 PM
- December 13 Work Day @ Society 9:00 AM

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