



# The Governor's Gossip

Winter 2010

## from the New President

First and foremost, I would like to wholeheartedly say “thank you” to Kathy Wilhelm as our outgoing, dedicated past President. Kathy, the Board and members have just completed another successful year. It is my hope to continue to respect that past and strive for the future of the Society and the wonderful campus we have been blessed with. 2010 is already shaping up to be one of the most exciting years the Society has ever experienced. Large and ongoing projects and events are planned.

You will read throughout this Newsletter about the upcoming Antique Show, which is our first major event of the year. Other annual events are an Art Show and Garden Tour in June and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christmas House Tour in December. While many people are trying “staycations”, why not visit us at any of these events - they are fun, interesting and educational. Meetings are every second Tuesday of each month, our annual Society Dinner will be in May and a fun-day-out Bus Trip (also in May). Stop by our Museum on the campus and the Bath Museum any third Saturday of the month. Thank you for your attendance in the past and we welcome you to visit us in the near future.

Our forefathers have instilled in us a true love and appreciation of history. Our mission statement at GWHS states:

... to provide people with a colonial environment that they might –  
experience the past firsthand,  
appreciate colonial achievements (buildings and skills),  
gain knowledge about the Scotch-Irish and other early settlers of Northampton County,  
see the roots of education in our nation,  
and preserve our heritage for future generations  
thereby cooperating in and contributing to an ever-changing global community.

Please help us continue that mission and dream!

Sincerely, *Jan Semmel*

### **Is the Governor Wolf Historical Society Interesting??**

Do you like history? Do you enjoy fellowship? Regularly we host programs open to the public. In August we gathered for a canoe trip on the Lehigh River thru Wildlands Conservancy. Sixteen of us paddled 9 miles down river on a beautiful sunny day (photo depicted right). On September 8<sup>th</sup> Fred Duckloe of Frederick Duckloe & Brothers, a well-known furniture store in Portland, PA, spoke to us about the history and construction of Windsor chair (photo depicted left). On October 13<sup>th</sup> the RIPA (Rest In Peace Association) reported paranormal findings in the Ralston McKeen House (program to be presented in the spring). On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (snow date March 9<sup>th</sup>) Dave Mowen will be speaking about and displaying his collection of navigation items with the title of “Signposts On the Ocean”. On May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010, George Molchany of Martin Guitar Inc. will present “History & Production of the Martin Guitar” at our annual dinner. In July or August (TBA) we will hike Smith Gap, Pennsylvania. So, please attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesdays of each month, 7 P.M. and discover for yourself how a historical society can be interesting!!

Submitted By Jo Evans, Program Chairperson



## THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

**Lehigh Engineering** – for printing the newsletter.

**George Wilhelm** – for his time in keeping the GWHS campus plowed.

**Christmas House Tour** – Committee, Home Owners, Pastor Kenneth Klingborg and Chapman Quarries UMC and members, Volunteers, Sponsors, Patrons, Crafters, The Home News, Caterer, Attendees (475) and Florists/Designers.

Recently, GWHS received several beautiful antiques from **Mr. John Meixsell of Stroudsburg, PA.** Mr. Meixsell donated a PA cherry corner schrank, a PA cherry tall clock, 4 reproduction chairs and a German lock.

The pieces certainly have added to the beauty of our buildings.

Photo(s) and an accompanying story will be in a future

'*Governor's Gossip*' newsletter.

### **Governor Wolf Historical Society 29th Annual Christmas House Tour Floral Judging Results**

#### **Most Appropriate to Period & Style of House Exterior**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner: Bethlehem Vo-Tech School at the Siegfried Log Cabin  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nazareth Area Garden Club at the Redmond home  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: The Posey Peddler at the Krause home

#### **MOST APPROPRIATE TO THE PERIOD & STYLE OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: winner: Bethlehem Vo-Tech School at the Siegfried Log Cabin  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Valley Herb Guild at the Walk home  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Gerald Simcoe, artist, at the James H. Horner Homestead

#### **BEST USE OF FRESH &/OR DRIED PLANT MATERIAL, EXTERIOR:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Valley Herb Guild at the Walk home  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Bethlehem Vo-Tech School at the Siegfried Log Cabin  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Nazareth Area Garden Club at the Redmond home

#### **BEST USE OF FRESH &/OR DRIED PLANT MATERIAL, INTERIOR:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner: The Posey Peddler at the Krause home  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Valley Herb Guild at the Walk home  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Hayes Flowers at the Fehr-Novak home

#### **BEST USE OF ARTIFICIAL PLANT MATERIAL, EXTERIOR:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place winner: Nazareth Area Garden Club at the Redmond home  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Stone Cottage Gardens at the Frantz home  
3<sup>rd</sup> place: Moose & Bug at the Ralston-McKeen House

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#### **THE AWARD OF DISTINCTION – JUDGES' CHOICE, EXTERIOR:**

The Award of Distinction – Judges' Choice:  
Bethlehem Vo-Tech School at the Siegfried Log Cabin

#### **THE AWARD OF DISTINCTION – JUDGES' CHOICE, INTERIOR:**

The Award of Distinction – Judges' Choice:  
Valley Herb Guild at the Walk home.

#### **THE DESIGNERS' CHOICE AWARD, EXTERIOR:**

The Designers' Choice Award, Exterior,  
Valley Herb Guild at the Walk home

#### **THE DESIGNERS' CHOICE AWARD, INTERIOR:**

The Designer's Choice Award, Interior,  
Hayes Flowers at the Fehr-Novak home

#### **VIEWERS' CHOICE AWARD:**

Nazareth Area Garden Club at the Redmond home

## **Recipe Corner**

### **WINTER WASSAIL**

(from Jan Semmel)

- 2 cups cranberry juice  
7 cups water  
2/3 cup sugar  
4" cinnamon sticks, 2  
1 T. whole cloves  
1 T. whole allspice  
46 oz. can pineapple juice  
12 oz. can frozen red fruit punch concentrate  
6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate

Combine cranberry juice, water and sugar in a saucepan over medium heat. Tie the spices in cheesecloth, add to cranberry mixture. Simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from heat; remove and discard the spice bag. Stir in the pineapple juice, punch and the orange juice. Heat through and serve warm. (I just put everything in the crock pot and heated thoroughly). Makes one gallon.

## **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*

*Brooms*

*Florist wire*

*Time for Spring cleaning? Keep these items in mind for the Historical Society if you are willing to donate any of these items.*

## **Attention Gardeners:**

**We are holding our Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 12, 2010. If you live in the Bath, PA area and would like to share your garden this June, please contact Karen Hahn at 610-262-2346.**

**Your help in making our annual tour a success would be greatly appreciated!**

*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, 2010 deadline. An e-mail submission is preferred.

**dheckman@lehighengineering.com 610-390-0720**

## RESTORATION PRESERVATION

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

**Ralston McKeen House** - New, hand-wrought iron railings were installed on the two front landings by Elm Grove Forge of Holicong (Bucks County), PA. This has really enhanced the front entrances of the Ralston McKeen House. Also, at Ralston McKeen, two rotted-out windowsills will be replaced in Spring.

**GWHS Campus**—Three trees along Jacksonville Road, damaged by storms and decay, were recently removed by Hoppes Tree Service of Bath, PA.

**Monocacy School** - Electric baseboard heat will be installed in the Old School Room at the Monocacy Schoolhouse. This will be completed in time for the upcoming Antique Show, March 13 and 14, 2010.

As always, **THANK YOU** to all the Restoration Committee members and other helpers for their time and effort on the continual work and projects at GWHS!

Submitted by *Dalton Semmel*

### **Attention Inspiring Artists:**

GWHS member, Gene Allen, will be conducting a group painting class at the Monocacy Schoolhouse on the campus. Class size is limited. You may contact Gene at: 610-285-6734. Dates and time are:

March 17, 24 and 31      6:30-8:30 p.m.

April 7, 14 and 21      6:30-8:30 p.m.



### **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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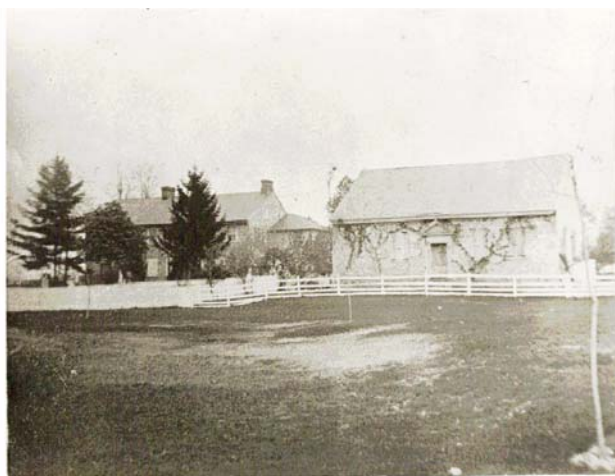
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*From the Museum ...*

This is another old photo from our museum. The old frame addition on the right side of the Ralston-McKeen house was in bad shape when the Ralston-McKeen house was purchased by GWHS in 1981 and was subsequently torn down. Note the wonderful old picket fence separating the Wolf Academy from the RM house. Part of our long term plan includes the replacement of a fenced-in area at the front of the RM house.



**Submitted by Kathy Wilhelm**

### Museum Opening



**Monocacy School**

In conjunction with the Bath museum, our GWHS museum and grounds will also be open the same days. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, except the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of December when both will be open for the Christmas House Tour, our facility will be available for public viewing 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 re-searching 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**



### Antiques Show March 13 & 14

The GWHS Park will be the setting for 30 quality antiques dealers coming from as far away as Vermont and Ohio. Stands will be in all three of the historic buildings featuring historic room settings, hearth cooking & sampling, a vintage fashion show and informative speakers. 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.

Jenn & Allen George "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 Carol 610-390-0555

Saturday - 4 PM Vintage Fashion Show

Sunday - Noon- "Pocket Watches" – Dave Howell, Northampton Coin & Jewel

1 PM - "Old Cut Diamonds" – Sarah Schaffer, North. Coin & Jewel

2 PM - "Rose Bowls" – Johanna Billings, author of Rose Bowls

3 PM - "History of Postcards" – Joe Kovacs, J & B Collectibles

#### Antique Show Committee:

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

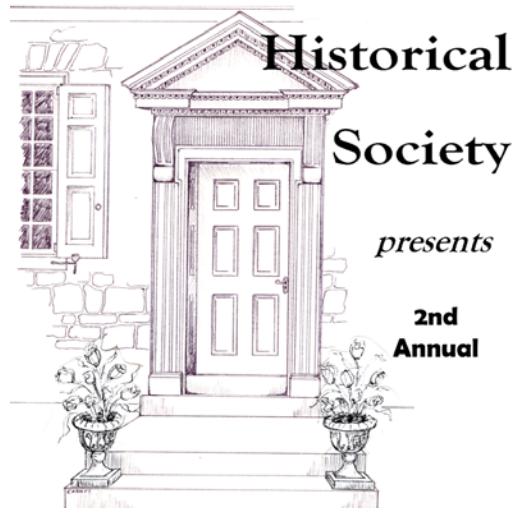
*Submitted by Carol Bear-Heckman*

More Antique Show Information ...

If you know of a young lady that would like to participate in our Vintage Fashion Show on Saturday March 13 call Karen at 610-262-2346 If you have a vintage clothing item that you could loan us to feature in our Vintage Fashion Show call Karen at 610-262-2346

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, Feb 27 at 9AM

*the* **Governor Wolf**



**Historical Society**

*presents*

**2nd Annual**

**Antiques Show**

# GWHS Annual Bus Trip

## Saturday, May 22, 2010

**Anthracite Heritage Museum, Scranton, PA**  
**Catlin House, Scranton, PA**  
**Dinner at Cooper's Seafood House, Scranton, PA**



Our spring annual bus trip is being planned! We are touring Scranton, PA - a Northern route on Saturday, May 22, 2010. We shall depart our campus via Elite coach 7:30 A.M., touring the Anthracite Heritage Museum, ride an electric trolley and view a trolley museum, the Catlin House, Scranton Mansion, and dine at the Cooper's Seafood House. The bus ride is approx. 1-1/2 hours, slated to return at 7: 30 P.M.



Menu preferences are: Seafood Newburg: lobster, Gulf shrimp, & snow crabmeat in creamy Newburg sauce over buttermilk biscuits; Roasted Stuffed Pork: with apples & pecans, topped with wine



demiglaze; Or, Chicken Florentine: Boneless breast of chicken stuffed with spinach, onion, and cheese topped with cream sauce. Included will be fresh baked breads, garden or Caesar salad, tea, coffee, or iced tea and dessert. A potato and vegetables will be available for selection. Alcoholic beverages will be at your own expense.

**QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL JO EVANS OR ERIC QUIMBY @ 610-266-0510.**

**THE COST IS \$85.00 PER PERSON FOR CURRENT GWHS MEMBERS AND \$95.00 PER PERSON FOR NON-MEMBERS. PRICE INCLUDES BUS TICKET, MUSEUM FEES, DINNER AND ALL TAX AND GRATUITIES FOR ENTIRE DAY.**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010.**

**IF MAILING RESERVATION, PLEASE MAIL AT LEAST 4 DAYS PRIOR, WHICH WOULD BE APRIL 27, 2010.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORTING OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND  
 HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR EVENTS.**

PLEASE USE THIS SECTION FOR RESERVATION(S):

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS, \$85.00 PP FOR CURRENT MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS, \$95.00 PP FOR NON-MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 MENU PREFERENCE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION(S) BY MAY 1, WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO GOV. WOLF HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 TO: MRS. JO EVANS, 6100 HANOVER STREET, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017**



**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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 www.govwolf.org  
 return service requested

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 6 Work Day at Society, 8:30 a.m.
- February 9 Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
*Speaker: David Mowen, "Signposts on the Ocean" (March 9, snow date)*
- February 20 Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m.
- February 27 drop off your antiques for show
- March 9 Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 13 ANTIQUE SHOW, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- March 14 ANTIQUE SHOW, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- March 17, 24, 31 Gene Allen Painting Class, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- March 20 Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m.
- March 25 deadline for Spring newsletter
- April 7, 14, 21 Gene Allen Painting Class, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- April 13 Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 17 Work Day at Society, 9:00 a.m.  
 Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m.
- May 7 Annual Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
*Speaker: George Molchany of Martin Guitar, Nazareth, "History & Production of the Martin Guitar"*
- May 11 Monthly Society meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 15 Museum open at Monocacy Schoolhouse, 1-3 p.m.
- May 22 Bus Trip, leaving GWHS campus, 7:30 a.m.

**The 2010 Governor Wolf Historical Society Officers**

President	Jan Semmel	610-262-1103
Vice President	Robert Swan	610-837-6544
Treasurer	Dalton Semmel	610-262-1103
Recording Secretary	Julie Swan	610-838-8923
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