



HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF BENSALEM TWP

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NEWSLETTER FOR SEPT. AND OCT. 2021

WELCOME BACK, to we hope, a more normal Fall season with good weather and everyone healthy.

We hope many of you were able to attend the June 17th outdoor meeting and enjoyed being together again. In case you were not able to attend here are some things that were discussed.

We had a new roof put on our building at a cost of \$19,380 but we still need to have new skirting to complete the job. If you know of a company that does this work, please let the Board know.

During the past few months a large tree branch fell in the Williamson-Johnson Cemetery, fortunately missing all the tombstones. After getting 2 estimates for several hundred dollars, our member Bob Johnson cut it up and has cleaned up all the twigs etc..

Many THANKS Bob for taking your time and energy to save the Society that expense.

Flea Market

The July 24th Flea Market was a space sell out. Even though the day was sunny and hot, a steady stream of buyers made the event a success. Many THANKS to the following people for helping that day...

Hank Arment, Kathy Leighton, Joe Sadler, Charles Satterfield, Sheldon Per, Joe Gavaghan, Barbara and Bob Johnson, Rob Homolka, Jill Freeman, Amethyst Bush, Peg Thullen, Charlene Dornisch, John Dignam, Suzanne McCartney, Luke Ziedler, Brandon Beaumont, Gary Leighton, Chris and Michael Leighton Sally Sondesky, and Carolyn Per for taking all the calls. Our totals are Spaces \$800; Stand \$180.25; Snacks \$35.50; Records/books \$85.75 and donations of \$10.01 for a grand total \$1111.51 We also received \$20 for a space at the Sept. event !!!!!

IN MEMORY OF

On June 16th long time member Stephanie Keefe died. Stephanie had for many years lived in the Bache House along the River and shared her memories with us. Her daughter in law, Eileen, is also a Society member. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Stephanie's family and we will remember her beautiful smile.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the Ciaudelli family in the death of Julia (on July 27th) and her daughter, Felicia (on July 10th.) With sympathy to all of the Ciaudelli family.

On July 28th member Dorothy McLean died. Dot would have been 103 in September. Dot donated both her wedding gowns and doll collection to us several years ago. We were able to do bridal shows with the early gowns and share their beauty and history with many. Thank you Dot, for sharing them with us and we will long remember you. Our deepest sympathy to your family.

NEW MEMBERS

Donald Jones

Edible Arrangements - Feasterville

Janice Thompson

Amethyst Bush

Cynthia Benjamin

NEW ADDITIONS

Marilyn Tori donated a book of painting by Ranulph Bye (Bucks Co. Artist)

Juanita T. Whitted donated a piece of the 320 yr. old tree from the Bensalem AME church

Peg Thullen donated World War II newspapers and Dewey Warren Campaign Fund Certificates

Mary Kelly Finegan donated 1960's newspapers and a Knights of Columbus Newsletter

Janice C. Thompson donated 3 black and white photos of Penn Valley School children in the 1940's.

Robert Rittenhouse donated many various items from Bensalem High School, Alumni Org., Tax records and a Vandegrift Cem. Deed.

June C. Robinson donated items from Leroy Dapp ..1941-42 Bensalem High School items and some report cards.

Hank Arment donated various items concerning the Trevoise are of Bensalem

Penna. Museum donated more Logan items including girondele candlesticks, 2 side chairs, brass andirons, 2 lithographs (George and Martha Washington) and a reproduction painting of George Washington.

John Tyciak for donating a Bensalem High School Sweater Class of '61

SUMMER CONCERTS

Again this summer we were asked to sell the 50/50 tickets during the summer concerts. It takes 4 people each Wed. night and I would like to Thank the following people for helping this year...Jill Freeman, John Tyciak, Joe Gavaghan, Renee Kitchenman, Barbara & Bob Johnson, Carol & Russ Lake, Amy Loher; Adam Konyves, Mary Ann Griffin, Amethyst Bush, and Sally Sondesky. These volunteers made over \$2,000 for the Society.

On September 11th we will have an opportunity to tour the Glen Foerd Mansion. We will car pool from the office leaving at 10:30 or you can follow in your car. The cost will be \$5 per person. Please call the office (215-639-6575) by Sept. 1st if you wish to attend this 1 1/2 hour tour. We can stay on the grounds until 3 pm.

Notice to interested members.....Northeast Phila. History Fair will be held on September 18th from 10-3 at the Cannstatter Volkfest Vrein at 9130 Academy Road. We will be having a table there to advertise our group. Free admission. Come out to volunteer at our table and to see the other Societies tables.

Since we did so well in July it was decided that we hold another Flea Market on Sept. 25th (Raindate 26th). Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer for this event. If you want your own space for selling, contact Carolyn at 215-752-3673.

OCTOBER EVENTS

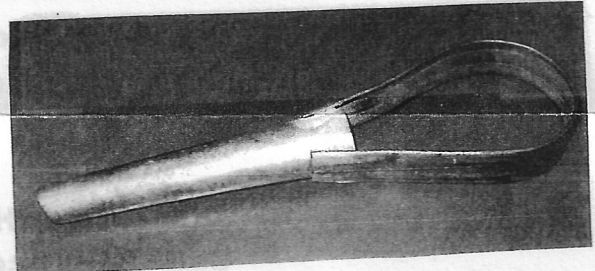
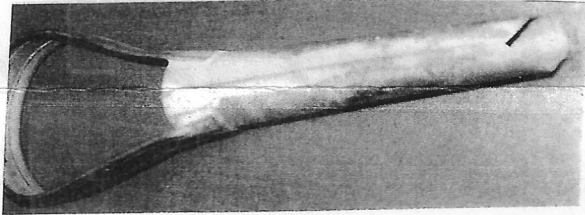
Bensalem will celebrate Community Pride Day or Fall Festival (which ever you call it) on October 2nd. We will have a table and will need volunteers to be there during the day. Call the office 215-639-6575 if you can help.

The Historical Society of Bensalem welcomes back historical reenactor, lecturer, and tour guide, Michael Jesberger as he will be presenting an educational and entertaining program about the "Wreck and Recovery of the Pirate Ship -Whydah". Surrounded by mystery and history, the pirate ship Whydah sank on April 1717 with oodles of treasure plundered from other ships off the coast of Cape Cod, Mass. For centuries the location of this ship and its treasure eluded discovery until the 1980's and the recovered artifacts eventually inspired a new modern pirate museum. Come out to learn about this new part of American history.

MEMORY QUESTIONS

Does anyone remember dancing at Samero's Stand on Dunks Ferry Road????? If so please let us know....pictures welcome!!!!

Recently we were given a box of old tools and among them was this item. Any idea of what it is and how it was used?



We are still looking for the following pictures so please remember us when you are doing your Fall Cleaning.

**Blue Hill Diner Blue Spruce Inn (Trevoise)
Cornwells Skating Rink Ernie Buehl's house on Hulmeville Rd
Four Seasons Swim Club on Mechanicsville Rd**

The Society is still looking for descendants of Rachel Ridge Comly Wildman. She and her husband George Wildman owned property in Bensalem and we believe some of her descendants still live in Bensalem or Lower Southampton area. Can you help us find someone?

DUES NOT PAID FOR 2021

We hope you will continue to support the Society by mailing in your dues for 2021 in the usual amounts - Single \$15 Family \$20 Business or organization \$75. If you have not paid for 2021 you will have a notice stating "Last Newsletter If Dues not paid for 2021."

CALENDAR

Sept. 2nd **Ice Cream Social** **NOTE TIME 6:00pm**
Please call if attending (215-639-6575)

Sept. 11th **Glen Foerd Tour** **10:15am**
Cost \$5 Call office to be included by
Sept. 1st.

Sept. 18th **Cannstatter History Fair** **10 - 3**
Call the office to volunteer

Sept. 25th **Flea Market** **8- 1**
Raindate Sept. 26th

Oct. 2nd **Fall Festival** **all day**
Call the office to volunteer

Oct. 7th **Mike Jesberger** **7:00pm**
"The Wreck & Recovery of Pirate Ship-WHYDAH"



How to frighten the new generation, put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch and a TV with no remote. Then leave directions on how to use in cursive.

The Board