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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY AND JUNE 2023

Winter came and went and we never needed a snow shovel.....strange wasn't it? Early April brought a tornado to Newtown. What will the coming summer months bring to Bensalem ? Please stay safe !!!!

MARCH MEETING

Unfortunately, our March meeting speaker had to cancel due to a fall which made it impossible for her to drive. We are planning to have her later in the year.

It was decided to show the video from the Feb. meeting about the Boone Farm by Pat Mervine and have a social time.

APRIL MEETING

A few years ago we visited the Moland House in Warminster for a tour and at this meeting, Mike Jesberger presented the history of this building. For 13 days in the hot summer of August 1777, this building was Washington's Headquarters along with 13,000 soldiers who camped on the grounds. Try to imagine camping with 6-8 men to a tent, woolen uniforms, and trying to feed everyone! Meeting with Washington were General Greene, Marquis de Lafayette, Count Casimir Pulaski, General Sterling and others ready to

discuss war plans. Check out Moland House for more info. Thanks Mike for sharing some local info with us.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne Katz

Pat and Lance Mervine

Susan H. Lee

ADDITIONS

Phil Koons donated 4 glass bowls

Pat Mervine donated a copy of her book "Boone Farm: It's People and Place in Middletown History"

Purchased a copy of Joe Coleman's book "Hulmeville Borough – A History at 150 years"

Richard Miller donated a portrait of Dr. Richard Dingee, a book of handwritten letters and a copy of Battle's History

Stephanie Morris donated various metal advertising pins and a book "A Day in the Life of a Victorian Factory Worker" by Frank E. Huggett

Kathy Hennessy donated items from Standish Forde Hansell- a blank check and a Christmas Card

Donation of the Bensalem High School Play and 2 tickets for "Beauty and the Beast"

FLEA MARKET

Volunteers are needed for the May 13th event and also items for the Society's tables. Contact Kathy Leighton to volunteer. Items may be brought on Wed. or Sat. when the Society office is open. Please, no clothing electronics or religious items can be accepted.

Please consider volunteering your time and efforts as this is the first fund raiser we have for this year.

CONCERTS

Please volunteer to help sell the 50/50 tickets on Wednesday Nights at the Amphitheater . It is a way to help the Society's income over the summer. You will be there from 5:30 until about 7:30, then you can go home or stay and enjoy the concert. See Sally to sign up.

FOUND !!!!!!!!!!

A few years ago the Art Teacher in the High School decided to do a project about Bensalem. The students painted a large banner (approx.. 17 ft. high and 54 ft wide). Until recently this banner was thought to be lost during the renovations but it has been found. Now it can be completed and hopefully a place to display it will be found.

REMINDER

**2023 Dues are overdue \$15 Single; \$20 Family; \$75 Business.
If your dues have not paid, this is the last newsletter you will receive.**

NOTICE OF SEVERAL CHANGES

The Board voted to change the Dec. Meeting from a Thurs night to the first Sunday in the month at 2:00. The By laws will be amended to show this change. Many of our members do not like to drive at night. The new date is Dec. 3, 2023 at 2:00. Please mark your calendar .

The Sept. Flea Market has been changed to the 23rd with raindate of the 24th. Again, please mark your calendar.

We have increased the charge for a duplicate Bensalem High School Yearbook to \$30 per copy.

CALENDAR

May 4th	A 3 part meeting as follows : "Stamps for the Wounded"; "GAR Museum" "CW Uniform and Decorartions" By Mary Wible; Walt Laffy; and Andy Waskie	7:00 pm
May 13 th	Flea Market Rain date May 20th	8 am-1 pm
May 20 th	Board Meeting	12:00
May 31 st	First Concert Ticket sellers due at	5:30 pm
June 1st	Picnic Notice the Time Change	6:00 p.m.
June 17 th	Board Meeting	12:00

Next newsletter will be sent in late August for Sept. and Oct.

NOTE: The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
Listen to what they say.

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER



The Board

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Moland House



Multi-vendor flea market

Saturday, May 13
&
Saturday, Sept. 23

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

3211 Knights Road, Bensalem

Space rentals \$20; all vendors welcome

Reserve your space by calling 215-752-3673

Rain dates May 20 & Sept. 24

This is a non-smoking, non-vaping event for vendors and buyers

Benefits The Historical Society of Bensalem Township

Over Please —

Bensalem's Mile Marker Mystery!

By Silence Dogood



Above is a Historical Society of Bensalem file photo of Mile Marker 12T after being restored and cleaned for a Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project in 2003. (This mile marker was located at Bristol Pike and Colonial Avenue in Andalusia.)

Bensalem's mile markers (or stones) located on Bristol Pike have been around since colonial times (before the American Revolution). There are (4) mile markers located on Bristol Pike with their hand engraved designations of 12T, 13T, 14T and 15T on their face side. Familiar landmarks that Bensalem residents still love, and although their original use is outdated their charm is definitely not. However, recently one of our mile markers 12T (shown above) has *mysteriously disappeared!* Members of the society and the general public were outraged that someone would steal a piece of Bensalem's history. Some members were so upset they urged Kathy Leighton (our society's president) to file a theft report for mile marker 12T with the Bensalem Police Department dated January 23rd, 2023. Police are still investigating, but who would steal a heavy stone mile marker?

Since the return of this mile marker appears unlikely, our board of directors has begun soliciting bids to replace mile marker 12T with a duplicate and that is where you can help. Our historical society is kicking off a new fundraiser called **"Go the extra mile!"**

Donations are now being accepted by our society to replace the mile marker with a duplicate. **Please send donations** to our mailing address or stop by and visit us at our building on Wednesdays or Saturdays. Help the society **"Go the extra mile!"** and preserve our history. Remember donations are always cheerfully accepted at our society and Thank You.