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NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2024

Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow on 2/2 and it has been raining almost everyday....sure hope he is correct that Spring will arrive shortly along with the sun.

JANUARY

We began the new year by taking a trip up the Kings Highway (Bristol Pike or Route 13) or what ever you call it. We then realized that it is time to redo these presentations and update them. These slides were taken over 50 years ago and before I95 was built through the Township. It was fun and brought out a lot of memories for many of us and taught the newer members what it was like when we were growing up in Bensalem.

FEBRUARY

On the 4th Kim Praria from Fallsington described the basic history of clothing and textiles found in this area of Pennsylvania. Never realized all the differences between the materials that are used to make our clothing. The most common materials used were wool, linen, hemp, cotton and the most expensive was silk. Kim showed us how the materials were made into cloth, then into all the many pieces of her outfit. The amazing

thing about her clothing was there were no buttons, zippers, snaps or hooks used. The only thing holding them together were straight pins.....

Kim had on about 5 layers of clothing and all pinned together. Can you imagine working at your job wearing clothes just pinned together?????

THANKS Kim, for sharing this history with us and showing us how lucky we are to have buttons!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

Lauren Bucci

Amber Munchback

JoAnn & John Campbell

ADDITIONS

Unknown gift of Cornwells Meth. Church directories (8 issues 1958-1976)

Robert DeBias donated a history of the William Penn Fire Company 1832-2007 and a book "Love By Neshaminy Creek"

Alumni Assoc. donated a copy of the 2023 High School Yearbook and a large letter "B"

DUES ARE DUE

If your dues are not paid by the end of March we will understand that you are no longer interested in staying as a member. If you are not sure if you have paid, please call the office 215-639-6575 or Sally 215-946-1744

Single Membership \$15.00 Family (same house) \$20.00 Business \$75.00

LOCAL EVENT

The Friends of Northeast Philadelphia History Group is planning on having a day of sharing history on April 13th from 10 to 3 at the Cannstatter Building at 9130 Academy Rd. We have attended this event for several years sharing our history with the other local groups. Free admission and a great time to see and learn about other historical groups.

BENSALEM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMI QUEST

The Alumni Association is trying to locate the oldest living alumni. We were given a list of people from the 1940's that they are trying to locate. If you like a challenge to help find answers, call the office and we will put you in touch with the correct person from the alumni association.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Historical Society Flea MarketMay 11th raindate May 18th

CALENDAR

Mar. 3 rd Sunday	"Biddle against Jackson" By Cordelia Biddle	2:00 pm
Mar. 16 th	Board	11:00 am
Apr. 4 th Thursday	"History Under Your Feet" By Jim Bongiovanni	7:00 pm
Apr. 13 th	2024 History Fair Cannstatter Building	10-3
Apr. 20 th	Board	11:00 am

A little FREE advice.....KINDNESS doesn't cost a thing yet it's the richest gift you can give.

The Board

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Friends of Northeast Philadelphia History

Present the



At

Cannstatter Volkfest Verein

9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

- Free Admission, All Are Welcome
- Historic Displays, Presentations on Local History
- Books, Prints, Photographs, and Other Historical Items Available

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