



# THE FANLIGHT

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## *Successful new activities highlight 2015*

**By Amy Leiser**

*Executive Director*

It's hard to believe that 2015 is coming to an end and that 2016 is right around the corner. Before we know it, volunteers will be in the backyard of the Stroud Mansion, raking leaves and winterizing our gardens and then coming indoors to decorate mantles with greens for the holidays.

As I look back on 2015, I am so pleased with all the brand new activities our organization held this year. Planning new events is always challenging. There are many unknown factors, and I am lucky to have such hard-working, detail-oriented volunteers who are always ready to roll up their sleeves and help promote our organization in the community. These volunteers work together in committees, maintaining a true spirit of cooperation, dedication, and communication, and it shows in the success of their various undertakings.

The first unique happening hosted by the Historical Association was the Monroe County History Challenge held in April. Led by board member John H. Abel, the History Committee worked tirelessly to host a question-and-answer scholarship competition for Monroe County high school juniors. The competition consisted of four rounds of questions that tested students' knowledge on U.S. history, economics, and geography, as well as Pennsylvania and local history.

The second new event hosted by the Historical Association was the "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past"

fundraiser. This three-course "Chairman Selection" wine-pairing dinner and auction was held at the beautiful Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake in Reeders and raised more than \$19,000 for the Monroe County Historical Association.

The third new activity was the walking tour of the Stroudsburg Cemetery. Working with the members of the 142nd Civil War re-enactment group and the veterans' club at Northampton Community College, this year's tour focused on the Civil War and its impact on Monroe County's citizens.

All three of these activities required a great deal of planning and a great deal of effort from so many individuals. I am happy to report that because each of these three events was so successful, they will all be repeated. So, if you weren't able to attend this year, be sure to look for special announcements so you can attend in the future. You really don't want to miss out!

There is such a variety in what the Historical Association offers, and we strive to hold programming throughout the year that touches on the diverse interests of our citizens. From free lectures for adults and hands-on activities for children to an exquisite wine-pairing dinner, all of our events work to raise awareness of Monroe County's rich heritage.

Thank you to the hundreds of members and friends who work on these events and to those who attend our functions. Your support is very much appreciated.

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## 2015 Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion.

October 27

November 24

The mission of the Monroe County Historical Association is to promote, protect and preserve the rich history of Monroe County, Pa.

# Olde Time Fun celebrates Stroudsburg's bicentennial

The Monroe County Historical Association hosted its 7th annual Olde Time Fun at the Stroud Mansion on September 5 in conjunction with StroudFest, Stroudsburg's annual street festival. (See photos on Page 3.)

The borough celebrated its bicentennial this year, and StroudFest was buzzing with activity. The weekend began with a performance by the Centennial Trinity Band on Friday night and ended with a fantastic fireworks show on Saturday evening.

The staff and volunteers at the Stroud Mansion set up activity stations featuring historic games and crafts for children.

New this year was a child-friendly walking tour brochure, distributed so families could explore downtown Stroudsburg and discover the borough's local history and interesting architecture. (Brochures are still available at the Mansion.)

Members of the Pocono Dulcimer Club performed traditional songs and tunes for visitors and volunteers to enjoy. The historic 1795 Stroud Mansion was open to explore, and guests were able to interact with Mrs. Stroud herself!

The Education Committee works very hard each year to hold this free community event. Thank you to Kathy Boyle, the event chairperson, and all of the volunteers who helped make this such a fun-filled event:

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## MCHA Calendar

**Sunday, November 8**

**Remembering the Flood of 1955**

1-3:30 p.m. • Community Room, Eastern Monroe Public Library.

Mary Shafer, author of "Devastation on the Delaware," will speak about the flood that ravaged the Poconos 60 years ago. She will sell and sign books, and guests will be invited to share memories of the flood of 1955. Light refreshments will be served. Free, but reservations required.

See details in flier on Page 9.

**November 26- 30**

**Offices Closed** – Happy Thanksgiving!

**Thursday-Friday, December 10 and 11**

**Holiday Luncheon at Stroud Mansion**

Stroud Mansion, 900 Main St., Stroudsburg  
Catered by Dave Cook from The Cook's Corner. \$25 per person. See Page 10 for flier with menu and additional information.

**December 24-January 12, 2016**

**Offices Closed** – Happy Holidays!



# Olde Time Fun at the Stroud Mansion



Volunteers, Ian and Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly and Evelyn Smith, enjoy the beautiful day.



Showing off their newly made fabric bracelets.



Guests learn how to make corn husk dolls.



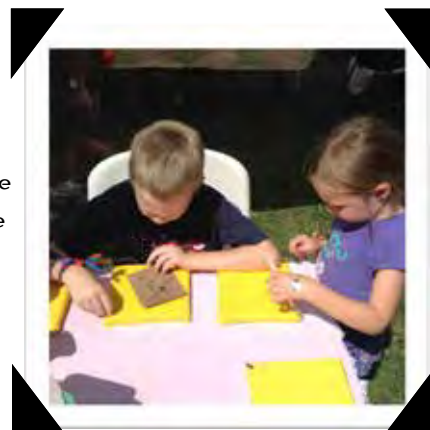
Visitors enjoy the musical stylings of the Pocono Dulcimer Club.



Mrs. Stroud gives visitors a tour of the Stroud Mansion.



Left: Elected officials and members of the Bicentennial Committee bury a time capsule during Stroudfest.



Right: Children could create their own pin punch to take home.



## Welcome, New Members

Barry Becker  
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## PEP Award Nominations open

The Monroe County Historical Association is accepting nominations for its 11th Annual Historic Preservation Awards. Three awards will go to the owners of historic buildings dedicated to preserving and enhancing Monroe County's wealth of historic structures.

The MCHA will recognize one private residence, one nonprofit 501(c)3 or publicly funded organization, one commercial property, and one heritage resource. The award program acknowledges property owners who have continued upkeep, rehabilitated or restored their structures in a way that preserves and respects the historical character of their buildings.

Winners will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon at Shawnee Inn on February 28, 2016.

More information and nomination forms may be found online at [www.MonroeHistorical.org](http://www.MonroeHistorical.org). Forms are also available at the Stroud Mansion.

# Inaugural 'Raise Your Glass & Support the Past' fundraiser huge success

On September 10, the Monroe County Historical Association hosted the first "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" wine pairing dinner and auction fundraiser at the picturesque, and historic, Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake.

The room was beautifully decorated with two vintage ensembles in the entryway and unique centerpieces featuring vintage pictures from the Historical Association. There were 116 guests in attendance.

The evening began with butlered hors d'oeuvres during the cocktail hour, with musical entertainment provided by Erin McClelland. Guests meandered the room looking at the live auction items that were available and bidding on the silent auction items.

Despite the dreary weather outside, guests were jovial while socializing in the light-hearted atmosphere.

Following the cocktail hour, an exquisite three-course meal was served with an appropriate pairing of "Chairman Selection" quality wine.

During the first course guests were treated to a seasonal gourmet salad, with oven fresh artisan rolls, and creamery butter paired with Turnbull Sauvignon Blanc 2013.

The main entrée was a delicious duet of grilled Chairman Select sirloin of beef and pan-seared shrimp verde with a glass of Gloria Ferrer Pinot Noir Carneros 2011.



Dessert was a sumptuously sweet French-style cheesecake with fruited port compote and a perfectly paired Cosinetta Vietti Moscato D'Asti 2013.

The evening ended with an exciting live auction filled with wonderful packages, including:

- A year of floral arrangements in vintage pitchers donated by Floral Boutique.
- Artwork by local artists, including Sterling and Dorothy Strauser and Miharu Lane.
- A landscaping package including a truckload of dirt donated by Dunbar Enterprises, Inc., tree and planting donated by Dunkelberger Tree Service, and yard cleanup donated by Jeremy Smith Landscaping.

Every auction item, both live and silent, sold that evening!

The Monroe County Historical would like to thank Marie Conklin Young, event chairperson, Megan Williamson, auction chairperson (as well as the creator of the fabulous centerpieces and auction paddles), Susan Yetter, and Debbie Procopio for all of their hard work.

This event raised more than \$19,000 - the proceeds will benefit the Monroe County Historical Association, with a portion of the funds raised to be used in assisting with the preservation of the organization's museum and library collections.



The Monroe County Historical Association would like to thank all of our sponsors who contributed to the

## *Raise Your Glass & Support the Past*

wine pairing dinner and auction fund-raiser.  
Without you this event would not have been possible!



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## Textile treasures in the mansion

I love it when a museum artifact just catches your eye. You may have seen it before, but never really looked at it closely. All of a sudden, you notice it and a whole new area of interest opens up!

That happened to me a few nights ago, as I was skittering through the Stroud Room — the front parlor. Up on the wall my little eyes locked on two pieces of framed needlework. Reading the identification cards, I learned that although they looked quite different, they were both called samplers and were stitched, many years ago, by female members of the Stroud family. I wanted to know more about them, so I went to the library and climbed into the “S” (for “sampler”) file drawer to begin my research.

First of all, I learned that the Monroe County Historical Association has a collection of all kinds of textile artifacts as well as the samplers in the Stroud Room. Rather than chewing on them, as some of my ancestors may have done, I wanted to learn more and share some of the information I found.

Samplers were very popular in the 1700s and 1800s and most often the work of young women. During that time in Europe and in the American colonies, well-off boys went to school to learn mathematics, grammar, history, Greek, and Latin. Girls who were well-off went to school too, but they were taught domestic skills — things to help them be good wives and mothers. Girls who couldn't afford school might be taught by a relative or neighbor. One skill was sewing, so the girls could make clothes and household goods like sheets, pillowcases, and towels. Another skill was embroidery to decorate these items with patterns or pictures made of fancy stitches sewn directly onto cloth using cotton, linen, silk or wool thread. The designs might be pretty flowers, leaves, outdoor scenes, Bible verses, memorable sayings, monograms and names.

Making a sampler was a way for girls to learn and practice the decorative stitches and to create something that would become not only a keepsake, but also be a pattern book of stitches to consult for future embroidery.

What is known about samplers comes mostly from the actual pieces themselves. Unfortunately, not too many have survived. Looking at a sampler is like opening a history book. The stitches, colors, and images, while often dictated by the teacher or “school mistress” can reveal something about the life and times of the person who stitched them. If the stitchers included their name, they will always be remembered! If a sampler is also dated and the place where it was done included, we can learn even more.

The oldest sampler in the Stroud Room was stitched by Jemima Stroud, daughter of Col. Jacob Stroud. She included her name, the date (1809), and where she made it — at Westtown School (she stitched it “Weston”), a well-reputed Quaker School near Philadelphia. According to school records, she attended in 1809, but for only one month. Daniel, Jemima's brother, sent several of his children to this school. The Stroud boys stayed longer than the girls — from 5 to 12 months.

Jemima's sampler is plain and stitched with black silk and wool on yellowish-white linen. There are no flowers, trees, or fancy motifs on Jemima's sampler, but there are six alphabets, A to Z, in different fonts along with two religious verses stitched on the linen bounded by a plain black line border.

The simple design reminds us something about the Stroud family: that Jemima and her brother Daniel chose to become Quakers and were proud to live as “plain folk.” Jemima was born in 1779, so I figured out that she was 30 years old when she completed her sampler.

I was puzzled, since most samplers are done by younger females. I squeaked this question to Agnes, one of the MCHA volunteers who is an expert on local history and needlework, and she answered that Jemima attended Westtown School at an older age because that was when she wanted to learn to live as a Quaker.

Sarah Stroud's sampler is very fancy compared to

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## Meet MCHA's new intern

My name is Gabrielle Ferrara. I live locally and graduated from Bloomsburg University with degrees in anthropology and art history. I am pursuing a master of arts degree in museum studies from the University of Oklahoma.

My main area of interest is collections management. In my spare time, I enjoy playing video games, dabbling in the realm of art and collecting a variety of things. I am very excited for this internship opportunity with the MCHA.



## Textile treasures

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Jemima's. It includes five alphabets, lots of vine and floral borders, sprays of flowers and leaves and a saying, all stitched with polychrome silk on linen:

*Give me a calm and thankful heart,  
From every murmur free,  
The blessings of thy grace impart,  
And let me live to thee.*

Sarah signed and dated her work 1839 but did not include any place name, which created new mysteries. Since Sarah was a popular name in many generations of the family, which Sarah was she? How was she related to Jacob Stroud?

I was able to confirm that Sarah B. Stroud, born in 1823, was Jacob's granddaughter. Her father was Jacob's first son, John, and her mother was Elizabeth DePuy. Now you can figure out how old she was when she stitched the sampler!

But where did Sarah learn to do such beautiful embroidery? Who was her teacher? Now I'm again feeling like a real history detective and anxious to find out more about samplers and other colonial textiles, as well as learn some embroidery stitches myself!

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*Come share your stories and  
sign up for the opportunity to record how the Flood affected you.*

Free admission. Due to limited seating reservations are required.

**Sunday, November 8, 2015**

**1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Eastern Monroe Public Library-Hughes Memorial Branch  
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For more information contact the  
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**Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th, 2015**

*Please choose a time to dine*

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**\$25.00 per person**

*Menu:*

*Fresh Baked Wheat Rolls with Butter*

*Cranberry Walnut Jello Salad*

*Mixed Greens Salad with Apple Cider Vinaigrette*

*Chicken Roulade*

*Savory Apple, Leek, & Brie Cheese Stuffing Ladled with a Light Cream Sauce*

*Whipped Brown Sugar Butternut Squash*

*Roasted Garlic Smashed Red Potatoes*

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**Please get your tickets early!**

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