



'Third Thursday Lectures' begin

The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to present its Third Thursday Lecture Series through fall.

Presentations will be held the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion. All presentations are free, but due to limited seating reservations are required.

(Also note that the lectures will be held on the second floor of the historic mansion, which is not handicap-accessible.)



Thursday, July 20

JIM WERKHEISER
Clara, We Hardly Knew You

This presentation by local historian Jim Werkheiser will highlight the life of Clara Adams, 1884-1971, a world-renowned socialite and world traveler who lived in Tannersville.

Although not a pilot, her flights as a pioneering passenger helped popularized air travel when it was still in its infancy. In 1928, Mrs. Adams was the first female passenger on the first flight of the Graf Zeppelin which traveled from North America to Germany.



Thursday, August 17

DON BAYLOR
*The Poconos of Pennsylvania –
The Cradle of American
Trout Fishing*

This program makes the case that the Poconos were at least as important as the Catskills in the history of American trout fishing and the development of American fly-fishing techniques.

Don Baylor's presentation will cover notable anglers, destinations, and literature important to the development of American trout fishing tradition in the 1800s and first half of the 1900s.



Thursday, September 21

DR. LAWRENCE SQUERI
*"Pocono Resorts:
The 19th Century to Today"*

When Antoine Dutot opened the Kittatinny Hotel — the first tourist hotel in the Poconos — in 1829, little did he know that he was a pioneer in one of the largest and most diverse tourist and recreation areas on the East Coast. Author of *Better in the Poconos*, he will discuss the Pocono vacation scene and the people who brought it to life — innkeepers, souvenir sellers, laborers, and service workers, as well as community leaders and visionaries who promoted the vacation economy and sought to guide it.



Thursday, October 19

ALAN PRICE YOUNG
*The Last Prop Fighter:
130 combat missions in the
A-1 Skyraider and the Birth
of Covert Special Forces
Operations*

Retired U.S. Air Force Capt. Alan Price Young, 1st Special Operations Squadron, was an A-1 Skyraider fighter pilot who flew 130 Close Air Support and Combat Search and Rescue missions in Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia in 1970 through 1971.

Before Iraq. Before Afghanistan. What really happened? How did today's counter-terrorism military, CIA, and Special Forces operations evolve? Some of these stories have only recently been declassified. Hear them from someone who was there when the CIA began learning to run "blended" operations using CIA, covert military, with U.S. and indigenous operatives, running reconnaissance teams along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, as well as to support covert operations and rescue missions in Laos during the Vietnam Nam War -- at a time when the USA was denying we had any presence in those areas.

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2017 Meetings

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

No meeting in July

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 28

No meeting in December

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

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Saturday, September 2

Olde Time Fun at the Stroud Mansion

1 to 5 p.m. • Stroud Mansion,
900 Main St., Stroudsburg

Free kid-friendly activities and crafts will be held in the backyard of the Stroud Mansion in conjunction with StroudFest in downtown Stroudsburg. This year's theme is "Colonial Chores."

Thursday, September 7

2017 Raise your Glass & Support the Past

6 to 9 p.m. The Lodge at Mountain Springs
Lake, Reeders

MCHA's biggest fundraiser of the year! Wine-pairing dinner and fundraiser. Live and silent auction. Ticket sales will be announced.

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Friday, December 15

and Saturday, December 16* Holiday Luncheon at the Mansion

900 Main St., Stroudsburg

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Annual holiday luncheon at the Stroud Mansion in a festive atmosphere with live entertainment. Meal catered by Dave Cook of The Cook's Corner. Ticket sales will be announced. *Note: New Saturday options.

Welcome, New Members

Ms. Sherann Bush
Ms. Linda Duzceler
Mr. Lou Romansky
Mr. Donald Baylor
Ms. Terri Koch
Mr. Jim Hutchins





Seated, from left: Annelise Knauf (Stroudsburg High School); Jesse Boies (Stroudsburg High School); Damian Wasieczko (Pleasant Valley High School); Jarrod Siglin (Evergreen Community Charter School); and Ryan Keller (Pleasant Valley High School)

Standing, from left: Akela Spears (Evergreen Community Charter School); Lorynn Watt (Evergreen Community Charter School); Arne Hogden (Pleasant Valley High School); Brandon Dixon (East Stroudsburg High School South); and Kieran Laverty (East Stroudsburg High School South).

Photo courtesy of VIP Studios

Pleasant Valley teen wins 3rd Annual History Challenge

The Monroe County Historical Association's History Committee held the 3rd Annual History Challenge on May 11 at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania.

The competition consisted of four rounds of questions and tested student's knowledge on international, national and Pennsylvania history; geography; local history; and current events. Winning participants were awarded monetary prizes: 1st place \$500, 2nd place \$400, and 3rd place \$300.

The first-place winner was Damian Wasieczko of Pleasant Valley High School, the second-place winner was Jarrod Siglin of Evergreen Community Charter School, and the third-place winner was Jesse Boies of Stroudsburg High School.

Thank you to the members of the

History Committee who worked so hard throughout the year to ensure a successful event. A special thank you to the following MCHA members and friends who sponsored this event. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

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Congratulations again to all of the participants!





Mansion buzzing with activity

The Monroe County Historical Association was pleased to host the Monroe County Beekeepers Association's 40th Anniversary celebration on May 10.

The organization, which began in 1977, provides a social and educational forum where members can share common interest in beekeeping and keep up-to-date in beekeeping trends.

Continuing education in beekeeping is promoted through

mentoring, and members work together to achieve high levels of confidence, skill, and quality in bee management techniques.

Congratulations to this group for their historic achievement!

Did you know the second floor of the Stroud Mansion can be rented for small group meetings and events? Contact the office to learn more about hosting your next gathering in this historic and unique venue!



Some of the participants of the "Birds, Hearts, and Flowers: The Art of Pennsylvania German fraktur" workshop.

MCHA grant-funded fraktur workshop held at NCC-Monroe

The Monroe County Historical Association, in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Humanities and Northampton Community College, held a free children's "hands-on history" workshop about fraktur painting on May 6.

Pennsylvania German fraktur (frok-tur) is an art form that originated in Germany as a practice of record keeping in the 1750s, and came to America with German immigrants in the 18th and 19th centuries. Pennsylvania German fraktur is featured in both religious and secular works, including birth and baptismal records, marriage certificates, family registers, poems, children's alphabet books, hymns, and prayer books. Its images often include birds, hearts, and flowers.

Candace Kintzer Perry, curator of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center, Pennsburg, explained the historical and cultural significance of fraktur, and artist Rachel Yoder showed students how to create their own fraktur artwork.

Thank you to these ladies who shared their knowledge and helped foster an appreciation of the Pennsylvania German culture.



'All Snug in Their Beds' – Quilt display

The newest exhibition at Stroud Mansion is "All Snug in Their Beds" featuring quilts and quilting artifacts from the Monroe County Historical Association's museum collection.

On display are nine quilts made in and around Monroe County between 1850 and 1955.

They include an appliqued red calico "Friendship" quilt made by Caroline W. Rodgers in 1850; a "Hearth and Home" autograph quilt assembled by Nora O. Hohenschild in 1898; a "Log Cabin" quilt backed with fabric printed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Lafayette's return to America; and a patchwork 1880 "Kaleidoscope"

quilt, made by Eliza Miller Edinger. Also on display are a large assortment of handmade applique and quilting templates, along with piecework samples, all made and used by local Monroe County families.

In conjunction with the exhibit, a 59-inch x 71-inch "Split Nine Patch Variation" quilt, handmade by the members of the Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild, will be raffled off as an MCHA fundraiser. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20, and can be purchased at the Stroud Mansion.

The "All Snug in Their Beds" exhibit will be on display until Friday, September 22. Don't miss it!



Tickets now being sold to win this quilt!

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and Museum Commission
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Hope Kuchinski: New administrative assistant

Next time you call, email, or stop in the Stroud Mansion, be sure to say “Hi” to the newest MCHA employee.

Hope Kuchinski is originally from East Stroudsburg and recently graduated from Middlebury College with a Bachelor’s in history.

Hope has had a passion for public history and museum education since she was a young child and toured museums with her mother.

In her free time, Hope enjoys reading, bird watching, drinking copious amounts of coffee, and doodling with her fountain pens.

Welcome, Hope!

Spring Appeal 2017

Thank you to the following MCHA members and friends who contributed to the 2107 Spring Appeal.

As of July 12, 2017, the total donation amount is

\$2,730

These contributions are to the General Operating Fund and help defray the day-to-day costs of running the organization.

Thank you for your support!

Please remember that your contributions and memorial donations are welcome throughout the year!

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New book on Delaware Valley Railway now available in MCHA Gift Shop

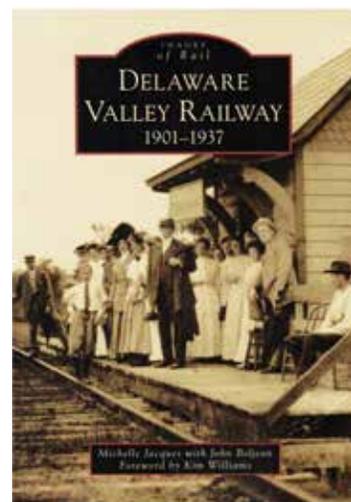
Michelle Jacques and John Beljean’s book, “Delaware Valley Railway, 1901-1937,” is now available in the MCHA Gift Shop.

From 1901 to 1937, the lone engine of the Delaware Valley Railway chugged up and down its solitary track from the Stroudsburgs to Bushkill. It was a time of heady prospects as the resort industry started in Delaware Water Gap pushed north up the valley. Modest farmhouses became vacation boardinghouses, and some then blossomed into grand hotels.

The railway brought in vacationers by the carload, but it was not just about tourism. The dinkey hauled in coal for winter heat and hauled out lumber, dairy, and farm produce that kept the farmers in cash. Farm children commuted to town to earn their high school degrees. For more than a generation, the dinkey’s whistle blowing over the valley linked its people and places.

Michelle Jacques and John Beljean have worked a total of 20 years as interpretive rangers at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, which contains the upper two miles of the railway’s route. Starting with hikes that searched for the right-of-way, the authors have combined the archives of historical societies, railroad museums, and local government with the scrapbooks of valley residents to recreate a corner of rural America and its encounter with the age of rail.

The 126-page book is filled with images highlighting the railway’s history. The cost is \$21.99. Don’t forget, MCHA members receive a 10 percent discount.



A very special garden

I like to call myself a house mouse, but I also like to go outside. So, on a nice summer day, I sometimes sneak into the garden that surrounds the mansion. It's a wonderful place for a mouse to play, run, and hide.

In May the MCHA's Garden Club, which takes care of the garden, sponsored a plant sale. I was there. Nobody saw me, but I was there. Maybe you were, too — digging plants to transfer to your own garden. I hope you were!

The members of the garden club have worked very hard over the years to revive the area where Jacob Stroud once had his garden back in 1790s, and they have been very successful (in fact, SO good at their work that the plants get too crowded).

I love the garden so much, and have written about it before. In 2010 I wrote a report about colonial herbs planted in the garden, prompted by finding what looked like a treasure map in a lilac tree. In 2012, my report explained the “pizza garden” that had appeared outside to my friends Caleb Cricket, Sarah Spider, and all of you who read *The Fanlight*.

You can find the complete versions of each of these reports in the Monroe Mouse archives online

The mansion garden had a big year in 2012. Not only were there more and more plants appearing, but the garden received a very important recognition from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Our director Amy, along with three volunteers, went all

the way to Harrisburg to accept the “Greening Award” for the MCHA. (I was going to try to sneak in the car, but it didn't work out.)

A 2012 inventory of plants lists 79 (yes, 79!) varieties of plants — trees, bushes, perennials, roses, ground covers,

herbs, and vegetables that were growing in the garden! Some of the plants I saw on the sale day this year include columbine, hosta, phlox, iris, lamb's ear, coreopsis, and several different flowering bushes, just to name a few.

Over the years, the Garden Club volunteers have given and received many donations of plants. Not only is the garden a peaceful and colorful place to be (don't forget there's a little bench there), but many of the plants are there to purposefully widen the educational experiences offered to our visitors.

How many flowers can you identify? Are there any medicinal herbs growing? Which plants come from the colonial era?

The next time you go walk the mansion, take a good look at the garden. Stop and rest on the bench. And, if you missed the plant sale, you can still come to the mansion and dig some plants for yourself! I like to call it “DIG and DONATE”!

Just call the MCHA office and make an appointment. Bring your own tools, plastic bags, or pots. Dig some plants that would like good in your garden, and please leave a monetary donation to the Garden Club!



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