



# THE FANLIGHT

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Fall 2021

*100th Anniversary*

## The MCHA's next 100 years begins



Executive Director Amy Leiser cuts the 100th Anniversary cake.

The Monroe County Historical Association celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 1 as part of the Pocono Chamber of Commerce Monday Mixer event.

The Board of Directors, elected officials, staff, and members of the Chamber of Commerce were in attendance.

After a short speech, MCHA President Russell D. Scott III had the honor of cutting the ribbon and pronouncing, "With the cutting of this ribbon starts the next 100 years."

The MCHA was formed on April 8, 1921, as the Monroe County Historical Society, when a group of 40 "deeply interested and enthusiastic" citizens met at the Monroe County Courthouse. William A. Gilbert was named head of the organization, with Dr. Mary Erdman serving as his first Vice President.



MCHA Board members stand in front of the Stroud Mansion at the Chamber of Commerce Mixer November 1, celebrating the start of the association's next 100 years.

In front, from left:  
Bill Leonard, Precie Schroyer, Ken Sandri, Anthony Stevens-Arroyo, Russell D. Scott III, Carrie E. Wetherbee, Robert M. Moses, Jerry Geiger, Margot Waddington Vagliardo, Michelle Bisbing, and Martin Wilson.

Standing on top of steps, from left: Selina Winchester, representing U.S. Rep. Susan Wild; State Rep. Maureen Madden, and April Niver, representing U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright.

Missing from the photo is State Rep. Rosemary Brown.



### **MCHA Officers**

**President** | Russell D. Scott, III

**Vice President** | Doug Arnold

**Treasurer** | Patricia J. Saylor

**Secretary**

Margot Waddington Vagliardo

### **Board of Directors**

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Anthony M. Stevens-Arroyo

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Glenn Yetter

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Kim de Bourbon

### **2022 Meetings**

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

**Now meeting via Zoom**

January 25

Sunday, February 27 – Annual Meeting

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 28

August 23

September 27

October 25

November 22

*No meetings in July or December*

The Monroe County Historical Association is  
a cultural and learning center that assists our  
diverse community of residents and visitors  
in connecting the county's past  
with the present.

## ***In Memoriam***

The Monroe County Historical Association is deeply saddened to have lost two of our longtime supporters, Mildred Detrick and Eugenia S. Eden. We extend our deepest sympathies to the Detrick and Eden families.

**Mildred Detrick** | 1937-2021

Mildred and her family moved to Stroudsburg from Brooklyn when she was 6 years old. She and her husband, Glenn, started Detrick's Vending and Hillcrest Dairy.

Mildred joined the Monroe County Historical Association in 1981. She was the founding member of the Victorian Committee which oversaw decorating the Stroud Mansion's Victorian Parlor exhibition room for the holidays.

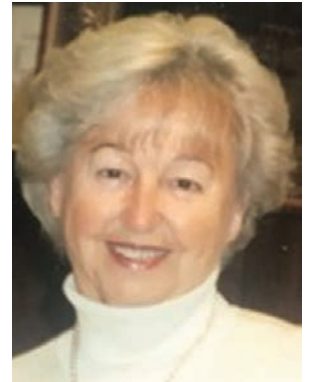
Mildred and the committee also organized the annual Victorian Tea fundraiser, with the first held in 1993 at Brownie's Best Western in Stroudsburg, featuring a fashion show. The fundraiser grew over the years and was held in various venues, including Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Pocono Manor Inn, The Chateau at Camelback, and Skytop Lodge. The event ran until 2014.

**Eugenia S. Eden** | 1919-2021

Jean, formerly an East Stroudsburg resident, spent years devoting her time to others, volunteering with over 20 organizations, including the Girl Scouts, East Stroudsburg Planning Commission, American Association of University Women, Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, Pocono Services for Families & Children, East Stroudsburg University Alumni Association, Monroe County Children and Youth Services, Monroe County League of Women Voters, and many more.

She received the Woman of the Year award in 1989 and Monroe County Volunteer of the Year award in 2006.

Jean joined the Monroe County Historical Association in 1994 and served as secretary of the Board of Directors from 2007 to 2013. She also served as the chair of the Membership Committee. She contributed her research and writing skills for the book "Women Who Made History in Monroe County."



### **MCHA's holiday schedule**

***Happy Thanksgiving!***

CLOSED: Thursday, November 25 – Monday, November 29, 2021  
OFFICE AND LIBRARY REOPENING: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

**NOTE: No Holiday Luncheons this year, due to COVID-19**

***Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!***

CLOSED: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 through January 10, 2022.  
OFFICE AND LIBRARY REOPENING: Tuesday, January 11, 2022





## *Cheers to 100 Years!*

# Virtual Wine Pairing Dinner and Auction a roaring good time!

This year, we celebrated a very special milestone – our 100th Anniversary! The Monroe County Historical Association was founded in 1921, so the 2021 Wine Pairing fundraiser theme was the Roaring Twenties.

This year's Wine Pairing Committee worked extra hard to adapt our biggest fundraiser of the year to a virtual format.

Thank you to Chairperson Jennifer Harlacher Sibum, Auction Co-Chairs Meredith Rettaliata and Robert M. Moses, and Committee members Joann Farda, Jerry Geiger, Stephanie Lefferson, Bill Leonard, Ken Sandri, Russell D. Scott, III, Carrie E. Wetherbee, and Theresa Yocum.

The committee created a lively presentation of historical tidbits, musical performances, vintage video footage of 1920s flappers, and auction highlights. If you missed watching the event live, the entire program can be found on the MCHA's YouTube channel.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first online auction, which was a great success with your support. Thank you to all of our generous donors and sponsors, with a special thanks to Pocono Raceway, our Premier Sponsor.

**SAVE THE DATE** for next year, when we hope to be back to an in-person event. The next "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" wine pairing dinner and auction is scheduled for **September 8, 2022, at Mountain Springs Lake in Readers.**



Above: Members of the Wine Pairing Committee celebrated the 1921 founding of the MCHA by dressing as flappers to distribute wine and meals from the Underground Experience at Blue Ridge Estate Vineyard and Winery and Rogue Tacos and Catering.

At right: The late Drs. Joseph Mattioli Jr. and Rose Nocito Mattioli at Pocono Raceway, our Premier Sponsor.







Above: Monroe County Historical Association staff at the Pickle Me Poconos Festival in East Stroudsburg in October.

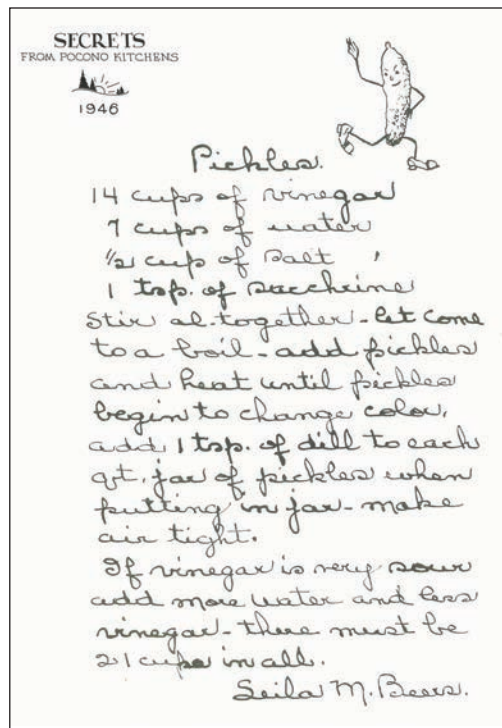
At right: Leila M. Beers' 1946 recipe for pickles was on display at the festival. (Transcribed below)

## Historical Association at Pickle Festival

The staff had pickles on the mind for this year's Pickle Me Poconos Festival held October 2, along Crystal Street in East Stroudsburg.

Hundreds of people stopped by the Historical Association booth to talk pickles and local history.

Included in the table display were canning jars, vintage pickle advertisements, cucumber slicing tools, and recipes from the 1946 cookbook, "Secrets from Pocono Kitchens."



### Pickles

14 cups of vinegar  
7 cups of water  
1/2 cup of salt  
1 tsp. of saccharine  
Stir altogether – let come to a boil – add pickles and heat until pickles begin to change color. Add 1 tsp. of dill to each qt. jar of pickles when putting in jar – make air tight. If vinegar is very sour, add more water and less vinegar. There must be 21 cups in all.

— Leila M. Beers

"Secrets from Pocono Kitchens" 1946

## Third Thursday mastodon talk receives award

The Third Thursday Lecture Series continued its virtual format through 2021, and this year's programming proved to be very popular. Over 325 members and friends tuned in live to learn about the region's history and discover new information. From the mystery surrounding a 17-year old girl's murder in Hamilton Township to the history of postcards from Delaware Water Gap, there was something of interest for everyone.

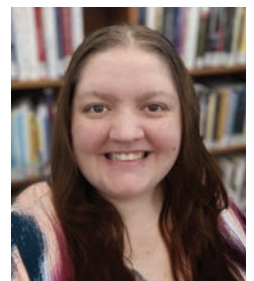


Adding to the prestige of this year's series, the June 17 presentation by Gabrielle Ferrera received recognition from the Pennsylvania Library Association's PA Forward Virtual Program Library.

Gabrielle's program, "Mastodons, Myths, and Marshalls Creek: Uncovering Pennsylvania's Most Complete Mastodon Skeleton," was awarded a \$1,000 grant and the recording of her presentation was made accessible across the commonwealth.

Congratulations to Gabrielle, and thank you to all the presenters who volunteered their time to create engaging and informative programs to share with the public.

All of the Third Thursday lectures may be viewed on the Historical Association's YouTube channel and website at any time.



## Administrative leaders of the MCHA

In the past 100 years of the Monroe County Historical Association, only eight individuals have led the organization, serving as Director. They oversaw administration, programs, fundraising, marketing, community outreach, and the library and museum sites' daily operations.

During the early years, the position was "Curator" until it evolved to "Administrator" and was all volunteer or received a small stipend. By 1989, the position had become paid, and the title was renamed Executive Director.

Thank you to these individuals who provided leadership and worked to fulfill the organization's mission to promote, protect, and preserve Monroe County's history.

**Edith Michaels**  
1921-1940

**Elizabeth Dimmick Walters**  
1940-1979

**Vertie B. Knapp**  
1979-1988

**James Crawford**  
1989-1990

**Janet Mishkin**  
1990-1997

**Candace McGreevy**  
1997-2004

**Shirley J. Ray**  
2004-2005

**Amy Leiser**  
2005-present



Volunteers Dan and Kathy Steere share the history of the Friends Burial Ground on Ann Street, Stroudsburg, during the "Headstones and History" walking tour in October.

## Headstones and History walking tour a success

On a beautiful, cool October morning, 60 enthused, history-minded people set forth from the Ready Set Run athletic store for "Headstones and History: A Walking Tour of Stroudsburg's Historic Cemeteries."

This fundraiser was a unique partnership between a small downtown Stroudsburg business and a local nonprofit organization, incorporating exercise with history. Participants walked over three miles touring four downtown cemeteries: Dansbury Cemetery, the Friends burial grounds on Ann Street and Quaker Alley, and Stroudsburg Cemetery.

Volunteer leaders from the Monroe County Historical Association and Ready Set Run guided small groups. They made the walk between cemeteries as lively and informative as the graveside tours, sharing the history of downtown Stroudsburg and highlighting many buildings' architectural features.

MCHA volunteers shared extensive research about each cemetery, and



representatives from the League of Women Voters and the Little Bethel Historical Association also shared the stories of some significant Monroe County citizens.

Guests who attended spoke warmly about the experience and the wealth of information provided. Monroe County Historical Association was thrilled at the turnout and the extremely well-organized planning from partnering with Ready Set Run.

We hope this will be the first of many such cemetery tours. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who worked hard on this inaugural event.







The Parkside Chapel on Route 191 in Paradise Township is now officially recognized as "Historic."

## Parkside Chapel listed on the Historic Register

The Parkside Chapel in Henryville was named to the National Register of Historic Places last year, an event celebrated on September 18 this year after a COVID-19 delay.

Located along Route 191 in Paradise Township, the quaint stone and brick chapel was built from 1893 to 1897 to offer a peaceful place of worship to summer guests at the neighboring Park House Hotel and the Henryville House resorts, which no longer exist.

The chapel was built without electricity or running water, and remains without those services today. It maintains much of its original architecture, including the ceiling and doors and the triptych stained glass windows.

The interior remains as we believe it was in 1897. Furnishings include a dozen antique chairs and a primitive wooden altar, with kerosene lanterns lining the original wainscoted walls. The chandeliers are also believed to be original. A thorough restoration of the chapel began in 2010 and was completed in 2015. The chapel's pump organ dates to 1885 and was refurbished in 2020.

A rotation of local clergy still conduct services at Parkside from the first Sunday in June until the last Sunday in September, and the chapel is also available for weddings, baptisms, and other religious services.

Congratulations to all who worked to recognize this historic treasure!

## Learning about William Penn

The lecture "The Life of William Penn: Four Mysteries," held at The Shawnee Inn on October 16, was a great success, with Penn biographer Dr. Andrew Murphy delivering a fascinating presentation to a large crowd. Those in attendance were delighted and said that they learned a great deal about Penn.

The Historical Association is so grateful for the donations collected at the door, and thanks the Shawnee Institute and the Kirkwood family, both for organizing and hosting this event and for their continued support.



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### Welcome, New Members

Estefania Carvajal-Weinberg  
Karen Bastidas  
James and Barbara Brodhead  
Christine Charitis  
Richard T. Davies, Jr.  
Lindsay and Jeffrey Dudzick  
Nancy Durgin  
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William Gouger  
Anthony Greco  
and Lisa Mahle-Greco  
Jaison Hall  
Emily Hauser  
Mary Frances Kresge  
Catharina Litjens  
Lois Revenaugh  
Kenneth Schurman  
Peggy Shafer  
David and Lori Siegle  
Rick and Kelley Smith  
Patti Stafford

### Membership Benefits

- Pride in preserving local history
- Free admission to museum, library
- 10% discount in Gift Shop
- *The Fanlight*, our newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities
- Discount genealogy assistance
- Discount research assistance
- Advance notice of programs, events
- Discounts on MCHA events



# Sponsors of the MCHA



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Pocono Raceway

## **Past Premier Sponsors**

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act  
COVID-19 Monroe County Relief Block Grant Program  
ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation  
Monroe County Commissioners  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
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Mansion remains closed for tours.  
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*Wishing you a safe, healthy, and  
happy holiday season!*



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