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Directors Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion.

January 27
February 22 - Annual Meeting
March 24
April 28
May 26
June 25
July - no meeting
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 24
December - no meeting

MCHA is part of Community Grant



The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce its partnership with Northampton Community College in securing the largest grant awarded in the most recent round of a highly selective national grant competition from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The award of \$800,000 from the NEH along with \$1.6 million, which the College is committed to raise from other donors, will create an endowment to program public and college activities focusing on an annually selected theme from the humanities.

Northampton Community College spear-headed the project and reached out to surrounding educational and cultural organizations to strengthen the impact this grant would have on the community. In addition to the Monroe County Historical Association, the Eastern Monroe Public Library, the Stroudsburg Area School District, the Historic Bethlehem Partnership, the Bethlehem Area Public Library and the Bethlehem Area School District will work closely with NCC to generate interest in specific humanities themes and public programming.

The NEH grant will enable public school students, college students, and the community at large to explore several different themes of the humanities. A nationally-recognized speaker, appropriate to the annual theme, will provide the culminating event each year. Activities during the year will include credit and non-credit course offerings, distance education coursework, a film festival, a "one community, one book" series of activities, speakers, panel discussions, service-learning opportunities, museum displays, and collaborative teaching opportunities between the college and the school districts. For smaller group discussions, like the book group and panel discussions podcasts will be posted to the college web site. For the larger panel discussions, and especially for the culminating major speaker event, there will be live broadcasts through the college's Web site. The first two themes chosen are "Abraham Lincoln: Transformative Vision" and "The American Work Experience."

In addition to the grant money, Northampton Community College's proposal was awarded a "We the People" designation, placing it among an elite group of projects associated with an NEH initiative aimed at strengthening the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture.

Bruce Cole, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, said: "In order for our democracy to survive, American citizens need to know the ideas that have shaped and continue to influence our nation. By funding the nation's highest-quality humanities projects, the Endowment offers the opportunity for our citizens to discuss the important role philosophy, art, literature, and history can play in our lives."

Dr. Arthur Scott, president of Northampton Community College added, "This grant recognizes the strengths of our faculty in the humanities and will enable them to make a significant contribution to the quality of life in both the Lehigh Valley and in Monroe County."

The Monroe County Historical Association is excited to participate in the unique opportunity to serve as a Community Partner, and we are looking forward to promoting Monroe County's history to the public.

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*The Monroe County Historical
Association receives generous
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and the
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Commissioners.*

In Memoriam



The Monroe County Historical Association is sad to report the passing of three outstanding members and friends to our organization

Many people in the community knew Numa Snyder. A direct descendant of Daniel Brodhead, Numa was always interested in his family's history and their role in shaping Monroe County. Numa was a music enthusiast and would happily play his violin for our guests at our annual Christmas Luncheon. He was a true gentleman and always had a smile on his face.

Mary Hall passed away December 19, 2008. Mary was a well-known faculty member at Stroudsburg High School, where she taught home economics from 1950 until retiring in 1980. She was a member of the MCHA Board of Directors and a charter member of the Pocono Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild. MCHA is currently working to organize a special exhibit of Mary's embroidery at the Stroud Mansion.

Karen Larson, 99, of Cherry Valley was an antiques collector who always supported the Monroe County Historical Association. Often, Karen would loan pieces from her personal collection to be displayed at the Stroud Mansion for special exhibits. Karen continued to remember the Monroe County Historical Association in her will, leaving \$10,000 to our organization to further our important mission.

All three of these individuals believed in the importance of preserving, protecting and promoting Monroe County's history. Each has made an tremendous impact on the community and will be greatly missed.

Local authors release new book

Frank and Marie Summa and Patrice Summa Blair have just released their newest book, *Then & Now: The Stroudsburgs in the Poconos*. This new photo book features vintage photographs of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg landmarks printed side-by-side with photographs of the locations as they look today, shot from the same perspective. This book is a fascinating look at how these towns have – or haven't – changed over the years. *Then & Now: The Stroudsburgs in the Poconos* is \$21.99 and is available in our gift shop and online. Remember, MCHA members receive a 10% discount.



Frank and Marie Summa signed copies of their book at the Driebe Freight Station.

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



Volunteers in 2008

The following volunteers deserve a round of applause and our appreciation for their dedication and support of the Monroe County Historical Association. This group of generous people donated over 3,431 hours to share our history with members, friends and visitors in our many projects, events and fundraisers. Thank you!

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Benefits of Membership

Pride in preserving
 the history of Monroe County

Free Admission to all MCHA
 sites

10% discount in our Gift Shop

The Fanlight, our newsletter,
 issued 6 times a year

Volunteer Opportunities

Genealogy Assistance

Discounts on MCHA events

Advanced notice of all MCHA
 programs, events, and workshops

Discount Research Assistance

MCHA on the web

www.monroehistorical.org

Take a few minutes to explore our
 new Web site.

Our latest additions include all of
 Director's Amy Leiser's articles on
 Monroe County history published
 in the *Pocono Record* and the
 ability to purchase items in the gift
 shop using Pay Pal.



Membership Form

RENEWAL NEW MEMBER
Please check appropriate category.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation/Municipal | \$250.00 |
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| Spouse joining (Life) at the same time | \$500.00 |

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

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- Please call me about volunteer opportunities.

Please detach and mail to:
Monroe County Historical Association
900 Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events 2009

Sunday, February 22
(snow date: Sunday, March 1)

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Delaware
Social hour at Noon, Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.



Program: "Boulton: Where History Lives"

Program: Tim Luvenesky, Jacobsburg Historical Society
Mr. Luvenesky, a living history re-enactor, will speak about the Henry Family and their small arms industry. The Henry's opened a gun factory in 1750 and produced firearms for all of our nation's major conflicts. In 1812, the Henry's built Boulton, a larger gun manufactory to accommodate large government firearms contracts.

\$25.00 MCHA members/\$30.00 non-members

Friday, April 10 through Monday, April 13
MCHA Offices Closed - Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 26 Victorian Tea and Luncheon The Inn at Pocono Manor

Social Hour - 1:00 p.m.
Dining Room doors open - 2:00 p.m.

Program: "Here Comes the Bride"

Janet Wilson will present a wonderful fashion show featuring wedding attire for women, men and children from the early 1800s to modern day.

\$28.00 MCHA members/\$30.00 non-members



Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7 Greater Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce EXPO

East Stroudsburg University, Koehler Fieldhouse
Stop by and visit the MCHA Booth #89!



Welcome 2009! It's hard to believe another year has passed. As we say goodbye to 2008, the MCHA staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers look to the new year with excitement and promise. I am very happy with the progress MCHA made in 2008 and hope to continue the trend into the new year.

It certainly was a busy year filled with events, programs, workshops, projects and fundraisers. It seems that every year we add a new event to the MCHA calendar. In 2006, the Preservation Awards were created and given at the Annual Meeting. In 2007, MCHA held its first golf tournament at Great Bear, and in 2008, we held the 1st 8K "Run for History" fundraiser. All of these events raise money for, and awareness of, our organization. The funds generated allow us to keep our three museum sites and library open and help us purchase supplies such as archival boxes and pay bills, including the heating bill. Thanks to all of the volunteers

and staff who work to keep the Monroe County Historical Association up and running.

In addition to these past events at MCHA, we plan to add more in the next year. In fact, the Education Committee is already discussing a few more outreach activities during the summer months...so keep your calendars handy! There is something going on each and every month at the Monroe County Historical Association!

Of course, there was a lot of work involved in making the previous year so successful, and we want to keep that momentum going. The energy of our many volunteers and the contributions from our members ensure that the history of Monroe County is being preserved.

I wish everyone a very happy 2009, and I look forward to another wonderful year working to protect, promote and preserve Monroe County's history with you. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas at the Driebe Freight Station



The MCHA had record numbers of visitors at the Driebe Freight Station this holiday season. Over 300 people stopped by the historic building during the two-week open house. The Driebe Freight Station was open in conjunction with the Stroudsburg Fire

Department's holiday light display in the adjoining park.

The Driebe Freight Station was decorated for the season with Christmas trees trimmed by area organizations, including the Monroe County Garden Club, Boy Scout Troop 85, Shirley Futch Plaza, Pocono Lutheran Village, Grace

Park – Seniors Living Well, League of Women Voters, and the Monroe County Historical Association. In addition to the trees, members from the Pocono Mountains Quilters' Guild and the Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild displayed beautiful quilts, hand-make samplers, and other textiles. Members of the Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild who loaned items include: Lorraine Hare, Barbara Ebert, Cyndy Dougherty, Pat Bruck, Betty D'Imperio, Sarah Pierson, Marie Guidry, Louise Price, Marianne Bridges, Andrea Kash, Bobbie Long, Cathy Krautkremer and Pat Hackenberg. Members of the Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild who loaned items were: Jean Campbell, Carole DeMarco, Judy Vadney, Ruth Yobs and Debbie Van Kleef.

Thank you to all of the members of the MCHA and the Quilters' Guilds who volunteered their time at the Driebe Freight Station. From setting up trees and quilt racks to volunteering your time and talking with visitors, you helped make the open house a great success.





Two thousand nine - I can't believe that Abraham Lincoln would be two hundred years old this February. This brings back memories of his 100th birthday. That occasion certainly brought some national attention to Monroe County. President Lincoln never visited here, but the young man who served as his "representative recruit" in the Civil War was born here and is buried in the Stroudsburg Cemetery. He was J. Summerfield Staples and his father was Reverend John L. Staples. The Staples were wheelwrights. Rev. Staples also served as a supply minister in the area.

J. Summerfield Staples' Civil War service was recognized at his funeral service in 1888. Not much was publicized about his military service after that until 1909, when a researcher came to Stroudsburg to investigate the Lincoln - Staples connection. The researcher's findings led to newspapers in Monroe County and major cities recognizing the connection. Many articles cite Staples as Lincoln's substitute. This is inaccurate because of age and position Lincoln would not have been able to serve. The fact is that President Lincoln personally chose the Stroudsburg native as his "representative personal recruit." Staples served in this capacity from October 1864 until September 1865 when he was sent home because of illness.

The original marker on Staples' grave citing his military service was replaced in 1987 because it had become illegible. The gravestone is now in the basement of the Stroud Mansion where it is noted on tours.

What brings all of this to mind is some conversations I overheard in the Mansion meeting room. It is not that I am eavesdropping; it is just that I should be informed, since I have lived here for so long. The Stroud Mansion is my home, you know!

The volunteers were setting up an easel for a *Newspaper in Education* teacher workshop. I did not believe the results they wanted. Participants would take turns filling in an outline of Lincoln's head using a series of one-brush strokes. Well, was I wrong! The results were amazingly like Lincoln.

Our MCHA Education Committee also discussed a sample of children's books on Lincoln and primary sources (letters, diaries, and photos) that teachers could use with their students.

Teachers will do the "One-Stroke" project in their schools



and selected ones will be exhibited in the capitol in Harrisburg. All Monroe County portraits will be exhibited in the gallery at ESU later this year.

Not one to be left out of a unique activity, I took my turn at the easel after everyone had departed the Mansion. I must say my brush stroke was the perfect last touch.

You can see examples of the "One-Stroke" project on the web at www.lincolintoart.com.

Information for Monroe's article is from *J. Summerfield Staples: The Making of a Civil War Celebrity*. An Address Delivered by Dr. John C. Appel. May 18, 1987.

Other publications available in the of MCHA gift stop that deal with the Civil War service of Monroe County citizens are:

McGreevey, Candace, M.A. Mogus and Clarence Murphy.
"It Has Seamed Like War Today", *The Civil War Letters of William D. Walton*.

Murphy, Clarence J. ed. *The Civil War Letters of Lewis Long*.

For the Classroom Teacher:

Selections from the above would be ideal primary sources to use in the classroom.

Internet sites for primary sources and lesson plans are:

- The Library of Congress – *American Memory* - <http://www.memory.loc.gov/>
- The National Archives – *Teaching with Document* - <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/>



Christmas at the Stroud Mansion

You can imagine how much work it takes to decorate a 13-room historic house for the holidays! It took over two weeks and many hands to deck the halls of the Mansion. Again this year, volunteers and staff began the festive task of decorating before Thanksgiving to ensure that the building would be ready for Christmas. The 1795 Stroud Mansion was adorned with nine evergreen trees, sixteen wreaths, boughs of evergreens, and we had candles in every window. This year's Christmas trees ranged in theme from an antique glass ornament tree to the patriotic Daughters of the American Revolution.



The Christmas at the Mansion Luncheon continues to be an enjoyable afternoon, and the word is spreading about this exclusive event.

New faces attend each year, and be-

cause seating is limited, the tickets for the luncheon go fast. This year, Everybody's Café catered the fundraiser for the first time. The menu featured a green farmer's salad with garden herb dressing, Pennsylvania apple and cashew salad, chicken a la fresco, and a sea shell pasta in a creamy Florentine sauce. MCHA members offered to help by donating tasty homemade desserts. From coconut cake to pumpkin pie, there was some-

thing for everyone. Needless to say, the food received rave reviews! Soft holiday music for the luncheon filled the room, and the overall spirit of our guests and volunteers was very merry.



Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, the annual Christmas Concert with Dave Russell and Friends had to be cancelled. The Christmas Concert is a well-attended event and we are hoping for better weather this December!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this holiday season at the Stroud Mansion so enjoyable.

IDENTIFY THE ARTIFACT

The mystery item in the last issue of *The Fanlight* was a Chestnut Roaster which was used for roasting chestnuts and also steaming fresh water mussels. It can be found in the Colonial kitchen in the Stroud Mansion.



THIS ISSUE'S RIDDLE

“Knick Knack Paddy Wack
Give a soldier this bland snack”



This Civil War staple was carried by both Union and Confederate soldiers.
What is it?



MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Stroud Mansion

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg (570) 421-7703
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Tuesday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Saturdays
Tours daily at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Driebe Freight Station Art Gallery

537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg
Open *First Saturdays during the summer months*
and for special events throughout the year.

The Bell School

Cherry Valley Road, Stormsville - Hamilton Township
1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sundays, July and August
Other times by special appointment.

Please contribute to the MCHA Endowment Fund.

*Your support is needed now
more than ever.*

There is still time to contribute to the Monroe County Historical Association Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund is an essential part of the Monroe County Historical Association. This permanently restricted trust fund is derived from donations, bequests and memorials and is used to support the salaries of professional staff and for capital improvements. The account is managed by ESSA Bank and Trust and overseen by the MCHA Endowment Committee.

The Fund provides the essential financial stability needed to ensure the future of the Monroe County Historical Association.



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