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New Year, New Challenges

Like any home, the Stroud Mansion needs constant care and upkeep. Because of the building's age, it seems like there is always something that needs to be addressed. Because the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion is also a public facility, the building needs to be current on commercial codes and regulations.

Last year, the Monroe County Historical Association reviewed our security system at the Stroud Mansion. Vector Security performed an evaluation of our existing security system and found that the overall system falls within most code standards; of course there is always room for corrections and improvements.

The major concern that the Vector Security team found was in reference to the smoke detectors. It was determined that the current MCHA smoke detectors are roughly twenty years old; the life span for the type of smoke detectors MCHA currently has is seven to ten years. There is every indication that these smoke detectors are working properly; however, the Board of Directors would like to have all 39 smoke detectors located throughout the Stroud Mansion replaced. In addition to replacing the smoke detectors, strobe lights would be installed for visually-impaired guests and volunteers as well as a centrally-located manual pull-station.

The cost to replace the smoke detectors is \$150.00 each or \$5,850.00 to replace the 39 detectors. The cost is high because each smoke detector is hard wired to the central alarm system.

The Monroe County Historical Association currently is seeking donations for \$150.00 from members and friends to replace these detectors. The Board of Directors is hoping there are 37 individuals who will be able to donate for this very important necessity. Two members have already contributed \$150.00, so we are closer to reaching our goal.

For your donation, you will receive your choice of an 11" x 17" print of the Stroud Mansion by local artist, Dee Huxster or one of the new Cat's Meow keepsakes of the Stroud Mansion. Please consider making a donation to "purchase" a smoke detector. Whether you choose the print or the Cat's Meow, it will be a wonderful reminder of the important contribution you made to help protect Monroe County's history. Thank you.



*Select one
with your
donation.*



e-Fanlight coming soon

During these lean times, the MCHA is working on ways to reduce costs while continuing to deliver the quality information about all of the exciting news, events, fundraisers and programs about our organization and Monroe County's history. One of the methods is to create an E-Fanlight newsletter that will be delivered right to your e-mail inbox!

There are several features and benefits for MCHA members. 1. A pdf format allows all to open the newsletter on your computer using Adobe Reader. 2. The newsletter for e-mail subscribers will be in color (a feature we cannot afford for hard copies). 3. Members will be able to read on-line and print only pages they want to keep. 4. Reservation forms, flyers and notices etc, will be sent as a separate page for your convenience. 5. Last, but definitely not least, the savings our organization will accrue will make it possible for the Monroe County Historical Association to have additional funds to continue our mission to promote, protect and preserve our rich history.

Just send us an e-mail at mcha@ptd.net with "Fanlight" in the subject. We'll add your name to the private distribution list. Of course, we'll continue to send hard copies of the Fanlight if you do not have an e-mail address. We appreciate your membership and support and we will NEVER sell or give out your e-mail address! Thank you for helping us to "go green!"

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort

Program: "Sullivan's March- Engineering Challenges on Land and Water"
presented by Kenn Anderson, Sr.

5th Annual Awards Presentation – Silent Auction – 50/50 Drawing

12:00 p.m. – Social Hour, 1:00 p.m. – Luncheon

Cost: \$30.00 MCHA Members, \$35.00 Non-members

Reservations with payment will be accepted until February 20

(Snow Date: Sunday, March 7, 2010)

April 2 through April 5

MCHA offices closed – Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 25, 2010

18th Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon

The Inn at Pocono Manor

Program: **"The Fabulous Flapper"**

presented by Ellie Laubner

1:00 p.m. – Social Hour and Seating, 2:00 p.m. – Luncheon

3:00 p.m. – Program

Cost: \$28.00 MCHA Members, \$30.00 Non-Members

Tables will be reserved for 8 only!

May 2010

Pocono Photo Club Exhibit at the Stroud Mansion

Members of the Pocono Photo Club will hang their display
"Places and Faces" for the month of May in the 2nd floor meeting room.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Olde Time Fun in the Park at the Driebe Freight Station

537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Rain or shine)



This event will feature historic games, activities,
and crafts for children. The Education Committee
is asking for volunteers who are interested in
sharing any special talents, skills or interests with the children.

Volunteer and be part of the fun!



Holidays at the Stroud Mansion

Again this year, volunteers and staff began the festive task of decorating for the holidays. The 1795 Stroud Mansion was adorned with nine evergreen trees, sixteen wreaths, boughs of evergreens and candles in every window. It took over two weeks and many hands to deck the halls of the Mansion.

This year, MCHA members Frank and Barbara Herting donated cut live greens from their property in Bartonsville. The Hertings took the fresh cut greens to the horticultural students at the Monroe Career and Technical Institute who created beautiful mantel pieces and window displays for the Stroud Mansion. Thank you to these talented young people for donating their time and talents for our organization.

The Christmas at the Mansion Luncheon continues to be an enjoyable afternoon, and the word is spreading about this exclusive event. Over 65 people attended each day. New guests attend each year and, because seating is limited, the tickets for the luncheon go fast. For the second time, Everybody's Café catered the luncheon fundraiser. The menu featured a green farmer's salad with garden herb dressing, Pennsyl-



vania 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 sugar-free pumpkin pie, there was something 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. Thank you to the volunteers who worked so hard to ensure this event was enjoyed by our many guests.

The Annual Christmas Concert was held Friday December 19, 2009 at the Stroud Mansion. This year, the concert was in memory of David Russell who passed away earlier in the year. This event was extremely well-attended and guests certainly enjoyed gathering to share their memories of David while listening to the performers singing holiday songs.



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

RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to this year's raffle winners. The MCHA raffle is held annually, and the winners are drawn in December. Over \$3,500 was raised!

1st Place -- 14K Lemon Citrine pendant and necklace created by local jeweler, Daniel Varipapa of Findings Jewelry. Winner: Joan Groff, East Stroudsburg.

2nd Place -- framed print of the Stroud Mansion by local artist, Dee Huxster. Winner: Mary Jane Arner, Brodheads ville.

3rd Place -- MCHA gift basket filled with a one-year membership, books, ornament and more. Winner: Helen Mackes, Kunkletown

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS FUNDRAISER!



Welcome New Members!

as of November 1, 2009

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Edward and Beryl Gerhard
Christine Griffin
Robert J. Jones
Renee Kerrick
Rosemary McGinley
Jeff and Susan Morris
Jon and Geraldine Petty
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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, workshops

Discount Research Assistance



Membership Form

RENEWAL NEW MEMBER
Please check appropriate category.

- Student \$10.00
- Individual \$25.00
- Family \$35.00
- Senior Individual (65 and over) \$15.00
- Senior Couple (65 and over) \$20.00

Annual Contributions (Includes Dues)

- Patron \$50.00
- Supporter \$100.00
- Business \$150.00
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LIFE

- Individual Life Membership \$1,000.00
- Spouse joining (Life) at the same time \$500.00

Name _____

Address _____

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State _____ Zip _____

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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.

WWII - She Served America

The newest exhibit, *WWII - She Served America*, is now open at the Stroud Mansion. For more than 220 years in our country, women have served and sacrificed during times of war. It was not until 1942, however, that females became military personnel.



In 1941, Congresswoman Edith Nurse Rogers notified General George C. Marshall, the Army's Chief of Staff, that she was planning to introduce a bill to establish an Army Women's Corps, separate and distinct from the existing Army Nurse Corps. She introduced her bill to Congress in May 1941, but it failed to receive any consideration. It was not until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, and General Marshall's subsequent support and congressional testimony did Rogers' bill receive serious consideration. On May 14, after hours of debating, the bill was passed in the House, 249 to 86, and in the Senate, 38 to 27. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law the next day and set a recruitment goal of 25,000 for the first year.

Roughly 70% of women who enlisted during World War II completed more traditional office-type jobs including serving as clerks and typists. The idea was that by filling office jobs, men were free to fight on the front lines. While women were not allowed to serve at the front lines, often their work had them serving within combat zones.

In addition to propaganda posters, military artifacts and office equipment, three uniforms belonging to Monroe County women are on display. Camilla Edna Fulper Henry served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Sylvia Hauser served in the U.S. Navy achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander and Helen G. Brown, who joined the WAC in 1943, rose to the position of Captain.



Plan to stop by and see this patriotic display of Monroe County women who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. The exhibit will run until November 13, 2010.



From the Executive Director

Amy Leiser

Happy New Year and welcome 2010! It's hard to believe another year has passed. As we say goodbye to 2009, the MCHA staff, Board of Directors and volunteers look to the new year with excitement and promise. I am extremely happy with the progress MCHA made in 2009 and you should be too.

As we all know, the difficult economic hurdles of 2008 continued into 2009, but MCHA persevered and we financially ended 2009 in the positive at the end of the year. 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.

It certainly was a busy year filled with events, programs, workshops, projects and fundraisers. From the Golf Tournament and the Victorian Tea to the 8K Run for History and the holiday events, so many people volunteered their time and talents to actively raise funds for MCHA.

This year, the Education Committee stepped up our outreach efforts by holding the first "Olde Time Fun in the Park" at the Driebe Freight Station in June and by participating (for the first time) in downtown Stroudsburg's StroudFest in September. Both events were free to the public and Stroudsburg was bustling with thousands of people. The exposure was wonderful for our organization; many residents and visitors of all ages stopped by to learn about our organization and participate in our activities.

All of these events (whether directly soliciting funds or offering free activities for the public) 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.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy 2010, and I look forward to another wonderful year working to promote, protect and preserve Monroe County's history with you. Thank you for your continued support. We truly can not do it without you!

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2010 Meetings

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

January 26

February 28 - Annual Meeting

March 23

April 27

May 25

June 22

July - no meeting

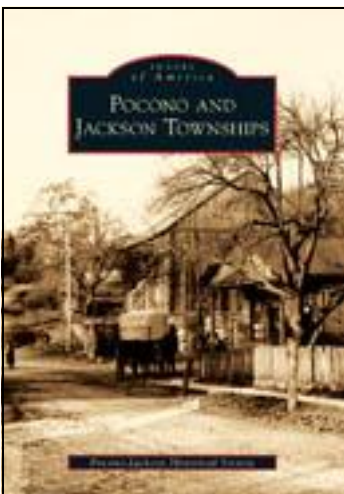
August 24

September 28

October 26

November 23

December - no meeting



New in the Gift Shop

Images of America - Pocono and Jackson Townships

The Pocono-Jackson Historical Society has compiled a variety of images from its archives, members and residents, to present a comprehensive pictorial history of Pocono and Jackson Townships. Pick up your copy today at the Stroud Mansion Gift Shop, or online at www.monroehistorical.org/shop/shop.html.

Cost: \$21.99 plus tax

Remember... MCHA Members take 10% off the final price!





In the Spin of Things

My what a large group in the meeting room! I think I will stay here in the fireplace and just observe. Now at closer look I recognize many of our visitors. This must have to do with tours for students because I see so many of our volunteers; however, today they are not dressed in Colonial costume.

There is a woman whom I have never seen before. She is laying out colorful skeins of wool, gorgeous woven cloth and even some sheep's wool. Now she is talking to the group and demonstrating something I have not seen in many years. This could be very interesting. I think I will stay and be part of the group. Our special guest was Emily Rancier, a talented spinster. Emily is not only gifted at spinning, but also at one time raised her own sheep. Although she does not have



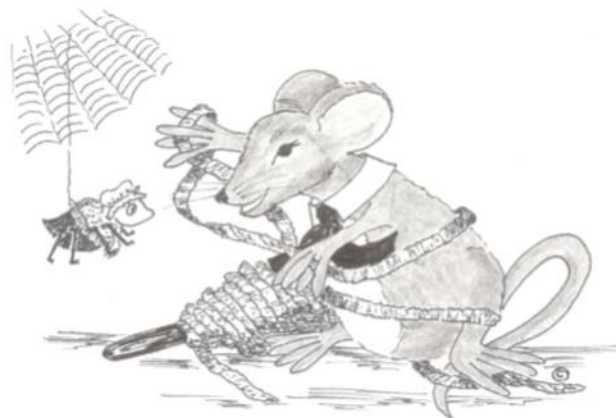
sheep now, she does everything else in the process of preparing raw wool for spinning. I discovered that she was at the Mansion to do a workshop on spinning and textiles in general for our volunteers. The Education Committee has been considering adding a textile area to the basement adjacent to the Colonial kitchen. I was thrilled especially when I heard that the volunteers would be engaging our young visitors in hands-on activities in this area. Emily, an expert spinster, had been invited to provide background and hands-on opportunities for our volunteers. They were having so much fun carding wool and trying to use the drop spindle that is was difficult to recall that spinning was integral to life in almost every home in the 1700's and early 1800's and certainly was not thought of as a leisure activity.

All this interest in textiles enticed me, so I decided to do my part in helping the volunteers to get ready for the new program. I know that they like to provide our guests with historic background. Although I consider my memory to be exceptional, I did feel that some research would help. After all, it had been quite some time since spinning was done in the Mansion. That evening, I scampered downstairs and settled down to do some research in the Dimmick library.

This is what I discovered. Spinning was done as long ago as the Early Stone Age. In 1695, there was a law in the colony of Massa-

chusetts that all women, young boys and girls were to spin flax. Flax is a natural plant fiber. Its preparation for spinning is labor intensive including soaking until the outer surface rotted away. This process was called "retting". The outer and center portion of the plant was discarded. The fiber that remained was spun into thread. The woven flax thread was called linen. In the northern colonies, wool and flax were the common materials used in spinning. Wool required less preparation than flax. It was washed, greased (to replace the fats lost in washing), carded and spun. The woven fabric linsey-woolsey was a combination of flax as the warp (horizontal threads) and wool as the woof (vertical threads). The flax added strength to the finished fabric.

During the American Revolution the patriots refused to purchase imported English fabric. The Daughters of Liberty adhered to the admonishment, "wear only home-spun and drink no tea." Spinning wheels were often an item in a young women's dowry until spinning moved from home to factory in the first half of the 19th century. Although I concede that I might not be able to use a spinning wheel without some instruction, I felt sure that the drop spindle would be no problem for me. I went to the kitchen and picked through the textile tools until I found a drop spindle and some wool. Well, the results were not what I anticipated! I guess I will just have to be patient and wait until Sarah Spider extricates me from this self-made web.



Last issue's puzzle - Then and Now

"roughed up" - beaten up

"put through the mill" - person who is having trouble

"grist for the mill" - something to think about

"show your mettle" - prove you skill, courage, or strength

"run of the mill" - plain or ordinary



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www.monroehistorical.org

For Teachers & Young Historians pages



Volunteers in 2009

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 3,257 hours to share our history with members, friends and visitors in our many projects, events and fundraisers. Thank you!

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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 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

Closed Sunday, July 4, 2010

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