



# THE FANLIGHT

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## 2008 Directors Meetings

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

March 25, 2008  
April 22, 2008  
May 27, 2008  
June 24, 2008  
July – No meeting  
August 26, 2008  
September 23, 2008  
October 28, 2008  
November 25, 2008  
December – No meeting

## Funds Needed to Restore Rest of Stroud Mansion

Amy Leiser, Executive Director

Last summer, two sides of the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion were painted and restored. The project needs to be completed and we hope to raise enough money to finish the job.

The paint has peeled away from the exterior walls and water has seeped into the plaster and damaged the stonework. Also, the woodwork surrounding the windows has rotted and needs replacement.

Donations are desperately needed to fund the completion of the restoration. The cost to restore the last two exterior walls of the Stroud Mansion is \$19,000. This figure includes the work to repair the stonework and stucco, to paint the exterior of the old Mansion, and to power wash and repaint the wooden portions of the 1893 addition located at the rear of the building.



*Peeling paint on the Stroud Mansion*



Donations are greatly appreciated. Please send contributions to the "Stroud Mansion Preservation Fund." Prints of Dee Huxster's painting of the Stroud Mansion are still available. The print is matted and is ready to fit an 11 x 14 inch frame. The cost of the print is \$100.00, and all proceeds of the sale are added to the Stroud Mansion Preservation Fund. Please help us complete this important project to restore the Stroud Mansion to its original beauty.

*Dee Huxster's print of the Stroud Mansion*



## 2008 Victorian Tea Update - Note Location

There is a new location for the Victorian Tea. This year's tea fundraiser has been moved to Terraview at Stroudsmoor.

Hurry and get your tickets today. The Victorian Tea will be held on Sunday, April 6th. Lindsey Greene and Carole Greene will present a program on women's role in politics titled, *Garters and Government*. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and tables will be reserved for groups of eight. Put on your prettiest hat and join us for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Tea!

## MCHA Sponsors

Many thanks to our Sponsors. Please let them know you appreciate their support of the Monroe County Historical Association.

### **Small Business (\$150.00)**

Bailey's Steakhouse  
Brownie's Pocono Inne Town  
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Borough of East Stroudsburg  
Borough of Mount Pocono  
Borough of Stroudsburg  
Hamilton Township  
Middle Smithfield Township  
Pocono Township  
Smithfield Township  
Stroud Township

### **Educational (\$250.00)**

East Stroudsburg Area School District  
East Stroudsburg University of PA  
Pleasant Valley School District  
Pocono Mountain School District  
Stroudsburg Area School District

### **Contributor (\$500.00 and more)**

Northampton Community College  
PPL Electric Utilities - \$1000.00  
Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

**The Monroe County Historical Association receives generous support from  
Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission  
and the  
Monroe County Commissioners.**

## Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon a Great Success

The members of the Monroe County Historical Association held their Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Sunday, February 24th. The event was held in the Worthington Room at the historic Shawnee Inn. Shawnee Inn is a Corporate Member of the Monroe County Historical Association, and we appreciate their support. A special thank you to the staff at Shawnee for providing wonderful service and a delicious meal.



*State Representative John Siptroth presents 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award to Nancy Shukaitis.*

This year's event has proven to be the most successful Annual Meeting in MCHA's history. The weather was very cooperative, and 118 members, friends, and guests of MCHA were able to attend the event.

After lunch, a brief business meeting was held. President Russell Scott III thanked the audience for their participation and for their support. He spoke of the importance of increasing the membership and encouraged all in attendance to ask others to join and help support the mission of the Monroe County Historical Association.

Executive Director Amy Leiser thanked all of the volunteers who volunteer weekly at the Stroud Mansion. Leiser also thanked the Monroe County Commissioners for not only matching the state's support of \$10,000, but increasing the amount to \$15,000. Leiser also acknowledged State Representative Mario Scavella's \$5,000 grant to install ultraviolet window film on the Stroud Mansion windows and State Representative John Siptroth's grant of \$5,000 to repair the slate roof and two chimneys on the Stroud Mansion.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Clarence Murphy read the names of the individuals elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Charles Eyer, Patricia Sayler and Pam Finkbeiner were nominated to a second term and Dave Thomas and John K. Meixell were nominated for a first term.

Board Member Charles Eyer introduced speaker Nancy Shukaitis, who spoke on *The Minisink's Role in Monroe County's History*. Nancy's presentation highlighted the history of the area, from the native peoples who inhabited the shores of the Delaware River to the creation of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Nancy also was awarded the 2008 MCHA Lifetime Achievement Award, which was presented by State Representative John Siptroth.

For the third year, the Monroe County Historical Association's PEP Awards were presented to deserving awardees. The PEP Awards were created to recognize owners of historic buildings who have worked to Preserve, Enhance, and Protect their properties. Three categories were judged: Commercial Property, Non-Profit Organization, and Residential Property. This year's winners are:

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Commercial Property – Theo. B. Price, Inc.; Non-Profit Organization – Pocono/Jackson Historical Society Appenzell one-room schoolhouse, and; Residential Property – Annaghaboe owned by Kevin and Janice McGrath of Smithfield Township. Please see page 5 for more information and images of the 2008 PEP Award winners.

Amy Leiser presented Kathleen Boyle with the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award. Over the years, Kathy Boyle has dedicated a great amount of time to the Monroe County Historical Association. She has served as a member and President of the Board of Directors; she has also edited this publication, the *Fanlight*, for nineteen years. Kathy is currently devoting her time as a member of the Education Committee to offer workshops to teachers. Kathy and the Committee serve as tour guides for students and were instrumental in securing a grant from Target Stores to create the Traveling Trunk program for area schools.

The Silent Auction has become another large draw for people attending the luncheon. The Auction Committee, headed by Camille Breslauer, worked tirelessly to collect desirable items from across the county. From gift certificates to goodie baskets to antiques and art-work, the auction had something for everyone. Thank you to committee members Elsa Ramsden, Betty Murphy, Agnes Webb, Rose Ann Whitesell and Anne Robertson for all of their hard work.

Thank you to all who helped make the MCHA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon a record-breaking success. We appreciate the support of all of our members and encourage more to attend next year's Annual Meeting. This is a great way to catch up with long-time members and to make new friends, all while helping to share in our common interest to protect, preserve and promote Monroe County's history.

## Halle Smith - New Museum Assistant at MCHA



Halle Smith is the new Museum Assistant at the Stroud Mansion. Originally from Sparta, New Jersey, Halle moved to Stroudsburg in 1989. She graduated from Stroudsburg High School in 2003.

She was a work-study student in the history office at East Stroudsburg University, and a member of the Chamber Orchestra for four years. After graduating in 2007 with a history degree and psychology minor, she started the Master of the Arts program, majoring in history. She is currently in her second semester of the program, and is still working, in the history office as a graduate assistant.

She is an alumnae of Alpha Omicron Pi, and member of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honors society, and Order of Omega, a Greek honors society. She loves to travel and has been to the Dominican Republic, Canada, and Germany, and will be visiting Greece this summer.



## Welcome New Members

Since January 1, 2008

### Individual/Family/Senior Members

Sarah Davies and Alan Gross  
Rowland and Carolyn Hauser

Arlene B. Maseyko

Theresa Merli

Maria Purington

Rodney and Patricia Rufe

David and Ann Super

Barbara Wildrick

### Life Members

Robert and Corinne Weseloh

### Municipal Members

Pocono Township

## 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





## Membership Form

☐ RENEWAL      ☐ NEW MEMBER  
Please check appropriate category.

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|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student                         | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                      | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family                          | \$35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual (65 and over) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple (65 and over)     | \$20.00 |

### Annual Contributions (Includes Dues)

- |  |          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron                | \$50.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter             | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business              | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation/Municipal | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor           | \$500.00 |

### LIFE

- |   |           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life Membership | \$1000.00 |
| Spouse joining (Life) at the same time              | \$500.00  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please call me about volunteer opportunities.

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

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support.*

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 12, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, noon - 6:00 p.m.

Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce

EXPO 2008 - MCHA Booth #89

East Stroudsburg University Koehler Fieldhouse

Friday, March 21 - Monday, March 24

MCHA Offices Closed

Happy Easter

Sunday, April 6

Victorian Tea and Luncheon

Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 1:00 p.m.

Garters and Government presented by Lindsey Greene

Tickets are \$30.00 each.

Tables will only be reserved for groups of 8.

Saturday, April 26

Boomers and Beyond EXPO

Stroudsburg Junior High

Look for the MCHA membership table.

Saturday, June 7

**Monroe County Geography Tour  
on a Trolley and Lunch**

11:30 a.m. – Lunch at the Willow Tree Inn

1:00 p.m. – Join Dr. Ian Ackroyd-Kelly to explore the geography  
of Monroe County in a trolley.

Members \$45.00 per person, Non-members \$55.00 per person

Friday, July 4—MCHA Offices Closed

Happy Independence Day!

Saturday, September 6

Stroud Township Community Day

Brodhead Creek Park, Route 191, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Look for the MCHA membership table!

Monday, September 22

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing Tournament and  
Dinner Fundraiser**

Great Bear Golf and Country Club

Registration & Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Shot-gun start -1:00 p.m.

Cocktails - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.



# Congratulations

## 2008 Monroe County Historical Association PEP (Preserve, Enhance, Protect) Award Winners

### Theo B. Price, Inc.

This general store was built in 1905 by Joseph Swain and was leased by Theo B. Price until Price bought the property in 1912. Over the years, the building has served as a general store, a butcher shop, and a lumber store. The structure is approximately 100 feet long by 40 feet deep with a porch that runs along the front. The interior boasts post-and-beam architecture, a pot belly stove, and a lumber machine invented and patented by Theo B. Price. Interestingly, the building lacks running water, as it did in the 1900s. It is currently a lumber and building supply business, as well as a country store, owned and operated by Mary Ann and Mickey Miller.



### Pocono/Jackson Historical Society

Located in what was once known as Jackson Corners, the one room Appenzell school house educated grades one through eight from 1840 until 1939. The building features original wall mounted blackboards made from slate, an original hanging light fixture, and a cast iron stove which served as “central heating” for the building. After 1939, the school house served as a community meeting place, as well as a place of worship, until St. Mark’s church was built next door. The building passed into the care of the Pocono Jackson/Historical Society in August 2000. Renovations of the old schoolhouse were completed in 2005. The building is currently open by appointment only.



### McGrath Residence

Annaghoboe (ON-an-ha-Bo), or “fields of cows” in Irish, is the property name given to this farmhouse owned by Kevin and Janice McGrath. Built around the first half of the 19th Century in Smithfield Township, the home has been beautifully restored, while maintaining the original stone work windows, trim, and the front and rear doors. In the 1860s, a barn and wagon shed were introduced to the property and in 1932 a clapboard carriage house was added. The restoration of this home has included a new kitchen floor made from 100+ year old barn wood, and replacing the fence with wood post and split rails. The McGraths bought the property in 2000.



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# Endowment Fund Committee Report 2007

Many thanks go to these generous donors. The Endowment Fund provides the essential stability needed to assure the future success of the MCHA. During 2007, contributions totaled \$12, 610.00. We offer our sincere appreciation to our supporters for their generosity. Please remember that contributions and memorial donations are welcome throughout the year.

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## COALITION CORNER

### SOS - SAVE OUR STRUCTURES MEETING

Saturday, March 29 - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area at the New Jersey District Ranger Station, Walpack  
10:00 a.m. - noon

Workshop: *The Clock is Ticking: What Can We Do? Creating a Historical Strategy*.

Presented by Tom Solon, Historic Architect

For more information and directions, please contact:

Cathie Maxaner [maxwhisperingpines@earthlink.net](mailto:maxwhisperingpines@earthlink.net) or 296-6900

Alicia Batko [ab1759hist@gmail.com](mailto:ab1759hist@gmail.com) or 973-293-7844

### HISTORY EXPO

LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Allentown, PA

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free

### BUSHKILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

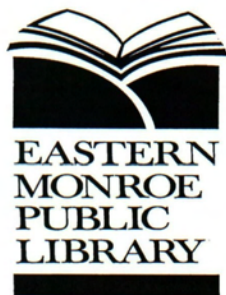
The Bushkill Historical Society is looking for anyone who would like to loan items or photos for a display at the Pike County Historical Society. Items will be rotated and on display in a locked case for security purposes. For more information about the display or the next meeting of the Bushkill Historical Society, please contact Lynn Heller at [lheller@ptd.net](mailto:lheller@ptd.net) or 570-588-1731.



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# From the Executive Director

Amy Leiser



As we all know, volunteers and all of the work they accomplish are extremely important to the Monroe County Historical Association. Our organization wouldn't be where it is without these dedicated individuals.

Two of MCHA's newest volunteers have taken on a very large project. Marie Guidry and

Lois Metzger Gilbert are working to add the Monroe County Historical Association's library books to the Eastern Monroe Public Library's catalog system.

This project has been discussed for years, and I am happy to report that it is underway. Marie and Lois are working with the staff at the Eastern Monroe Public Library to learn the library database software and enter all of the necessary information into the computer. All of the library books held by MCHA are for reference only and cannot leave the building.

Marie and Lois are starting with the family genealogy books, which are already in order. From there, they will move to other genealogical resources, including church records, cemetery listings, census reports, and more.

The collection of local history books needs a bit more attention. Currently, most of the books are not in order and need to be properly sorted and cataloged before they can be added to the database.

Once the cataloging project is complete, patrons can search the holdings of the Monroe County Historical Association using the Eastern Monroe Public Library's catalog. The EMPL computer system will search the entire database and provide the customer with names and location(s) of available resources.

This joint project is another wonderful example of two organizations working together to better the community and help share information with the public. The Monroe County Historical Association is greatly appreciative to Library Director, Barbara Keiser and her staff for working with us to make this dream become a reality.

The family history books are currently being added, and this will be a long and ongoing process. The Monroe County Historical Association has a link on our web site to the Eastern Monroe Public Library's web site, and I encourage everyone to use this additional resource. Whether you live in Monroe County or hail from anywhere across the country, you will be able to explore the holdings at the Monroe County Historical Association.

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## In Memory of Helen G. Brown

The Monroe County Historical Association is sad to report the loss of a good friend, Helen G. Brown. Helen was a long-time member of the Association and a strong supporter of preserving local history. Born in Stroudsburg in 1915, Helen lived her entire life in Monroe County.

Helen traveled throughout Monroe County over the course of five days following the Flood of 1955 to document the devastation. Those slides were donated to MCHA by Helen who worked closely with the Monroe County Historical Association

to create a VHS video and DVD to share her captured images of the aftermath of the Flood of 1955.

Helen G. Brown was recognized with the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award at last year's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. She will be greatly missed.



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## Committee Members Wanted

The Membership Committee, chaired by Eugenia Eden, would like to expand, and they need your help. The role of the Committee is to raise public awareness of MCHA and to gain new members. Committee members attend various community events throughout the year and have membership information tables set-up at all MCHA functions. Help us to gain more members and to spread the message of the importance of preserving Monroe County's history for future generations.

To join the Membership Committee or for additional information, please contact Eugenia Eden at [jenie@ptd.net](mailto:jenie@ptd.net).



## 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

### Driebe Freight Station Art Gallery

537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg

Open *First Saturdays*

### The Bell School

Cherry Valley Road, Stormsville - Hamilton Township

1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sundays, July and August

Other times by special appointment

## 2008 Student Fraktur Exhibit

Please share Fraktur Competition insert with students and their teachers. We look forward to exhibiting the work of our Monroe County students again this year at the Driebe Freight Station Art Gallery.



*Laura Gower and Connie McCool at the 2007 Student Fraktur Exhibit.*



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