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Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

The Monroe County Historical Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon was held Sunday, February 27, 2011, in the Worthington Ballroom at the historic Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. This year, more than 130 MCHA members, guests and friends attended and showed their support of the Monroe County Historical Association and its mission to promote, protect and preserve Monroe County's rich history.

The day began with an inspirational prayer offered by MCHA member, Rev. Barbara Housley who encouraged all to work together to safeguard Monroe County's history. The Silent Auction continues to be a fun part of the day. Many desirable items resulted in the auction securing \$2,046.00 for MCHA. Thank you to Agnes Webb, Rose Ann Whitesell, Anne Robertson and Halle Smith for serving on the Auction Committee again this year. The Committee would like to expand and if you are interested in becoming a part of this team, please contact Halle at the MCHA office.

During the business session, Vice-President Martin Wilson thanked the membership and the current Board of Directors for their continued support of MCHA and commended the MCHA staff for their continuous hard work. Treasurer Patricia Saylor presented the 2010 financial summary and reported that the organization ended the year with a positive balance. Saylor offered the 2011 Budget Report which was accepted unanimously by the membership.

On behalf of the Nomination Committee, Ruth S. Bensinger presented the following slate of nominees for the 2011 Board of Directors to serve their first term: Bonnie Rudeski, Connie McCool, Russell D. Scott, and Jennifer Harlacher Sibum. Current Board member, John K. Meixell, was re-elected to serve a second term. Charles Eyer and Patricia Saylor retired from the MCHA Board, and Executive Director Amy Leiser and Vice President Martin Wilson presented them with a framed print of the Stroud Mansion. According to MCHA By-laws, the treasurer is not required to be a member of the Board of Directors and Pat Saylor has generously agreed to remain in this position.

The Wayfarers and Company preformed songs and tunes from the Civil War era to kick-off the yearlong commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. An attentive audience tapped their toes



to the music. For their finale, the Wayfarers and Company sang the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* and asked all in attendance to join them. It was a moving experience witnessing over 130 people raising their voices to the patriotic ballad.

For the 6th year, MCHA presented Historic Preservation Awards to businesses and individual owners of historic buildings who have shown their dedication to preserving and enhancing Monroe County's wealth of historic structures.

The 2011 winners in three categories were: Commercial Property – The Brookview Manor, Barrett Township; Non-Profit Organization – Parkside Chapel of Henryville, Paradise Township; and Residential Property – “Sarah” owned by John and Norma Fetherman, Stroudsburg. The Monroe County Historical Association presented the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award to Mary Ann Miller of Barrett Township; the 2011 Educator of the Year Award to Dr. Linda Rogers, East Stroudsburg University; and the 2011 MCHA Volunteer of the Year Award to Joan B. Groff.

Thank you to Commissioner Suzanne McCool and to State Representatives Mario Scavella and Rosemary Brown for presenting the awards to the winners.

All enjoyed the afternoon of fellowship, delicious food, and entertainment. Next year's Annual Meeting is already booked and we hope to see you on February 26, 2012!

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Thank you!

Calendar of Events

June 11, 2011

Olde Time Fun in the Park

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

at the Driebe Freight Station, 537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg
part of downtown Stroudsburg's Pocono Raceway Day

(In the event of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.)

This event will feature activities and crafts for children, a Civil War reenactment group,
and music by the Wayfarers and Company.

Volunteers are always welcome for this event. Call MCHA for details.

June 24 - 26, 2011

Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

10:00 - 5:00 a.m. daily

This multi-dimensional traveling exhibition experience, based in an expandable 53-foot
trailer, will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

Saturday, September 3, 2011

Stroud Fest

Look for the MCHA table at this downtown Stroudsburg all-day event.

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Dollie and Me Tea at the Stroud Mansion

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

"Daisy, the doll that has come to life."

Celebrating the Daisy Doll's 100th birthday

Details to follow

November 4-6, 2011

Yates and Schoonover: Artists of the Middle Delaware

Art exhibit and Auction

Shawnee Inn, Shawnee-on-Deleware, PA

Details to follow

MCHA Education Committee members, Joan Groff
and Kathy Boyle attended the Small Museum
Association Conference this winter. The two-day
conference hosted attendees from six states and
provided sessions that addressed all aspects of
museum operation.

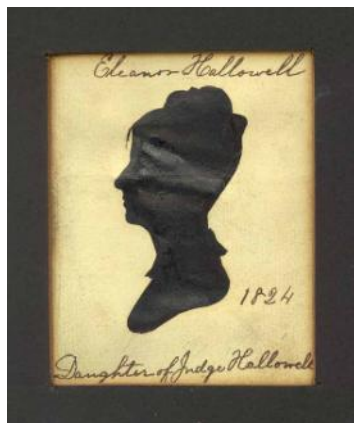
Joan and Kathy returned to MCHA with a host of
ideas for our organization, some of which have
already been implemented.



A Wonderful Discovery!

Joan Groff

Among the oil portraits of Stroud descendants and early Monroe County men and women, we found a framed composite of 15 small silhouettes. As we seek to know what in our collection is related to our local history, research has become even more enjoyable!



The grouping of cut out paper busts of men and women, unnamed, has just one identification on the back: "Impressed by Charles Wilson Peale." This means there are embossed stamps on the silhouettes from the Peale Museum, established in Philadelphia in 1784 next to Independence Hall to show his collection of fossils and animals as well as art. By 1810, Peale turned it over to his sons. One son went on to open the museum in Baltimore, Maryland (now the Maryland Historical Association) in 1814. P. T. Barnum bought the Philadelphia museum in 1849.

The popularity of silhouettes from the late 1700s as family mementoes less costly than painted portraits prompted Peale to partner with John Isaac Hawkins, an inventor who redesigned an early drawing device and called it the physiognotrace. Moses Williams, a family slave, was employed for a time to create these silhouettes and other artists also worked on them from 1810-1830s. Williams bought his freedom and, later, a house from the 6-8 cents he earned from cutting each silhouette. Peale fiercely defended Williams against prejudices of museum visitors and credited the physiognotrace's reputation for correct likeness in part to the "perfection of Williams' cutting."

He traced the person's head while a mechanical arm, with a pen attached to the machine, copied the tracing onto wove rag-based paper, often folded for multiple cuts! The inner white paper was cut out creating a "hollow cut" silhouette. They could be mounted on blue or black paper or fabric. Most of us are more familiar with the black paper cut-and-paste positive images atop white paper backgrounds.

Later, a variety of famous people were cut, such as George and Martha Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Fortunately, our grouping does *not* have these images as they are commonly fake, early 20th Century copies, although still collectible! The embossed stamp saying "Peale Museum" is present on all but four of our images in the group, however, that is not unusual. Added, inked details are missing, as they should be, but there are present precisely-cut details of frills on a shirt or hair curls.

Through the PA Academy of Art and a scholar of Peale's silhouettes from Penn State, Harrisburg, and Winterthur Museum, we are beginning to discover more about this attractive, historic art work, now hanging in the second floor dining room with some others from our collection featuring the Parker-Hallowell family and Nicholas de Pui.



Welcome New Members! as of January 1, 2011

John H. Abel
Ian and Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly
Debbie Burke
John Hartzell
Michael and Linda Howey
Duane P. Kerzic
Ed and Karen Kmetz and Family
Albert and Elizabeth Koster
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Paul and Fay Long and Robert Minor
Susan Moschberger
Ed and Marion Rosenbaum
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Wayne and Sonia White
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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

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Please check appropriate category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10.00 |
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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

Referred by: _____

Thank you for your support.

State Marker for the Marshalls Creek Mastodon

The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg and the Monroe County Historical Association have partnered to sponsor the installation of a state historical roadside marker to recognize the Marshalls Creek mastodon that was excavated from a peat bog in Marshalls Creek in 1968.



Because grant funding for all historical markers is no longer available in Pennsylvania's current fiscal year's budget, the responsibility falls to the sponsoring organizations to raise the necessary funds. The cost of the blue and gold state roadside marker is \$1,840.00. To date, \$875.00 has been donated by various civic groups, non-profit organizations and interested individuals.

The marker, telling of this archaeological significant find, will be placed along Route 209 north in Middle Smithfield Township. Donations, made out to MCHA in any amount, would be greatly appreciated. If funding is secured, officials from the State Museum and MCHA plan to dedicate the roadside marker on National Fossil Day, October 12, 2011. For more information, please call the MCHA office at (570) 421-7703.

MCHA Garden Volunteers Need Your Help!



BEFORE

It was a hard winter this past year, and everyone is happy to see spring in full bloom. No group is more excited than our garden volunteers, and they would like your help. Individuals who would

like to help with this ongoing project; whether it be planting and pruning or moving rocks and slate are always welcome. If you are unable to volunteer, our wish list includes a rain barrel, annual flowers, and bulbs. The garden volunteers and MCHA would greatly appreciate any donation of time or supplies to help further the ongoing beautification of the Stroud Mansion gardens.



AFTER



Endowment 2010-2011

We offer our sincere appreciation to our supporters for their generosity. The Endowment Fund provides the essential stability needed to assure the future success of the MCHA. During the 2010-2011 campaign, contributions totaled \$12,800.00. Please remember that contributions and memorial donations are welcomed.

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2011 Meetings

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

June 28
August 23
September 27
October 25
November 29

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



*What's
New?*



Stop in the Stroud Mansion and see the restored portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Davis, the parents of the first lawyer in Monroe County. The Davis family moved to Monroe County from Easton, Northampton County in 1837. The Davis' portraits date to circa 1820 and were conserved by James Sittig. They now hang in the second floor dining room of the Stroud Mansion. Visit and view these newly-preserved pieces of Monroe County's history.



Musings from the Mansion

Reporter in Residence, Monroe Mouse



By just retiring to a corner of the Stroud Mansion and tuning in to conversations, I certainly can learn a lot. For instance, everyone appears excited about the year 1836 in Monroe County history. Well, it didn't take long for me to discover that this was the year that Monroe County was created. As I vaguely recall there was more than a little controversy about the decision for the location of the new county seat. I must set aside some time to read what is available on this topic. (See *How Stroudsburg Became County Seat* by Executive Director Amy Leiser www.monroehistorical.org). Click on articles, then Places-Stroudsburg, and scroll to *How Stroudsburg Became County Seat*- October 2005.

For now, I thought it would be interesting to see what was happening elsewhere in the country during this period. Martin Van Buren (Democrat) was elected President in 1836 and Texas won independence from Mexico. Construction was begun on the Washington Monument in the nation's capital.



My research also found that this was the beginning of some major changes in our country. For one thing the United States was growing. There were now 25 states with Arkansas only recently being added and the Territory of Wisconsin

formed. The census of 1830 reported that the population of the United States was 12,866,020, a 33 percent increase over the previous census. The median age was 17.2 and 91.2 percent of the population lived in rural areas. Stroudsburg, the county

seat, was also growing. By 1840, Stroudsburg's population was 345 and had 40 dwellings. The small family farm was still the means of a family's livelihood here in Monroe County.

Canals were moving raw materials and manufactured goods across the country. Textile mills were more evident and the majority of the mill workers were women. In cities like Philadelphia and New York stores were beginning to specialize in the goods they sold. However, in Monroe County the general store was still the place to shop and share local news.

A new means of transportation would shortly replace the Canal Era. In 1830, Peter Cooper built a steam locomotive named "The Tom Thumb." The race between the locomotive and a horse-drawn Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad car demonstrated the superiority of steam power. The horse won only because mechanical failure stopped the locomotive. *The Tom Thumb* had led the race, rounding curves at 15 miles an hour.

McGuffey's First and Second Readers were published and children learned not only how to read but also the lessons of frugality, industry, and sobriety. The elegant Delmonico's Restaurant in New York City offered a complete dinner for 10 cents, but the most expensive item on the "bill of fare" (menu) was "hamburger steak" for 12 cents. Also in 1836, Samuel F.B. Morse invented the telegraph and Samuel Colt invented the Colt revolver.

Research can certainly captivate you, but it is time to reshelve some books. I picked up a lot of information on the past, but I am looking forward to participating in the celebrations of Monroe County's 175th Anniversary. I am certainly going to try to attend some of the special events throughout the county. If you look closely, you might see me in your area.

Local History Conference

The History Department of East Stroudsburg University and the Monroe County Historical Association held a Local History Conference at the Warren and Sandra Hoeffner Science and Technology Center at East Stroudsburg University on Friday, April 22, 2011. This all-day event featured presentations by local citizens and professionals on all aspects of regional history. Lectures on topics ranging from Monroe County's role in the American Civil War to Monroe County's growth were held in the morning session while the afternoon presentations highlighted the history of Tock's Island.

Dr. Martin Wilson, History professor at ESU and Mrs. Amy Leiser, MCHA, Executive Director co-hosted the Local History Conference.



MCHA hosts 19th Annual Victorian Tea

The Monroe County Historical Association held its 19th Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at Skytop Lodge. Many of our 260 guests who attended this elegant and fun event dressed in their best brightly-colored spring attire, including spring hats and white gloves.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the event was the presentation, "Unlacing the Victorian Woman" by costume designer and historian,

Barbara M. Darlin. Ms. Darlin gave a wonderful and entertaining living history lecture and performance about the private life of a fashionable Victorian lady. During her presentation, Ms. Darlin changed into the outfits worn by a turn-of-the-century lady in a typical day and modeled two ensembles for daywear, complete with all the unmentionables. The audience was spell-bound and everyone truly enjoyed her performance.



Speaker Barbara Darlin shows off her waist measurements after having her corset laced.

The ticket auction had something for everyone: gift certificates, collectibles, golf packages, and antiques. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated to our auction: Auxiliary Pocono Medical Center, Brandywine River Museum, Coldwater Creek, Crossings Premium Outlets, Carol Detrick, Detrick's Vending, Mildred Detrick, Glenbrook Golf Club, Joan Groff, Jane Hartley, Ken & Company Salon, Amy Leiser, Meadowbrook Inn & Restaurant, Audrey Mitchell, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Mollie's Restaurant, Mountain Manor Golf Club, Olive Garden, Maria Purington, Queen's Treasures, Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, Elaine Schiavone, Anda Staab, Lisa Steinmetz, Mrs. Robertson Taylor, Terra Greens Golf Course, Lynda Williams, David and Megan Williamson.

A special thank you to Carol Detrick, Mildred Detrick, Beverly Kleinle, Audrey Mitchell, Maria Purington, Lynda Williams and Megan Williamson, the MCHA Victorian Committee members, for organizing a truly beautiful and successful event. The Victorian Committee is already planning next year's event. Look in future editions of *The Fanlight* for information on the 20th Annual Victorian Tea!



Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show Coming to Stroudsburg at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, Stroudsburg, is pleased to announce the arrival of the Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show on Friday, June 24 - Sunday, June 26, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily (New dates just announced by the state). The Civil War Road Show is a traveling exhibition based in a 53-foot trailer that tells the incredible stories of Pennsylvanians during the Civil War through interactive features. The Road Show will visit all 67 counties in Pennsylvania over the next four years. Quiet Valley is hosting the Civil War Road Show for Monroe County with our local partners the Monroe County Historical Association, the Eastern Monroe Public Library, and the Dutot Museum. The Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show is free and open to the general public.

Special events are planned for each day, filled with activities as well as the traveling exhibition, including the encampment of the 142nd PA Volunteer Regiment Company G, presentations of Civil War medicine, open house of farm buildings, recipes of the Civil War, school house programs, historic agricultural practices and children's activities.

On Saturday, there will be a genealogy panel discussion, "How to Research your Civil War Ancestors" headed by Kathy Hale from the Pennsylvania State Library and B J Bachman from the Monroe County Archives from 9:00 a.m. - noon in the Engel Education Center. Local historical and cultural organizations will be present offering informative displays and talks throughout the event.

For a complete listing of activities and information on how to volunteer for the Civil War Road Show, please visit our website, www.quietvalley.org or call the farm at 570-992-6161.

The Pennsylvania Civil War Road Show is an initiative of Pennsylvania Civil War 150, the state's official program commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, 2011 - 2015. PA Civil War 150 is governed by a statewide alliance of history, heritage, arts and cultural organizations convened by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (PHS), the Senator John Heinz History Center and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.



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Stroud Mansion

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg (570) 421-7703
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10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Saturdays
Tours daily at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Cherry Valley Road, Stormsville - Hamilton Township
1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sundays, July and August
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