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2009 Meetings

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

July -- no meeting

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 24

December -- no meeting

The Cannons at Courthouse Square

James Werkheiser



James Werkheiser delivers the history of the cannons.

Indifference, ignorance, or apathy? Undoubtedly, it was a combination of all three that would explain why the citizenry of Monroe County allowed the cannons on the courthouse square to sit for one hundred and twelve years, unidentified, undedicated, and unknown. Finally, during the Memorial Day ceremony on May 25, 2009, a dedicatory plaque was unveiled. This plaque gave belated credit to the Capt. Warnick Camp #77, Sons of Veterans, its parent organization, The Grand Army of the Republic - Wadsworth Post #150 of Stroudsburg, and more importantly the hundreds of county "boys in blue" who served during the 1861-1865 Civil War including the dozens who "gave their last full measure of devotion."

The plaque was dedicated by the Monroe County Historical Association and financed by the Monroe County Commissioners. It was installed by the Truman Burnett Memorial Company.

For years, I had anguished that Monroe County was the only county in the entire Union with no monument or recognition of the Civil War. With the support of MCHA,

my fellow members of the History

Committee, and financial support from the county commissioners, research began.

Information relating to Monroe County's involvement in the Civil War was found in a variety of resources. Published works *History of Monroe County, 1726 to 1976, a Bicentennial Project* by Dr. John Appel, and *Monroe County During the Civil War* by Dr. LeRoy Koehler were invaluable. Information was also found at the Pike County Courthouse, the Monroe County Historical Association, and most importantly, the news articles of our local newspapers during the 1890s, the *Jeffersonian-Republican* and the *Stroudsburg Daily Times* (which are preserved on micro-film and available at the Stroud Mansion.)

This project was a fulfilling labor of love, but with one disappointment: the near-impossibility of accurately listing all the Monroe County "boys in blue" who perished, in action or by illness, during that terrible four-year conflict. This, perhaps, is fuel for a future project?

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Both cannons installed in 1897 by the Sons of Veterans, Wadsworth GAP Post #150, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, to commemorate Monroe County's involvement in the American Civil War, 1861-65, and to honor the hundreds of County men who served in the military and, especially, the dozens who "gave their last full measure of devotion."

Plaque financed by the County Commissioners Suzanne McCool, Theresa Merli, Donna Asure and dedicated by the Monroe County Historical Association on Memorial Day of the year 2009. (plaque wording)



(l-r) Commissioner Donna Asure, State Representative Mario Scavella, MCHA President David B. Thomas, MCHA History Chair James Werkheiser, Commissioners Suzanne McCool and Theresa Merli at the Memorial Day ceremony.



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Historical Association.

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Stroud Township

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East Stroudsburg University of PA
Pocono Mountain School District
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Northampton Community College
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*The Monroe County Historical
Association receives generous
support from the*

*Pennsylvania Historical &
Museum Commission*

and the

*Monroe County
Commissioners.*

Thank you!

Calendar of Events

The Bell School is Open!

This historic one-room schoolhouse built in the 1870s is open to visitors
every Sunday in July (except July 5) and August 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The Bell School is located on Cherry Valley Road, Stormville.
Free admission, donations welcome.

Third Annual "On Par with History" Golf Classic

Monday, September 21, 11:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Great Bear Golf & Country Club, 1 Great Bear Way, East Stroudsburg

Entry Fee: \$125 per person

Costs include green fees, cart,

All-American luncheon, dinner, auction, tax and gratuities.

Not a golfer? Join us afterward for the Dinner Auction for only \$35 per person.

SCHEDULE:

11:30 a.m. - Registration and All-American luncheon

1:00 p.m. - Shotgun start

5:30 p.m. - Cocktails

6:30 p.m. - Dinner Auction

Second Annual "8K Run/5K Walk for History"

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 7:30a.m. – 10:00a.m.
Antoine Dutot Museum and Gallery, Main Street, Delaware Water Gap
Enjoy the autumn scenery as the route winds through beautiful Cherry Valley.
Unique prizes will be given to top runners in all age groups, as well as overall
male and female runners and walkers.

Pre-register by September 29th: \$18.00

(all pre-registered participants receive a long-sleeved T shirt)

Race day Registration: \$25.00

Sponsors welcome!

*The mission of the Monroe County Historical Association is to promote,
protect and preserve the rich history of Monroe County.
Thank you for your continued support.*

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

Fanlight - Summer Edition

Due to an overwhelmingly busy spring schedule (and major computer difficulties), the staff and volunteers of the Monroe County Historical Association consolidated the May-June, July-August editions of the *Fanlight* into the summer edition. Enjoy.



Stroud Mansion lights up the night

If you haven't driven down Stroudsburg's Main Street after dark, please make a point to do so. The Monroe County Historical Association received a DCED grant through State Representative Mario Scavello's office to install exterior façade lighting on the Stroud Mansion.

After two years, the Stroud Mansion's exterior painting project is complete. Installing the façade lights was the final aspect to the exterior renovation of the historic building. MCHA past-president, Russell D. Scott III spear-headed this project and small business members Lombardo and Lipe Electrical Contractors and Russell Albert of Strunk-Albert Engineering worked together to design and install the exterior lighting. All three of these community-minded business leaders donated their time and supplies on this project.

The Stroud Mansion, located at the corner of

Ninth and Main Streets, is extremely visible and is an important landmark showcasing the heritage of the area. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the corner of Ninth and Main Streets (Routes 209 and 611), has an average daily traffic volume of 15,591 vehicles.

This up-facing façade lighting has highlighted the beauty of the structure, in addition to providing security for the building and safety for pedestrians. The lighting truly provides a dramatic, yet tasteful, illumination that draws attention to the Stroud Mansion during the evening hours.

The MCHA is working with photographer David W. Coutler to capture an image of the Stroud Mansion after dark. Look for it in a future edition of *The Fanlight*. Thank you again to the many individuals and businesses who have made this project possible.

Jacob Stroud Chapter DAR at Stroud Mansion

Melissa A. Lambert



(l-r) Andrea J. Snedaker and
Melissa A. Lambert

The Jacob Stroud Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution of Stroudsburg hosted the North East District Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Society Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Stroud Mansion. Our special guest was the State Regent of the Pennsylvania State Society, Andrea J. Snedaker, from Mechanicsburg, PA and member of the Cumberland County Chapter DAR. During her three-year term, the State Regent travels throughout the state to meet as many Daughters as possible. Attending this meeting were Daughters from the George Taylor Chapter (Easton), Tunkhannock Chapter, Wayne Chapter, Wyoming Valley

Chapter, Lt. Asa Stevens Chapter (Bradford Co) and the Mahantango Chapter (Schuylkill Co).

Amy Leiser, MCHA Executive Director and member of the Jacob Stroud Chapter, welcomed the Daughters while Halle Smith, MCHA Museum Assistant and Joan Groff, MCHA volunteer provided tours and information about the historic Stroud Mansion. All of the attendees enjoyed the morning reception and viewing the exhibits of the Stroud Mansion.

Following the morning session at the Mansion, a luncheon was held at the Pocono Inne Town where the State Regent addressed the assembly. Several donated items and gift baskets were raffled raising a total of \$336 for the PSSDAR Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to Amy and the Monroe County Historical Association for assisting the Jacob Stroud Chapter in hosting this important event.



Welcome New Members!

Since March 1, 2009

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Acklin
James Albert
Laura Yeomans Blackman
Edward L. Burnett
Nancy Cozine
Salvatore F. DeLuca, III
Denise DeVivo
John E. Field
Marie Grimm
David J. Kless
John and Mariclaire Meunier
Robert and Patti Snover
Elba R. Solomon & Family
Dave Stacey
Jennifer Warren

Member Get A Member

Russ Albert
Halle Smith
Agnes Webb



Fanlight
Pin by
Liztech
is Back

The MCHA Liztech Fanlight pin is back and available for purchase. Having sold out years ago, LizTech Jewelry has remade this popular fundraiser pin for our organization.

Long before electricity, the decorative window above the front door of the Stroud Mansion would allow sunlight into the hallway. This window is called a fanlight.

The Fanlight pin is available for \$55.00 at the MCHA Museum Store or at the Liztech Gallery in East Stroudsburg. The pin makes a great gift and is in limited supply. Proudly wear the pin and show the community that you support local history.



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)

- | | |
|--|----------|
| <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.

MCHA participates in EXPO

The Monroe County Historical Association participated in the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce Expo on Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7, 2009. Again this year, the Education Committee created an eye-catching and informative booth. This year's theme was The American Civil War, in honor of the 200th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth.



MCHA member Marilyn Moritz adds her brush stroke to the Abraham Lincoln portrait.

Attendees were encouraged to participate in the "One Brush Stroke" project to create a painted image of the 16th president. Civil War artifacts from the MCHA collection were on display and included a Civil War kepi, crutches made for D. Milton Van Vliet (aka Milton V. Barry), photographs, G.A.R. cemetery markers, and more. Education Committee members Kathy Boyle and Joan Groff interacted with the public and encouraged visitors to stop by and tour the Stroud Mansion.



Adding to the MCHA booth, Executive Director Amy Leiser wore a Civil War dress. Her authentically replicated dress with large hoop skirt was certainly attention-grabbing and brought many into the MCHA booth. Volunteer Agnes Webb created the Civil War dress using a pattern based from a gown in the collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Amazingly, Agnes completed the job in less than three weeks!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to promote the Monroe County Historical Association and the importance of preserving local history at this event!

Summertime is family reunion time!

Koerner Family Reunion

For the descendants of
George and Catherine Koerner
Saturday, August 1, 2009 at
Promised Land State Park

Contact: Ms. Jean Koerner Bush
at (610) 868-8280,
kindHart47@hotmail.com
or Gary Lee Koerner at (703)
938-3193 or
gkoerner@verizon.net

81st Annual

Smith Family Reunion

Sunday, July 26, 2009
St. Matthews UCC, Kunkletown
For details, call 610-921-0511



From the Executive Director

Amy Leiser

Welcome summer! It's always busy this time of year at the Monroe County Historical Association. School is out and many families take advantage of the free time to explore the Stroud Mansion. Tourists from every corner of the United States find their way through our front door looking to learn a bit about this part of northeastern Pennsylvania. We've even had visitors from England!

It is especially during these warm and active summer months, that I truly realize just how much our volunteers do, not only for me, but for the organization. Inside the Stroud Mansion, volunteers offer informative tours, assist researchers in our library, complete light office work, and clean the exhibits. Outside of our museums, volunteers plant flowers, remove weeds, pick up trash, and make special events a huge success.

The Board of Directors is comprised of all volunteers. These twelve members meet monthly to create policies and procedures to ensure that the mission of the Monroe County Historical Association is being fulfilled.

From inside and outside our museum sites, to public outreach events and behind the scenes organization, our volunteers do it all! There are so many who give several hours a week, and that time makes all of the difference to our small organization. So far, with only half of the year behind us, MCHA volunteers have logged 717 officially recorded hours and I'm

certain there are many more hours that go unrecorded, especially when volunteers take their "work" home with them.

With only two staff members employed at MCHA, it is obvious that volunteers truly are the life-blood of our organization. It would be impossible for two individuals to complete successfully all of the tasks that our volunteers do.

Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes. Some people can volunteer several hours a week, while other volunteers have a special yearly fundraiser event or project that they embrace. Whether you donate a few hours or hundreds of hours, a volunteer's impact on the Monroe County Historical Association has not gone unnoticed. Thank you to each and every one of you who willingly gives his or her time, talents, and overall enthusiasm to the MCHA. Without you, we could not be here.

Executive Director Amy Leiser and MCHA newsletter editor Kathy Boyle at the sanofi Pasteur Community Relations Volunteer fair.



Gardeners (l-r) Evelyn Smith and Kathy Boyle shop for plants at Vogels's Flowermart, Saylorsburg.

and flower boxes and gladly contributed their plants to enhance the grounds at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets, Stroudsburg. MCHA member Ann Lichtenwalner donated money to purchase colorful annuals for the gardens.

Garden Thyme

Stroud Mansion Gardens Receive Many Donations

Thank you to the numerous MCHA members and friends who donated plants, garden tools, and monetary gifts for the Stroud Mansion gardens. Many people were anxious to thin out their own gardens

New MCHA garden volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Stroud Mansion and work for no more than two hours. Please come when you can. Your volunteer hours are always appreciated.

The garden crew is thinking fall. The bulb catalogs are in the mail and we would like to purchase spring bulbs to add to the garden. Remember how delightful it was to see the daffodils on the Ninth Street garden last year after a long winter? Please send your donation to MCHA, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

When visiting the Stroud Mansion, take time to relax and stroll through the garden.



Old Time Fun in the Park

What an exciting way to celebrate my first anniversary as the official mascot of the Stroud Mansion. I had no idea that anyone even remembered! When I arrived at the park on Ann Street, I was totally surprised. The music, activities, and especially the children just made for a celebration that I will always remember. All of this would never have been possible without our wonderful volunteers. Let's do it again next year!

See photos of all MCHA activities at www.monroehistorical.org.



Monroe Mouse



enjoy

learn

play



17th Annual Victorian Tea

a record-breaking success



The Victorian Committee works year-round to ensure a successful Tea. (l-r) Carol Detrick, Maria Purington, Lynda Williams, Mildred Detrick and Audrey Mitchell.

The Monroe County Historical Association held its 17th Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon on Sunday, April 26, 2009 to a record-breaking crowd. Nearly 400 guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in the Mountain View Ballroom at the historic Inn at Pocono Manor. Thank you to the MCHA Victorian Committee for organizing a truly beautiful and successful event.

From the outstanding luncheon menu to the fashion show titled, *Here Comes the Bride*, everyone certainly enjoyed the day. The Victorian Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to Janet Wilson for sharing her amazing collection of bridal gowns and also to Melissa Hough for presenting a detailed description of each gown. The fashion show of historic gowns could not have been successful without the dedicated and detail-oriented wardrobe assistants and the beautiful models. Thank you.

In addition to the luncheon and fashion show, there were over 60 desirable items in the ticket auction. From gift certificates and collectibles to overnight stays and golf packages, there was something for everyone. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated to our auction:

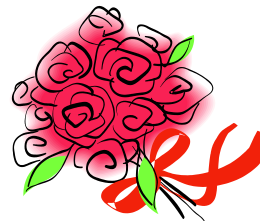


Five-year-old Mahlea McQueen models an elegant flower girl dress from the 1920s.

Alfred Dunner, Inc., Dorothy Baldwin, Doug Becker, Budget Inn and Suites, Christopher & Banks, Coldwater Creek, Detrick's Vending, Carol Detrick, Mildred Detrick, Dunkleberger's Sport Outfitters, Gary's Meat Market, Inn at Pocono Manor, Amy Leiser, Jackie Magann, Matthew's Hallmark, John K. Meixell, Audrey Mitchell, Pocono Arts Council, Maria Purington, Saen Thai Cuisine, Sarah Street Grill, Patricia Saylor, Elaine Schiavone, Jennifer Selby, Sparkle Car Wash, Anda Staab, Theo B. Price, Inc., Agnes Webb, Wellspring Holistic Center, Lynda Williams, and the Willowtree Inn.

The Victorian Committee already has the details for next year's event! The 2010 Victorian Tea will be Sunday, April 25th at the Inn at Pocono Manor. Mrs. Ellie Laubner has agreed to be our speaker; her presentation is titled, *The Fabulous Flapper*. Mark your calendars now and plan to be part of the fun!

East Stroudsburg University student, Jessica McLain wears a beautiful 1947 ivory silk satin gown with a delicate lace neckline and 10 foot long lace veil.



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
(Closed Sunday, July 5, 2009)
Other times by special appointment.

Books missing from library

Two very important books are missing from the
Elizabeth D. Walters Library.

- *Historic Monroe County*, Articles taken from *Pocono Shopper* October 1992 to May 1997, by Dr. John Appel
- The Stroud Family – photocopy in archival sleeves in large black binder.

The Walters Library, housed in the Stroud Mansion, features treasured resources of genealogical materials including family files, church records, cemetery listings, funeral home records, census reports, maps, and more.

The staff is hoping these books were taken by mistake, not intentionally. If you've been to the Walters Library recently, please check through your own bookshelves and make sure you don't have one or both of the books. The staff has been able to get a photocopy of Appel's book from the Eastern Monroe Public Library, but they do not know if there is another copy of the Stroud Family book in existence.



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