



# THE FANLIGHT

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Monroe County Historical Association

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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.

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

## Our Mission

Amy Leiser, Executive Director

The mission of MCHA is to promote, protect, and preserve the rich history of Monroe County. Often, we focus on preserving and protecting our history, but we must always remember that promoting the efforts of the Association in the community is a necessity. We are constantly working to raise awareness of our organization and all that it has to offer. From erecting historical markers in the community to reading "Stories on the Porch," and showing off custom costumes in a fashion show, we always seek diverse ways to promote MCHA.

The staff, volunteers, and I dedicate many hours participating in public events, programs, and workshops in order to share the vision of MCHA with as many people as we can reach. With summer fast approaching, the MCHA calendar is filling up with activities and events around the community. Each event provides a venue to inform the citizens of Monroe County about the wonderful local history museum and the unique genealogical library that can be found right in their backyard.



*(l-r) Education Committee Chair, Connie McCool, Executive Director, Amy Leiser and Kathy Boyle take a moment to pose at the Chamber of Commerce Expo in their suffragette costumes.*

In March, the Education Committee participated in the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce EXPO at East Stroudsburg University. Over 1,500 people walked past the MCHA booth, and almost all stopped by to learn more about our organization. This year's theme focused on the Suffragette movement and women gaining the right to vote. It was a timely display in this historic election year. Of course, we were hard to miss at the EXPO. Our booth was decorated with red, white, and blue banners and American flags, and Connie McCool, Kathy Boyle, and I donned Suffragette costumes. It's not everyday you see someone wearing an oversized black ostrich feather hat! We'll do anything to bring positive attention to MCHA!

In April, the Education Committee was at it again – attending an educators' night at the new Borders Bookstore in Stroudsburg. Again, Connie, Kathy, and I dressed in costume. This time we focused on the Colonial period and promoted the MCHA educational traveling trunk themed on Colonial Stroudsburg. I'd like to extend a special thank you to Borders Manager, Tina Zaragoza, for inviting MCHA to participate in Educators' Week.

As summer progresses, MCHA will continue to be out in the community. We will absolutely be promoting the Monroe County Historical Association and will, most likely, be wearing eye-catching costumes! See you out there!

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

## 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  
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Smithfield Township  
Stroud Township

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Pocono Mountain School District  
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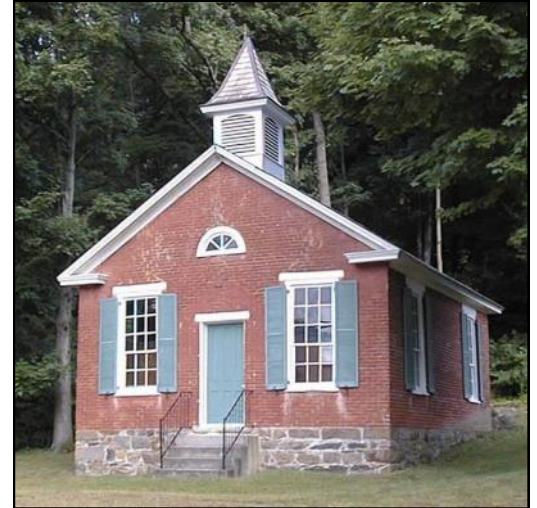
Northampton Community College  
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**The Monroe County Historical Association receives generous support from Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Monroe County Commissioners.**

# Bell School Reunion

The Monroe County Historical Association will be holding a special reunion at the Bell School on Thursday, August 7, 9:00 a.m. - noon for anyone who attended this one-room school-house.

The Bell School was built about 1875 and is located on Cherry Valley Road in Stormsville, Hamilton Township, Monroe County and was used by local children who lived within a one-mile radius of the building. The building remained an operating school until the spring of 1953. It was later purchased by MCHA on April 4, 1964. The school house has been restored as an educational museum that is open to the public on Sundays in July and August.



Alumni of the Bell School are encouraged to bring their memories, photographs, and any other artifacts they wish to share from their years at the school. Oral histories will be recorded, and beverages and light snacks will be provided.

Following the reunion, a pot-luck luncheon will be held at the Cherry Valley Methodist Church. Please contact Emma Jean Fellencer Waltz at (570) 323-2454 to coordinate covered dishes for the luncheon. For more information on the Bell School reunion, contact either Emma Jean at the above number or the MCHA offices at (570) 421-7703. We hope to see you there!

## Sherbondy Family Search



The Sherbondy Family Association (SFA) is gathering information from all descendants of Sherbondys. The information collected will be grouped by family branch and published in a book by the Sherbondy family. All genealogical data is requested. They will even include photos (one per family) in the book when published.

John Sherbondy (aka Johann / Jean Cherpantier) is the ancestor of Sherbondys in America. He and his family moved from Northampton County to South Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, PA, in 1796, and he died there in 1798. John Sherbondy and his wife, Maria Catharine Bossert, had children Melcher, George, Christina, Philip, John, Catherine and Jacob and over 40 grandchildren. Six of those grandchildren and numerous descendants remained in Westmoreland County. We hope to receive new information from all branches. Send your genealogies and questions to Jeffrey D. Sherbondy, Sherbondy Family Association, 6509 W. 102<sup>nd</sup> St., Overland Park, KS 66212-1723.

The SFA was formed in 1983. Newsletters were published during three years in the 1980s. The SFA has recently re-activated and there are several new publications planned. More information is available from the address above or by e-mail at [sherbondyjd@yahoo.com](mailto:sherbondyjd@yahoo.com).



# Successful Victorian Tea

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon was held on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at Terraview at Stroudsmoor. The guest speakers were Lindsey Greene, adjunct professor and womens' historian, and Carol Greene, costume historian, who presented the program titled *Garters and Government*. The *Garters and Government* program was well-received by our guests and featured vignettes of nine lesser-known female American political figures, spanning from the 1880s to the 1940s. The women's stories were highlighted with examples of original fashions from the same time periods.

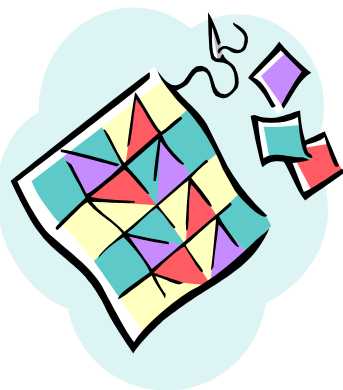


Speakers (l-r) Lindsey Green and Carol Greene

*Garters and Government* was presented by *Women Throughout Time*, an organization that promotes the research and teaching of topics relevant to women.

Once again, the ladies who serve on the Victorian Committee worked tirelessly to ensure that the event would be a huge success. Special thank you to Co-Chairs, Lynda Williams and Carol Detrick, Audrey Mitchell, Barbara Herting, Maria Purington and Mildred Detrick for another great Victorian Tea!

## Quilt Documentation Day



The Pocono Mountains Quilters' Guild will host a quilt documentation day on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at the Canadensis United Methodist Church from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Knowledgeable quilters will be on-hand to document the history of individual quilts. Those attending the event are encouraged to bring quilts along with any known history about the quilts and their makers. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to assist in supporting this valuable program in preserving our history.

Quilts will be identified, photographed, measured, and recorded, and the information will be housed at the Monroe County Historical Association. Quilts often passed through families from generation to generation, and, over time, the history of the piece can be lost. By documenting the quilt, an individual is able to record her family's history for future generations and for textile historians. For more information on the quilt documentation day, please contact Marie Guidry at (570) 629-5430 or msgcpa1@verizon.net or Vertie Knapp at (570) 992-6485.



## Welcome New Members

Since March 1, 2008

### Individual/Family/Senior Members

Timme Broad

Will & Carolyn McWhirter

Colleen Mosteller

Lucey Small

Rebecca Spang

Amy Tweedie

## 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.

- 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
- Corporation/Municipal \$250.00
- Contributor \$500.00

## LIFE

- 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

Tuesday, June 3

## Book Signing

with *Pocono Raceway* author, Gene A. Card

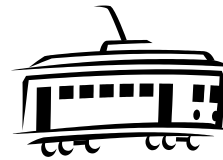
3:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion

Get your copy of this historical book featuring over 200 vintage photographs of the Pocono Raceway. Book cost: \$19.99 each

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!

August 7, 2008

## Bell School Student Reunion

9:00 a.m. - noon at the Bell School

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 - 6:00 p.m., Dinner - 7:00 p.m.





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# Book Signing with Author of *Pocono Raceway*

Join us for a book signing with Gene A. Card, author of the new book, *Pocono Raceway* on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 from 3:30 to 7:00 pm at the Stroud Mansion.

Gene A. Card is a native of New York State. His interest in photography began in the late 1950s, while his love of automobiles and automobile racing began in the early 1960s. Card attended his first NASCAR stock car race, the Northern 300 at Trenton, NJ, in 1967 armed with a both his Kodak 8mm home movie camera and a Kodak 620 film camera. His passion for automobile racing photography soon began, and these cameras soon gave way to a more appropriate and versatile 35mm camera.

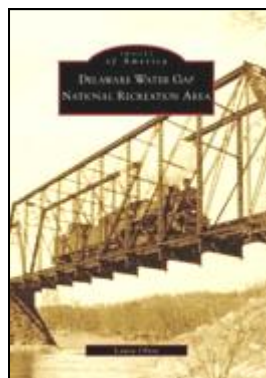
Card has followed the growth of auto racing for over 40 years. He hopes that this book will bring back fond memories to the long time Pocono Raceway fans that have attended events at the track since its early years while also offering the newer fans a glimpse of the past history of the raceway. The book will be of interest to not only stock car racing fans, but also to modified, motorcycle, and Indy car fans as the track hosted these events as well.

*Pocono Raceway* makes a great gift and it's just in time for Father's Day!

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## New in the MCHA Book Shop

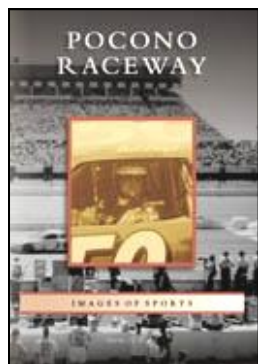
The MCHA book shop has two of the newest releases from the Images of America Series from Arcadia Publishing.



### *Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area* by Laura Obiso.

Europeans first settled in what was to become the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA) in the 17th century. By the late 1800s, the Delaware Water Gap had become a popular vacation spot, attracting thousands to the palatial resorts in the mountains. Rural communities thrived in the valley until the 1960s. The DWGNRA was created in 1965 to oversee activities centered around a reservoir that was to be the result of a dam to be built on the Delaware River at Tocks Island. In anticipation of the dam, the government removed residents by purchasing or condemning property. An environmental and political war raged, and the dam was ultimately defeated. Although several historical sites were lost, many survived and a few have been restored. Today the DWGNRA is one of the country's most popular parks. Within its boundaries are rugged and beautiful wilderness, historic landmarks, and the wild and scenic Delaware River.

Cost: \$19.99



### *Pocono Raceway* by Gene A. Card. (This book is slated to be released May 19, 2008.)

The framework for the creation of Pocono Raceway began in the late 1950s, when a group of investors formed Racing Incorporated. In 1962, a spinach farm near Long Pond, Pennsylvania, was chosen as the site for the multi-faceted racing complex. Construction on the track began in 1965, but progress moved very slowly. The three-quarter-mile oval portion of the facility was completed in 1968, but it was not until 1971 that the two-and-a-half-mile super speedway was ready for competition. From its humble beginnings, Pocono Raceway has grown to attract over 100,000 spectators to both of its NASCAR events each year. Automobile racing enthusiast Gene A. Card uses over 200 vintage photographs to capture the rich history of one of Pennsylvania's treasured venues.

Cost: \$19.99

Remember that one of the benefits of membership in the Monroe County Historical Association is a 10% discount on all purchases in the book shop. Stop by now to pick up your copies of these great books!



# Monroe County History Week



On April 2, 2008, the Monroe County Commissioners resolved that April 1 through April 7 be proclaimed Monroe County History Week. Monroe County was founded on April 1, 1836, from parts of Northampton and Pike Counties and was named for the fifth President of the United States of America, James Monroe.

Through this resolution, the Monroe County Commissioners recognize the efforts of MCHA in raising awareness of the rich history of Monroe County for residents and visitors alike.

*MCHA President Russell D. Scott III accepts the Monroe County History Week Resolution.*

## COALITION CORNER

### BARRETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cresco Station Museum, located at Route 390 and Sand Springs Road, is open Sundays in May and June from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in July and August from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Cresco Station at (570) 595-6157.

- Sunday, 18 May - Children's Art Show
- Sunday, 25 May - Country Music with *John James & Cabin Run*- also ice cream social
- Sunday, 8 June- Crafts Show
- Sunday 29 June- Gospel & Country Music- *Kelly Planer and The Perks*

For further information on any of these events, call LEEANNE at (570) 839-9122

There will be a Steamtown excursion from Cresco Station on June 28th. For more information, please call Steamtown at (570) 340-5204 or web site [www.nps.gov/ste](http://www.nps.gov/ste). Tickets must be purchased from Steamtown.

### POCONO/JACKSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appenzell one-room schoolhouse will be open to the public on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., May 13 - October 18. Please contact George Prosser at [gwp31@ptd.net](mailto:gwp31@ptd.net) or Verdon Rustine at [verdone@evenlink.com](mailto:verdone@evenlink.com), phone (570) 629-1913.

### QUIET VALLEY LIVING HISTORICAL FARM

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will be open to the public for summer tours of the farm museum June 20 - Labor Day, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Closed Mondays. Adults 8.00, Children 3-12 \$5.00. Allow 2 hours for tour. Call (570) 992-6161 or visit [www.quietvalley.org](http://www.quietvalley.org) for more info.

- Farm Animal Frolic will be held on May 17, 18, 24 & 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and noon - 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00 3-12. See the baby farm animals, games, shows and more. Call (570) 992-6161 or visit [www.quietvalley.org](http://www.quietvalley.org) for more info.

- Summer Garden Party Event on Saturday June 21, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Learn about a typical Pennsylvania German kitchen garden, herb lore, garden design, plant propagation and more. Adults \$8.00, Children 3-12 \$5.00 for historic tour and Summer Garden Party. Farm is open until 5:00 p.m.. Allow 2 hours for historic tour.



SHARE MONROE COUNTY HISTORY  
WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
THIS SUMMER.

## Summer is Family Reunion Time

### Starner Family Reunion

Sunday, August 10, 2008 at the Mountain View Park in Tannersville. Please contact Larry at (570) 421-5039 for more information.

### Transue Family Reunion

Sunday, August 17, 2008 at the East Bangor Playground. For more information, contact Donna at (610) 863-5735 or Kevin at (610) 258-1123.



# The Winner Is...

The Education Committee of the Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the results for the election of the Stroud Mansion mascot. Voting for the Stroud Mansion mascot began during the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce Expo on March 12, 2008 and continued until in Pennsylvania Primary Day on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Over 400 adults and schoolchildren participated in this fun activity.

The candidates were Caleb Cricket, Sarah Spider and Monroe Mouse. After tallying all of the votes, the winner (by a landslide) is Monroe Mouse.

## Final Results



*Isabella is voting for her favorite mascot. She is a student in Ms Franz's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class at Clear Run Elementary Center, Pocono Mountain School District.*

Monroe Mouse lives in the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion. Through his adventures and observations, Monroe Mouse will tell the story of life in Colonial Monroe County.

# The Story of Uncle Sam

Tom Famularo, Museum Assistant

There are few other icons that represent American unity better than Uncle Sam. According to many historians, the story of Uncle Sam is rooted in an old folktale. The most accepted version of the story of how Uncle Sam originated involves Samuel Wilson. Samuel Wilson, who moved to Troy, New York in 1789, owned a slaughterhouse and meatpacking company that fed many of the soldiers during the War of 1812. He sold the meat to a man named Elbert Anderson who marked his barrels with the initials "E.A." The barrels were also marked with "U.S." referring to the United States. One of Anderson's workmen, who did not recognize the initials, stated jokingly that it must mean Uncle Sam. In 1961, the 87<sup>th</sup> United States Congress adopted the following resolution, "Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives that the congress salutes Uncle Sam Wilson of Troy, New York, as the progenitor of American's National symbol of Uncle Sam."

The political cartoon that has become very popular in newspapers and recruiting posters is distinctly different from Samuel Wilson on whom the character is based. Samuel Wilson was known to be clean-shaven, while Uncle Sam is often portrayed with a goatee. Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist, is credited with creating the star-spangled suit that Uncle Sam wears. The outfit was used to inspire patriotism

and pride within the United States. Nast is credited with the Uncle Sam that younger generations have come to know.



On December 21, 1861, the first political cartoon featuring Uncle Sam was published in Harper's Weekly. The cartoon discusses the division between the states during the Civil War. Another notable cartoon that was created by Nast portrays

Uncle Sam not wearing his popular star-spangled suit or top hat; instead, he is dressed in common attire, serving Thanksgiving dinner to a wide variety of people. The caption underneath the picture says, "Uncle Sam's Thanksgiving; Come one, come all, Free and Equal."

The last step in the evolution of Uncle Sam came in 1916-1917 with the Uncle Sam poster pointing exclaiming, "I Want You!" Hoping to inspire men to fight in World War I, James Montgomery Flagg painted this poster that has become a mainstay in American culture. From the time that Uncle Sam was indoctrinated into United States culture during the War of 1812 to his last alteration in 1916, he has been very popular and many would rally behind his message of freedom, justice, and equality.



## 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

## Yearly Raffle to Benefit MCHA



Tickets are now available for the annual MCHA raffle. This year's 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a beautiful hand-quilted and hand-appliquéd quilt. The quilt style is "Dresden Plate" and features fabrics in white, soft green, and peach.

Second prize is a framed print of the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion by local artist Dee Huxster, and the third prize is a MCHA Goody Basket including a 1-year family membership, ornament, t-shirt, books and more.

The tickets for the raffle are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00, and the drawing will be held on December 13, 2008.



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