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Monroe County Historical Association

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From the Executive Director

Amy Leiser

The Monroe County Historical Association was recently given a wonderful collection of authentic kitchen items including cooking pots, cutlery, plates, bakeware, and more.

All of the items displayed in our "Colonial Kitchen" exhibit belonged to MCHA volunteer and Board Member, John K. Meixell. All sixty-one pieces were on loan, and last month, John donated his entire collection of Early American kitchen equipment to our organization. Because of John's generosity, this amazing assortment of artifacts can be enjoyed by all MCHA members and visitors.

Each artifact makes you step back in time – to when cooking was a more daunting task than today. Think of the effort involved in simply boiling water. You would have had to go to the well or spring to collect water in a bucket, build a steady, hot fire, and wait patiently for the water in an iron kettle to boil – and all for a cup of tea!

It's very difficult to pick a favorite item among the collection. From the copper, freshwater mussel steamer to the wooden, hand-crank apple peeler, each artifact has not only a function, but also a story to share. Perhaps one of the most interesting and unique tools is a pot scraper. This iron spoon-like instrument resembles a modern-day spatula. It would have been used on a weekly basis to scrape all of the baked-on food that had stuck to the bottom of pots. Over a long period of time and with such routine use, the tool bent. Whoever the cook was (or cooks were), we know she was right-handed, because the scraper has a slight bend in it from the repetitive motion of the user's having scraped so many pots over and over again.



One of my favorites is the grid iron grill that has a decorative heart at the end of its handle. It is those little touches of craftsmanship that interest me. I enjoy the thought that a blacksmith, while forging a functional piece of kitchen equipment, took the time to add a delicate decoration to the piece, giving the item new interest. At the time he crafted this iron grill, I'm certain the

blacksmith had little idea that it would one day be in a museum where hundreds of visitors would admire his handiwork.

Plan to visit the Stroud Mansion to see this amazing collection. One of our visitors already confessed that our Colonial Kitchen exhibit was "better than Williamsburg!" Well, that is certainly a complement!



The Colonial kitchen display in the Stroud Mansion

Volunteer(s) needed for special project

Special care must be taken to preserve the collection now on display in the Stroud Mansion's basement exhibit space. To reduce the likelihood of rusting of the iron artifacts, a dehumidifier must run 24 hours a day. In addition to the dehumidifier, a thin coat of wax has been brushed on the artifacts to seal out moisture. MCHA is looking for a volunteer (or two!) to help clean the exhibit space and wax the pieces. Waxing the kitchen items must be done twice a year. Please call the office if you can help. Several people working for a few hours twice a year will really make a difference in properly preserving these valuable pieces. Thank you!

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Thank you!

Calendar of Events

May 2010

Pocono Photo Club Exhibit at the Stroud Mansion

The "Places and Faces" exhibit will hang for the month of May
in the second floor meeting room.

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Olde Time Fun in the Park at the Driebe Freight Station

537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. (Rain or shine)

This event will feature historic games, activities,
and crafts for children. The Education Committee
is asking for volunteers to share special talents, skills, interests
and/or to assist at the craft stations.

Volunteer and be part of the fun!



Monday, September 20, 2010

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Mountain Manor Golf Club - Details to follow

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Antique Appraisal Day

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Community Room, Eastern Monroe Public Library

\$10.00 per item

Area appraisers will be available to tell you about
your antiques and their value.

Discover treasures you may already own!



Sunday, October 3, 2010

3rd Annual 8K Run for History

\$18.00 pre-registered participants/ \$25.00 day of race

The race begins and ends at the Historic Antoine Dutot Museum and Gallery in Delaware
Water Gap. Enjoy the autumn scenery as the trail winds through beautiful Cherry Valley.



MCHA receives continued funding from PHMC



The Monroe County Historical Association is very pleased to announce that our organization will receive the \$10,000 General Operating Support from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The financial support from the PHMC's grant program has provided invaluable assistance to our organization since 1985 and is integral to the programs and operations of the Monroe County Historical Association.

The Commonwealth's budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was \$3,558 million; the 2009-2010 budget was slashed to \$1,779 million. This funding supports the majority of the PHMC grant allocation including general operating support for statewide organizations, museum and historical organizations, projects, conferences, historical markers and technical assistance.

All state agencies have experienced cuts in funding, but cultural and historical sites faced some of the largest cuts. The MCHA budget was passed at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in February with the \$10,000 grant funding anticipated from the state. Our annual budget for 2010 is \$125,872.83. As you can see, we are an economical organization, and the funds from the State make up 8% of our budget.

Monroe County Merchandising exhibit



Stop by the Stroud Mansion and see our new "General Store" display of interesting advertising and promotional items from days gone by. A model of the Charles Robert Dotter grocery store is featured, along with an assortment of branded items such as a vintage fly swatter from East Stroudsburg National Bank, a can of Pocono Mountain beer, A.B. Wyckoff children's coloring books, and a shoe polish cloth from the Penn Stroud Motor Inn. You may find items that connect you with your youth!



Welcome New Members!

as of March 1, 2010



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programs, events, workshops

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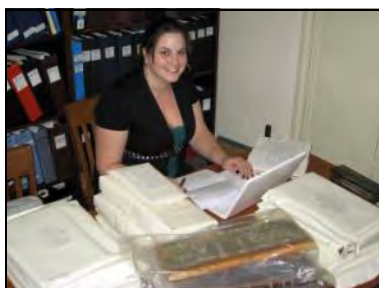
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MCHA Intern



Hello, my name is Laura Fiore and I am a student at East Stroudsburg University. I am currently a senior and will graduate with a major in Fine Arts and a minor in Art History in a few weeks.

For my final semester, I was offered an internship position here at the Monroe County Historical Association. I was unaware of what exactly it was I would be doing, but I knew it would be fun to spend a semester in a historic building!

I am a natural (almost compulsive!) organizer, so after having a tour of the Stroud Mansion, I quickly offered my services to help arrange and systematize certain collections held by MCHA. My first task was to clear, package, label, and log family Bibles in the third floor storage room. This task grew on me and I ended up cleaning out the entire storage room! Executive Director Amy Leiser was happy and took the opportunity to ask a local architect to view the current room and develop a plan to better use the space.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to all those who want to go on the guided tour of the Stroud Mansion. Because of my ambition, it is my fault the third floor exhibit space is temporarily closed. MCHA volunteers Joan Groff and Connie McCool are now in the process of further sorting through the collections.

While the third floor closets are being cleaned and organized, I began to work on the MCHA ledger collection in the Walters Library. It had been over 16 years since the ledger collection had been reviewed and reorganized and nothing was computerized. My need to organize again kicked in and I quickly began to re-package and re-label each delicate ledger in acid-free envelopes and log information regarding each ledger into a database. I hope the computerized data and neatly-stored ledgers will provide easier access for those searching for a special piece of Monroe County history.

Although my internship hours have been fulfilled, I have promised to work until the ledger job is completed. I am sure I will be meeting most of you in person over the summer, so drop in and say hi!



Annual Victorian Tea

The Monroe County Historical Association held its 18th Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon on Sunday, April 25, 2010. The rainy and foggy weather could not dampen the spirits of our 339 guests who 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 luncheon menu to the presentation, titled *The Fabulous Flapper*, everyone certainly enjoyed the day. The Victorian Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to Ellie Laubner for sharing her amazing collection of 1920's dresses and accessories and also to Jacqueline Atkins, Curator at the Allentown Art Museum, for assisting Ellie and allowing these textiles and jewelry to travel for our event.

In addition to the luncheon and presentation, there were 65 desirable items in the ticket auction. From gift certificates and collectibles to over-night stays and cook-book gift sets, there was something for everyone. Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who donated to our auction: The Apple Tree, American Ribbon, Ashworth, Bass/Izod/Van Heusen, Kathleen Boyle, Brandywine River Museum, Coldwater Creek, Crossings Premium Outlets, Detrick's Vending, Carol Detrick, Mildred Detrick, Dunkleberger's Sport Outfitters, Dorothy Fabel, Gold Toe, Harry and David, Hartstrings, Barbara Herting, Inn at Pocono Manor, Kitchen Collection, Susan Kopczynski, Le Gourmet Chef, Lee Jeans Company, Amy Leiser, Liz Claiborne New York, Liztech Jewelry, Maidenform, Audrey Mitchell, Mollie's Restaurant, Olive

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The Victorian Committee, Carol Detrick, Mildred Detrick; Beverly Kleinle, Audrey Mitchell, Maria Purington, Lynda Williams and Megan Williamson, is already planning next year's event. Look in future editions of *The Fanlight* for information on the 19th Annual Victorian Tea!

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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.

May 25
June 22
July – no meeting
August 24
September 28
October 26
November 23
December – no meeting

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

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Musings from the Mansion

Reporter in Residence, Monroe Mouse



Spring is here and there are stirrings throughout the Mansion. Windows are being washed, rugs cleaned and walls painted. There is something about spring that makes me think of new beginnings. I am actually feeling guilty about not participating in all of the activity. Why waste a beautiful day like today inside? I think I will venture into the garden and see what is happening there. Perhaps there is something to entice my many talents.



*Herb Garden design by Ed Flory
Herb list (not shown) provided by
Shirley Young*

What's this lying on the garden bench? It may be a treasure map. On closer look, there is no X to mark the treasure, but just lots of circles and numbers. This is really a puzzle. It was not until I saw a sheet of paper caught up in the lilac bush did I realize that the mystery paper was a diagram for an herb garden. Now this is exciting and definitely a project where I could be extremely helpful. After all,

herbs played such an important role in early homes. Fresh and dried dill, rosemary, and fennel were always available to the cook. Mrs. Stroud depended upon spearmint tea to soothe her children's upset tummies. Dried lavender was sure to be found among clothing layered in a chest. Feverfew was a natural choice for repelling moths and certainly appreciated for protecting painstakingly woven woolens.

The herb garden plans looked very ambitious, but the garden volunteers need not worry. I will be there to lend a hand and, definitely, my herb expertise. They will certainly want to know the meanings of the herbs they intend to plant. For example: lavender means devotion, thyme, daring and basil, love. Now to work. If I pay close attention to the diagram for the herb planting, I should be able to dig some of the holes for the new plants and maybe get a few herbs into the ground. I am so pleased with my efforts, I think I will just rest here in the garden before returning to the Mansion. Won't the garden volunteers be surprised when they return to the garden!



Herbal Wreath - Fun and Easy!

Joan Groff



Planting, tending and harvesting an herb garden offers so many wonderful results! Beyond exercise, fresh spices for your cooking and the visual pleasure, the scents and creative activities are almost endless!

The simple little wreath project may be extended to any shape or size. Children can easily participate and learn about the uses of many herbs from parents and grandparents while working together, having fun. Perhaps several children can make these as a party activity or a unique, handmade gift for someone.

You will need:

- doughnut-sized circle of corrugated/heavy cardboard (recycle what is around!)
- white glue
- small paintbrush
- assorted herbs and spices, dried
- tweezers (optional, but helpful)

Illustration shown: bay leaves, whole cloves, whole allspice and basil leaves

1. draw or trace a doughnut-size circle on the cardboard, making sure the center hole is large enough to be clear and open when done. (A good measurement might be: 4" diameter circle with a 1 1/2" diameter center hole.)
2. spread out your chosen herbs within easy reach, checking for those torn or not wanted; layout the design you want to use before working.
3. squeeze some glue on a saucer and add a few drops of water, just enough to spread onto the circle with a paintbrush; begin with less, then you can mix more!
4. using tweezers pick up and arrange the largest, longer herbs first, turning the circle as you work to maintain balance; excess glue and drips can be cleared quickly with a wet Q-tip; add glue where needed with the paintbrush, layering and adding the rest of the materials until you are satisfied. Watch out for too much weight on the small circle! Smaller or crushed herbs may be sprinkled on a glue area for color and texture, but can be harder to remove if disliked!
5. let your work dry completely! Add your name/date to the back; add a ribbon, twine or string to hang and enjoy!

TIP: check your old spices on the shelf that may be too poor for cooking...instant art materials!



Spring Appeal

Thank you to the many members and friends of the Monroe County Historical Association who have contributed to the Spring Appeal. Through your generosity, \$4,195 has been added to the General Operating Account.

This fund serves as the "all purpose" account for the organization and is used to keep the doors open at the Stroud Mansion Museum and Library, the Driebe Freight Station and the Bell School. From paying our various utility bills to supporting staff salaries, the General Operating account is an essential part of our organization.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated, and your gift to our annual fund drive, made out to MCHA, no matter what size, will further the Monroe County Historical Association's mission to promote, preserve and protect the rich history of Monroe County. Thank you again.

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Tours daily at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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