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Panoramic view of the 110 guests at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, held February 24 at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

Another successful Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

One hundred and 10 members, guests and friends showed their support for the Monroe County Historical Association at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, held February 24 in the Worthington Ballroom at the historic Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. The great turnout again bolstered our mission to promote, protect and preserve Monroe County's rich history.

The Silent Auction continues to be a fun part of the day, and the Auction Committee worked extremely hard to collect desirable items for people to bid on. Gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses, antiques, gift baskets, artwork, and jewelry filled the auction tables.

This year's auction brought in \$2,575 ... \$5 more than last year's total! A warm THANK YOU to Halle Smith (auction chair), Marie Guidry, Rose Ann Whitesell and Anne Robertson who served on the Auction Committee again this year. These four ladies were able to secure an amazing 136 items.

The day began with an inspirational prayer offered by the Rev. William Ramsden, an MCHA member, who encouraged all to work together to safeguard Monroe County's history. Members who were lost over the past year were remembered.

Following lunch, President Russell Scott began the business meeting. He thanked the membership and the board of directors for their continued support of MCHA and commended the staff for their continuous hard work.

Comprehensive Committee Chair John Layton spoke to the group about the upcoming maintenance needs at the Stroud Mansion. Both the gas furnace, more than 50 years old, and the slate roof, more than 90 years old, will need to be replaced in the next year. John explained that a new furnace will cost \$15,000 to \$17,000, and that if every member contributed only \$35, we could replace the furnace before the weather turns cold again.

The estimates for the slate roof are much higher and MCHA will need to apply for grants for this huge project.

Executive Director Amy Leiser presented her yearly wrap-up and thanked the group of individuals who volunteer on a weekly basis at the Stroud Mansion, and Treasurer Clarence Murphy presented the 2012 financial summary and the 2013 budget report, which was accepted unanimously by the membership.

On behalf of the Nomination Committee, Ruth Bensinger presented the following nominees for the 2013 Board of

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MCHA Calendar

Friday, April 26

ESU Local History Conference

East Stroudsburg University History Department presents second conference on local history. Topic: "Coming to the Poconos." Including discussion on transportation (rail, roads, water) and things that attracted people to the area. Contact Dr. Martin Wilson at 570-422-3991 or mwilson@po-box.esu.edu for details.

Sunday, April 28

21st Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon

1-4 p.m., Versailles Ballroom, The Château, Tannersville
Program: *1863-2013: Remembering Gettysburg – 150 years ago in fashion.* \$30 each MCHA members/\$35 each for non-members
Table of 10: \$300 MCHA members/\$ 350 for non-members
Tables must be paid in full at time of reservation.

Local printer donates color printing of The Fanlight

The Printing Craftsmen, Inc. of Pocono Pines has generously donated their printing services for our newsletter, *The Fanlight*. For years, MCHA has printed the newsletter "in-house" on our small black and white copier. But now the print edition of *The Fanlight* looks absolutely amazing in color, and we are so very grateful to this local company for helping us look our best.

Please make a point to support the businesses that support us. In-kind donations mean so much. It is no secret that the MCHA operates on a tight budget and that printing (especially in color) is very costly. Thank you again to this community-minded business which believes in promoting local history.



Coalition Corner

Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township

tobyhannatwphistory.org | 570-646-7235

MONTHLY MEETINGS: All at Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Rd., Pocono Pines

Wednesday, April 10 10:15 a.m., "Burger Family History" presented by Julie Burger Counterman and Gene Kerrick.

Wednesday, May 8 10:15 a.m. "Local Industry," presented by Rick Smith

Wednesday, June 12 10:15 a.m., "Lake Naomi Club's First Half Century," presented by Laura Altemose

TOURS OF WILLS MANSION

Wednesday June 26, and Tuesday, July 2 — 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. each day. One-hour tours of Coolbaugh Township mansion. Advance registration and confirmation number required. Email hatthistory@msn.com or phone 570-646-7235.

Coolbaugh Township Historical Association

cooltownhistorical@verizon.net | 570-894-4207

MONTHLY MEETINGS at Wills Mansion:

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m., *Ice Harvesting in Coolbaugh Township*, with Clancy Dennis and Bill Leonard

Monday, May 20, 7 p.m., *Civil War - 150th Anniversary*

Monday, June 17, 7 p.m., *Schools of Coolbaugh Township*

Saturday, July 20 - Annual Luncheon (No regular meeting)

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

www.quietvalley.org | 570-992-6161

■ SEASONS OF THE YEAR series celebrating Quiet Valley's 50th anniversary. Presentations, hands-on demonstrations and food tastings. \$5 per person, \$15 for a family of 3-5, \$25 for a family 6-10. Limit 25 people per session.

Saturday, April 13, noon & 2 p.m., *Spring: Time of Renewal*

Saturday, June 15, *Bounty of Summer / Garden Party*

Saturday, September 7, *Autumn: Harvest Time*

Saturday, November 9, *Winter Celebrations*

■ FARM ANIMAL FROLICS

Saturdays May 18 & May 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays May 19 & May 26, noon- 4 p.m.

Baby farm animals, storytelling, old-fashion games, spinning, sheep shearing, horse-drawn wagon and pony rides.

■ SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday June 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gardening, herbs, garden tours. Also Victorian Tea with Emma Marsh, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$12 by reservation only.



WANTED: Art for fall exhibit

The members of the Art Committee are already planning this year's art exhibit and auction fundraiser at the beautiful Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

This year's event will be held in November and the theme is "Women Artists of the Middle Delaware," highlighting the artwork of Dorothy Strauser, Violet Clark-Eddy, Edna Palmer Englehardt and May Banta. Many members and friends have already come forward offering to loan the artwork in their private collection for our event.

Do you have a piece of art by these talented local women? Perhaps you know someone who owns a piece and would like to not only display it, but also auction it off during this event?



"Roses" by May Banta, owned by the MCHA

This is the fifth year our organization will hold the art exhibition and auction fund-raiser, and this event is rapidly becoming a must-see experience.

NOTE: If you would like to be a part of this exciting opportunity to share your art, please contact the office at (570) 421-7703.

Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

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Directors to serve their first term: Ken Sandri, Patricia Saylor and James Werkheiser. Two current board members, Ruth Bensinger and Joan B. Groff, were re-elected to serve a second term.

Eugenia S. Eden and George Warden retired from the MCHA board, and Executive Director Amy Leiser and President Russ Scott presented them with a framed print of the Stroud Mansion.

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

The 2013 winners in the three categories are:

- Commercial Property – Castle Inn, Delaware Water Gap
- Publicly-Funded – Mount Pocono Borough Municipal Building, Mount Pocono Borough
- Residential Property – "Starbird House" owned by Mr. Charles A. Garris, East Stroudsburg.

The MCHA also presented its 2013 Lifetime Achievement

Award to James C. Werkheiser and its 2013 Educator of the Year Award to Dr. Elizabeth Bugaighis of Northampton Community College. Monroe County Commissioners John Moyer, Charles A. Garris and Suzanne McCool presented the awards.

Two individuals received the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award. Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly and Phyllis Williams were recognized for dedicating hundreds of hours of work to organize, catalog and enter the books in the Walters library into an online database.

The atmosphere was cheery, the food was delicious and a good time was had by all. Next year's Annual Meeting is already booked and we hope to see you on Sunday, February 23, 2014!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st prize, P.J. Dempsey, Saylorsburg. Framed 11" x 17" reproduction of "Emma Boys" sampler. Hand-stitched in silk on linen by Agnes Webb from original owned by MCHA. Value \$350.

2nd prize, Jeanette Arnone, East Stroudsburg. Framed print of historic 1795 Stroud Mansion by Dee Huxster. Value \$100.

3rd prize, Tom Fritz, East Stroudsburg. Liztech Fanlight Pin. Value \$55.





Monroe County
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Welcome, New Members

John and Cindy Anglemyer
Ian and Emeline Diener
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Brenda Friday and Nancy Weaver
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Janice Smyth
William and Sheree Watson
Thomas and Christine Wilkins
Phyllis Williams
Brian Young

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 quarterly
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Genealogy Assistance
- Discounts on MCHA events
- Advanced notice of all MCHA programs, events, workshops
- Discount research assistance



A few books in the Elizabeth D. Walters Library just got a new lease on life. Members from the Sullivan Trail Chapter of Questers International presented a check for \$900 to MCHA to be used to repair several library books that had been removed from the shelves because they were too damaged to be used by the general public. Volunteers Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly and Phyllis Williams took the books to Wert Bookbinding in Grantville to be repaired, cleaned and rebound, and they should be returned to the library shelves by the end of April.

Questers International is a non-profit organization whose members have an appreciation for antiques and the preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. Thank you to these kind individuals for reaching out to MCHA and for their generous contribution to preserving our history.

Rain barrels on display

The MCHA participated in the “Retain the Rain” Rain Barrel Art Challenge, a community-wide project to encourage Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg residents and businesses to promote water conservation. MCHA board member and retired art teacher Joan Groff designed two barrels. One will be placed in the Stroud Mansion garden and one at the Driebe Freight Station. Be sure to stop by this summer to see our winning designs!



Presidential historian to speak at NCC April 18

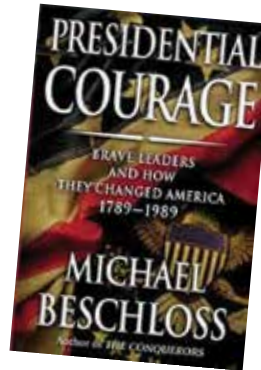


Plan to attend a special evening with noted presidential historian Michael Beschloss on Thursday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem. *See free ticket information below.*

Beschloss, an award-winning historian and the best-selling author of nine books, serves as presidential historian for NBC News, and appears regularly on “Meet the Press,” “Today,” and other NBC programs. *Newsweek* has called him “the nation’s leading presidential historian.”

Michael Beschloss

His best-selling book, “Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989,” will be the basis for the lecture. The book won high praise from readers including Kirkus Reviews who called it, “Engrossing ... marvelous ... and judicious. ... History written with subtlety, verve and an almost novelistic appreciation for the complexities of human nature and Presidential politics.”



The Monroe County Historical Association is a community sponsor of the Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) “We the People” grant organized through Northampton Community College. The American Presidency is the theme for this year’s multi-disciplinary exploration of the evolving role and powers of the presidency in American history.

Funding from the grant has enabled public school students, college students, and the community at large to explore several different themes of the humanities. Northampton Community College spearheaded the project and reached out to surrounding educational and cultural organizations, including the MCHA, to strengthen the impact this grant would have on the community.

Tickets are required, but are being distributed FREE on a first-come, first-served basis. (Limit of four per order).

Visit <http://webapp.northampton.edu/Keynote-Speaker> to reserve your free tickets online or call Brenda Weppel at 610-861-5519.

Location: Arthur L. Scott Spartan Center, NCC Main Campus, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem.

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2013 Meetings

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

April 23

May 28

June 25

July – No meeting

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 26

December – No meeting

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

Endowment Committee Report 2012-2013

Many thanks go to these generous donors who made a donation to the Endowment Fund.

This fund, established in 1986, provides the essential stability needed to assure the future success of the MCHA. During the 2012-2013 campaign, contributions totaled \$9,700.

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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ROOM FOR RENT Eleven members of the Jacob Stroud Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held their February meeting at the Stroud Mansion. MCHA Executive Director Amy Leiser was the guest speaker. The second floor meeting room is available to be rented by small groups looking to have a unique venue for meetings and events. Please contact the office if you are interested.





Monroe explores the history of shoemaking

I must say the most insignificant thing can spark my imagination. Just the other day a sheet of paper sticking out of a file folder drew my attention.

Now, I challenge our readers to know what a shoe peg is. The folder's one sheet of paper that sparked my research was a 1998 article "Shoe Pegs and Pocono Timber" from *Dignity* magazine. The photo in the article certainly wasn't a shoe! Even without a caption I would have known that it was a mill that manufactured this product from wood.

On reading the article I found that that the photo was a mill that produced shoe pegs. The mill was located in Pocono Pines and was owned by Isaac Stauffer. I knew exactly what a shoe peg was because I had recently seen them on a visit to the basement of the Stroud Mansion.

The tiny wooden pegs (a tapered $\frac{3}{4}$ - inch of wood a little thicker than a wooden match) were used to attach the sole of the shoe to the upper leather portion. It was mostly young men who completed this operation and they were known as shoepiggers. Shoe pegs manufactured in the Poconos were not used only in the Poconos. A Barrett shop peg factory shipped pegs as far as Bremen, Germany.

Shoes were made by the cobbler who was also known as a shoe maker. A cobbler was among the first colonists to arrive in Jamestown in 1619. Like all apprentices, a future



cobbler had to prove his skill. This test consisted of completing 3 pairs of lace-up shoes in cow hide to secure his license. Early shoes were often referred to as "straights" because the same last was used for both shoes and there was no indication of right or left. With wear, shoes often took on the contour of the person's feet.

Historically, people purchased shoes from a cobbler, and then brought them to his shop over the years for repair. A single pair of shoes could last for 10 years. If you are fortunate to live in a town where there is a shoe repair shop, you may find a cobbler using some of the same tools that have been used for centuries.

Plan a visit to the Stroud Mansion to see actual tools used by the cobbler.



Can you identify them in this photograph?

Last — Block of wood carved into the shape of a foot, served as a mold to fashion each shoe.

Awl — Used to puncture holes in the leather for pegs and later to stitch the soles to the shoe.

Stretching Pliers — Particularly useful for stretching leather on the upper parts of boots. They were also useful in order to pull the leather over the soles of the shoes.

Burnisher — Used to shine the leather. The burnisher used in the American colonial era was a heated iron used to polish the soles and the heels.



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