



You Can Help 'Raise the Roof' of Stroud Mansion

\$110,000 project: Replacing the roof on the Stroud Mansion. Notice the deterioration of the slate and the sagging roofline.

By Amy Leiser
Executive Director

The cold, wet spring weather has finally yielded to warm summer days, and it seems as though we all have home improvement on our minds. Local hardware shops and big-box home stores are packed with people busy planning projects to upgrade their homes and improve their property's curb appeal.

Here at the Stroud Mansion, we are of this same mindset.

In the last edition of *The Fanlight*, we reported that the slate roof will need to be replaced on the historic Stroud Mansion. According to our records, the slate roof now on the building was installed in 1920,

when the mansion was saved from being razed by community-minded citizens. The 93-year-old roof has lasted through decades of rain, sleet, snow, hail, sunshine, hurricanes, and earthquakes – but now it is time replace it.

I, along with the Facilities Committee, have been working to gather information about the type of slate that needs to be used and to find a contractor who has the knowledge and skills to complete this daunting task.

Of course, whomever we find needs to be historically-minded in order to take on this important job. The corner of 9th and Main Streets in downtown Stroudsburg is a busy location, and

while it's wonderful that our building is so highly visible, roof replacement will be a tricky job in such a confined space. Just think of all of the attention our beautiful building will receive as the public sees the scaffolding encasing the Stroud Mansion, a hydraulic boom lift (or cherry picker) parked along the sidewalks, and all of the workers on the rooftop.

Anyone who has replaced a roof knows that entire endeavor is no easy task, and there are many considerations and other jobs that end up being added to the project.

The Stroud Mansion is no different; not only will the roof be replaced, but the copper flashing and the masonry

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MCHA Calendar

Thursday, July 4

MCHA Offices Closed — Happy Independence Day!

Sunday, July 7

Bell School Opens — 1-4 p.m.

6183 Cherry Valley Rd., Stormville (south of Stroudsburg)
Historic one-room schoolhouse built in the 1870s is open to visitors every Sunday in July August.

Saturday, August 31

Olde Time Fun at Stroud Mansion 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Free Stroud Mansion tours, historically-themed arts and crafts, gardening, games and storytelling. Civil War reenactors.

Saturday, November 16

Women Artists of the Middle Delaware

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware
Exhibit, dinner, auction featuring the work of May Banta, Violet Clark-Eddy, Edna Palmer Englehardt and Dorothy Strauser.

Thursday, December 12 and Friday, December 13

Holiday Luncheon at the Stroud Mansion

Save the dates: Two seatings each day: 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Coalition Corner

Barrett Township Historical Society

www.barretthistory.org | 570-595-2501

June 28: 5:15 p.m., field trip to Jim Hillestad's toy soldier workshop, Paradise Valley. Car pool from Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Route 390. 570-595-2501 to sign up.

Coolbaugh Township Historical Association

cooltownhistorical@verizon.net | 570-894-4207

Events free and open to the public at Wills Mansion, 5590 Municipal Dr., Tobyhanna, unless otherwise noted.

Wills Mansion summer hours: Monday 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday noon to 4 p.m.

July 20: Annual luncheon, noon, Bailey's Steakhouse, Mount Pocono. *Gravestone Iconology* by Tammy Schane. \$20 — Reservations required.

August 10: Festival with Pocono Mountain Public Library.

August 3 to 11: 16th Annual Art Show. Saturdays and first Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon.; closing Sunday, noon to 2 p.m.

August 10: Music and Art Festival, noon to 4 p.m. Refreshments for sale. Museum tours and live music.

September 23: Dominic Keating on the *Avanti Cigar Factory*.

Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township

tobyhannatwphistory.org | 570-646-7235 | hatthistory@msn.com

Events free and open to the public at Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Rd., Pocono Pines, unless otherwise noted

July 10, 10:15 a.m., *History of Pocono Manor* by John Layton.

July 23 or July 25, 5:30 p.m. (Reserve seats at Clymer Library)
The Jennie Wade Story by Patty Forcella, and *Civil War Veterans From Tobyhanna Township* by Rick Bodenschatz.

August 14, 11 a.m. Annual picnic at Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area. *Rafting & Lumbering on Area Waterways* by Gloria McCullough and Ann O'Hara.

August 22 or August 27, 5:30 p.m. *The Manhattan Project* by Fred Lehrer. (Reserve seats at Clymer Library.)

September 11, 10:15 a.m. *Medicine in the 19th Century* by Dr. Alberta Finch, with *Comments on Dentistry* by Don Jones, DDS.

September 25 - Bus trip to the Lehigh Valley. \$60 per person includes bus, admission to America On Wheels, Lehigh Valley Heritage and Trout Hall museums, and lunch at Hubcap Café. Departs 8 a.m. from Pocono Pines, returns 6 p.m.

Paradise Historical Society

www.paradisehistorical.org | 570-839-5702

Date to be determined: Parkside Chapel open house upon completion of renovations, with unveiling of Paradise Historical Society plaque.

July 7: Ice Cream Social, Ace Store property.

August 4: Paradise Falls Lutheran Association historical review

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm

www.quietvalley.org | 570-992-6161

June 22: *Children's Day* (Quiet Valley 50th Anniversary celebration event) Old-fashion activities: relay races, crafts, toys, wagon rides, garden activities, refreshments and more. Tours as usual. Children's Day included in general admission price.

June 22 to 23: *Civil War Encampment* – 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry portrays everyday life of soldiers in the 1800s. Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

September 7: *Autumn: Harvest Time*

DE PUY/BRODHEAD REUNION IN AUGUST

The De Puy/Brodhead Family Association will have a reunion August 17 at the Stroud Mansion, starting at 9 a.m. An afternoon trip is planned to Fort De Puy and the Shawnee Presbyterian Church, with a catered sandwich lunch. Extended family is invited, such as Van Campens and Gumaers, who have close connections.
RSVP to Kevin C. De Puy, 6566 Skywae Dr., Columbus, OH 43229 | kevincoreyd@yahoo.com | 614-432-8782.



RUG SALE TO BENEFIT MCHA

MCHA Board member John K. Meixell would like to sell his area rug with 100 percent of the sales price being donated to the Monroe County Historical Association.

The Hamadan-type Oriental rug measures 42½ inches by 53½ inches, and John's asking price is \$300.

If you are interested, or would like to see the rug in person, please call the office at 570-421-7703.



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work of the two chimneys need to be addressed. The roof of the 1893 addition on back of the Stroud Mansion also needs to be replaced. After reviewing blueprints from 1935, it appears that the original style of roof on the addition was also slate.

Like so many home improvement undertakings, one project leads to, or hinges on, another project. Because the slate roof on the original Stroud Mansion has begun to fail, water damage has occurred in the third floor military exhibit room. Peeling plaster on the ceiling has prevented this room from being open to the public for two years. This is the last room that will receive a much-needed makeover once the roof is repaired.

As you may recall from previous editions of *The Fanlight*, or from touring our beautiful building, every exhibit room has received a fresh coat of paint, and each exhibit space has been totally overhauled to display better the artifacts of which we are all so proud. Once the roof is replaced, the military room can be repaired and repainted, and its exhibit space can be reopened to the public.

The Facilities Committee has been seeking estimates for the “Raise the Roof” project, and the best estimate at this time is \$110,000. This figure includes the roofs for

both the 1795 Stroud Mansion and the 1893 addition, as well as the copper flashing and the stone work needed on the chimneys. Needless to say, I will be working to secure grant funding to make this large project possible.

As I look to funding sources, my thoughts turn to you, our members. We’ve all worked hard on events to raise money for archival materials and acid-free supplies to protect the artifacts and archives inside the Stroud Mansion, but now it’s time to focus on saving the important structure itself.

A significant part of seeking grant money is to show grantors that the organization’s members and friends, as well as the community at large, financially support the project. The more support MCHA has from its members, the better our chances are of securing funding from a major donor.

The Monroe County Historical Association has an established “MCHA Preservation Fund,” and donations to this fund not only help directly with these projects but also show your continued commitment to MCHA.

Asking for money is perhaps the hardest part of my job, but if you are able, please make a financial contribution to the MCHA Preservation Fund and help us preserve the building for another 100 years.





Welcome, New Members

As of April 1, 2013

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

Victorian Tea remembers Gettysburg

The Monroe County Historical Association held its 21st Annual Victorian Tea and Luncheon on Sunday, April 28. More than 200 ladies and gentlemen attended this year's event, which once again was held at The Chateau Resort in Tannersville.



Margaret Messana, looking beautiful in her vintage dress and hat, won the "Best-Dressed Woman" award. Lesley Bommer won "Best Hat," and Darrin Taynor won "Best Dressed Man." Each winner received a free ticket to next year's Victorian Tea.

The Victorian Tea Committee, in addition to our guests, were very pleased with The Chateau, the delicious food, the friendly staff, and the fun specialty drink, The Gettysburg Guzzler. Attendees appreciated the abundance of parking and the self-serve coffee and tea station before the event began.

The event was a fundraising success for our organization, and we appreciate everyone who attended to show support for MCHA.

This year's theme was "Remembering Gettysburg, 1863-2013: 150 Years Ago in Fashion and History," and was presented wonderfully by the members of the 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Co. G, a local Civil War group. Guests were welcomed by the 18 reenactors dressed in period attire. The men in uniform formed a receiving line and welcomed each attendee personally by shaking or gently kissing guests' hands in the custom of the time. Everyone certainly enjoyed that personal touch!

Following the fashion show, Monica and Mark (real-life husband and wife) presented a scripted reading of letters between a soldier at war and his wife at home. This very interesting and moving portrayal of what life was like on the war front and on the home front was the perfect conclusion to the program.

More than 90 desirable items were in the ticket auction. From gift certificates and collectibles to jewelry and antiques, there was something for everyone.





Sheree Watson and Rudy Mueller, with other reenactors from the 142nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Co. G, entertained guests in their historically-accurate attire during the Victorian Tea fashion show.

Speedways, Jennifer Selby, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, Kathy Skaluba, Evelyn Smith, Sparkle Car Wash, Anda Staab, State Museum of Pennsylvania, Stone Bar Inn, TJs Acorn, Agnes Webb, Victorian Committee members, Willow Tree Inn, and Woodchip Productions.

A special thank you to the MCHA Victorian Committee members: Carol Detrick, Mildred Detrick, Beverly Kleinle, Audrey Mitchell, Maria Purington, Lynda Williams and Megan Williamson for organizing a truly beautiful and successful event.

The Victorian Committee is already planning next year's event! Mark your 2014 calendars for Sunday, April 27, 2014, at The Chateau.

'THANK YOU' to the following individuals and businesses who donated to our auction:

Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly, Beck's Land and Sea House, Brandywine River Museum, The Chateau Resort, Bonnie Colabaugh, Country Junction, Cove Haven Entertainment Resorts, Creature Comforts, Crescent Lodge; Detrick's Vending, Mildred Detrick, Detzi's Tavern, Dunkelberger's for Women, E.L. Salon, Eastern Monroe Public Library, Dorothy Fabel, The Flag Store, Joan Groff, J & R's Smokehouse Restaurant; Susan Kovarick, Kristina's Creations, Legendary Tannersville Inn, Jacqueline Magann, Martial Arts Training Institute, John K. Meixell, Momento's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Mullally's Clubhouse Café, Olive Garden; Peppe's Bistro, Pocono Sew and Vac, The Queen's Treasures, Inc., Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, S+S

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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.

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.

On exhibit: Pennsylvania Pride

The Monroe County Historical Association's newest Stroud Mansion exhibit is "Pennsylvania Pride." From glass A-Treat soda bottles to a Zippo lighter from 1955, the exhibit highlights items that were, or still are, manufactured in Pennsylvania.

Locally-made goods represented include Barley Creek Brewing Co.; Blue Ridge Enameled Brick Company; Burt Bros. Bottling Works; East Stroudsburg Glass Works; Holland Thread Manufacturing Co.; Monroe Dairy, Inc.; Neustadtl Brewing Co.; Penn-Dell Dairy; Pocono Cigar Co.; Pocono Hosiery Mills; ShaweeCraft Brewing Co.; Stroudsburg Bottling Works; Stroudsburg Brewing Co.; Van Vleit Fruit Jar; and the Worthington Mower Co.

"Pennsylvania Pride" will be on display until December 20.



Yuengling Brewery in Pottsville made Pocono Mountain beer in 1978, with cans representing the sports here in four seasons.



MONROE MOUSE MEETS FLAT STANLEY

Monroe Mouse was thrilled to meet Flat Stanley when he visited Stroud Mansion this spring. Flat Stanley, created by author Jeff Brown, has developed literacy skills and geographic awareness in children everywhere, traveling the world making friends and sharing adventures with children who mail him to family members or friends. We wonder what he wrote about his meeting with Monroe Mouse?

COALITION MEETS AT GREY TOWERS

The Monroe County Historic Coalition met in April at the Grey Towers National Historic Site in Milford, and Ken Sandri gave a fascinating tour of this beautiful building and its grounds.

The coalition promotes county history, supports community historical organizations, shares resources and works to preserve the historical and cultural landscape of the region. Participation is open to all historical and cultural organizations in Monroe County, and we encourage you and your organization to get involved!



Musings from the Mansion

as told to Kathy Boyle

Reporter in Residence, Monroe Mouse



Illustrated by Joan Groff

Online research new experience for Monroe

Oh my! I really did not want to cause a problem. All I wanted to do is catch up on my reading on local families.

Well, when I heard all the consternation in the first-floor reading room, I thought I had to redeem myself. Elaine exclaimed, "I have looked everywhere, this is the third missing volume." Phyllis injected, "It has to be here, and just let me look again." There they were with labels in hand and no book spines for them.

I scurried up to my nook in the attic and went to the corner reserved for reading. There were the missing books! But I could not understand why Elaine and Phyllis were so upset. I have been borrowing books for years and with no reaction like today's.

Now, to get the books back down to the first floor and to reduce the stress level there. However, that would have to wait to closing. I certainly did not want to draw attention to myself by making three trips dragging the books down the stairs to the table in the reading room.

Mission accomplished! I left a note on the table to apologize for causing the problem. Elaine replied with a kind explanation of what she and Phyllis are doing and how it would help Mansion visitors and even those working on their computers at home.

Although you cannot take books home from MCHA, you can certainly use them at the Stroud Mansion. And now locating the reference you want is just like using the public library.

When you visit the Stroud Mansion you can use the dedicated computer there to find the resource you want. But now, because Elaine and Phyllis have meticulously input the resources from the MCHA collection into the Eastern Monroe Public Library (EMPL) database, you can do your initial research from home!

See the step-by-step process below. Directions are also on the MCHA website, in the Walters Research Library page under Stroud Mansion.

The screenshot shows the Eastern Monroe Public Library website. At the top, there is a banner with the library's name and address: "Eastern Monroe Public Library, 1002 North 9th Street Stroudsburg PA 18360 570.421.0800". Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: "Library Home", "Search Catalog", "Visual Search", "Kids' Library", "Request Material", "Knowledge Portal", "Question Point Live Chat!", "My Account", and "Contact Us". The main content area features a search box with a dropdown menu set to "Monroe County Historical Association" and a "Search" button. There is also a "Library Info" sidebar with links for "New Materials", "Have You Borrowed?", "Hours", and "Events".

Search the Monroe County Historical Association library catalog at the Eastern Monroe Public Library website: www.monroepub.org.

■ Click on the first tab under the banner called "Catalog" and pull down the tab to "Search Catalog."

- Type in the subject or keyword you are searching.
- Choose Monroe County Historical Association from the Library drop-down list
- Click on the Search button.

Elaine Ackroyd-Kelly and Phyllis Williams were honored as MCHA's 2012 Volunteers of the Year.



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"The Women Artists of the Middle Delaware" exhibit
this November will highlight the artwork of
Dorothy Strauser, Violet Clark-Eddy,
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Do you have art to lend? 570-421-7703 for details



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www.monroehistorical.org

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