



## TIME TRAVEL

### *'Passport' to promote trips through local history*

**By Amy Leiser**

*Executive Director*

Happy New Year! I can't believe that another year is over, and a new one has begun. It's a funny thing to head-up the county historical association — I strive to stay firmly grounded in the past while always looking to the future.

One of the goals for the new year is to raise awareness about the wonderful history we have right in our own backyard. As an organization, it is very important that we not only work to preserve and protect our history, but that we also ensure that the lessons of our history are disseminated throughout the community. Monroe County comprises 611 square miles, and it's our job to make sure that the stories of the rich history within our boundaries are shared with residents and visitors alike.

To that end, we are undertaking a special project to highlight our history. The Monroe County Historic Coalition was created 10 years ago and has representatives from area historical societies who come together on a quarterly basis to discuss historical happenings around Monroe County. This networking group's mission is to foster county history, support historical organizations in the community, share resources with other groups, and work to preserve the historical and cultural landscape of the region.

In fact, the Monroe County Historic Coalition is beginning to expand beyond county borders and now



includes representatives from Pike and Northampton counties. At our October meeting, individuals on behalf of 14 historical groups were present.

For 2013, the main task of the Monroe County Historical Coalition is to create a "Passport to History," sharing all of the historical and cultural sites within Monroe County. It is the hope of the members of the coalition that residents and tourists will take advantage of this all-inclusive booklet to explore the area while learning about the historic sites that dot our landscape.

The "Passport to History" will include directions to historical sites, photos, and information about the organizations. Passport holders will be encouraged to get their passports stamped after visiting a museum or historical site.

But the free Passport will include more than just buildings; it will share the location of state historical markers, burial locations of famous citizens, and other points of historical interest. The "Passport to History" will be a great activity for out-of-town guests, scout groups, and others.

Included with this edition of *The Fanlight* on Page 6 is the "Passport to History" Site Registration Form. We don't

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# MCHA Calendar of Events

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# Coalition Corner

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**Saturday, February 16**

**Monroe County Historic Coalition Meeting**

9 a.m., Stroud Mansion

All welcome – refreshments served.

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**Sunday, February 24**

*Snow date: Sunday, March 10*

**MCHA Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon**

Noon to 4 p.m., Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort

Speaker: Jim Werkheiser, “Clara, We Hardly Knew You!”—  
The story of Clara Adams, 1884-1971 of Tannersville. See  
*flier enclosed*.

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**March 29 – April 2**

**MCHA Offices Closed**

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**Friday, April 26**

**ESU-MCHA Local History Conference**

Topic: “Coming to the Poconos.” See story, next page

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**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.

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**Paradise Historical Society**

[paradisehistorical.org](http://paradisehistorical.org) | 570-839-5702

**Sunday, February 3** – 2 p.m., Paradise Township Municipal Building,  
Route 940 and Keokee Chapel Lane, Henryville.

Don Miller, a local naturalist, will present the “non-human” side of the  
history of Paradise Township.

**Sunday, March 3** — 2 p.m., Paradise Township Municipal Building,  
Route 940 and Keokee Chapel Lane, Henryville.

Michael Fossa, whose parents owned and operated the Pocono  
Mountain Inn, will tell us tales about growing up the Inn. You may  
know Michael as the piano player on weekends at the Crescent  
Lodge.

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**Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm**

[quietvalley.org](http://quietvalley.org) | 570-992-6161

**50-Year Anniversary Kick-off**

**Friday, January 25** — 5-7:30 p.m., Engel Education Center,  
Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, 347 Quiet Valley Rd., Stroudsburg.

Open reception for special yearlong celebration recognizing Quiet  
Valley’s 50 years of operation as a living historical farm. Many special  
activities are being planned, with the biggest festivities taking place  
on the opening anniversary weekend of July 13-14.

Please RSVP — 570-992-6161

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**Valentine Craft Workshop & Luncheon**

**Saturday, February 2** — 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

A day of crafts, food and fun! Choose a morning workshop, enjoy  
lunch of homemade soup, bread, beverage and dessert then finish  
off the day with an afternoon workshop. All supplies included. Craft  
choices and photos online.

*\$30 Quiet Valley members; \$35 non-members*

Contact [farm@quietvalley.org](mailto:farm@quietvalley.org) or 570-992-6161

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want any local historical/cultural site to be overlooked, so  
please feel free to fill in the form and mail it back to us.

Better yet, if you are interested in documenting county  
historical sites, plan to attend the next meeting of the  
Monroe County Historic Coalition on Saturday, February  
16 at 9 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Stroud  
Mansion.

If you would like to get involved, or want to make sure  
your township historical society or special historical/

cultural interest group is represented, please call the  
MCHA office for more information. I feel that only good  
things can come from a group that works together to share  
information, ideas, and news regarding issues affecting our  
historical community.

We have to engage the people of the present to instill  
an appreciation of the past so our future remains bright.  
Hopefully, by creating a “Passport to History,” we can make  
a small step to ensure our past is not lost.





## *'Coming to the Poconos'* **Presenters wanted for Local History Conference set for April 26 at ESU**

The East Stroudsburg University History Department and the Monroe County Historical Association are planning their second Local History Conference for **Friday, April 26** on the campus of ESU.

The conference topic will be "Coming to the Poconos," a theme that will allow a broad range of topics to be presented, including discussions on transportation and things that attracted people to the area.

The committee is looking for individuals who have conducted research on any topic that might fit into this theme, and who might be interested in presenting a paper for this event.

We invite speakers to discuss who came here, or why they came, or how they got here. Chronologically, topics may cover pre-European settlement through the present.

Please send a one-page proposal of the talk along with a short biographical sketch of the author to :

Dr. Martin W. Wilson  
History Department  
East Stroudsburg University  
200 Prospect St.  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
[mwilson@po-box.esu.edu](mailto:mwilson@po-box.esu.edu)  
(570) 422-3991

Proposals are due by March 8.

## *Your items needed for MCHA's Silent Auction*

Did you get a gift during the holiday season that perhaps you don't need ... or would never use?

Or are you a teacher who received so many gift cards from your students that you couldn't possibly use them all?

Do you run a business that could benefit from the publicity of donating goods or services to be sold to the highest bidder?

Please consider donating these items to the MCHA's Annual Auction!

The Monroe County Historical Association again will host the Silent Auction at our Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24** at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, and we hope we can count on your support.

The committee is hard at work gathering desirable items from around the county to be auctioned off.

MCHA members and guests who attend the event are interested in bidding on an array of items such as gift certificates, antiques, books, artwork and jewelry. The Silent Auction is always a big draw, but we need your help to ensure it is a success.

All contributions will help us reach our goal and also make the auction interesting and competitive for the bidders.

So, please look through your attic, clean out your closets, re-gift that unused holiday present ... and donate your items to the MCHA Silent Auction!





Monroe County  
Historical Association

## Welcome, New Members

As of January 1, 2013

Rachael R. Heath  
Brian L. 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 6 times a year
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Genealogy Assistance
- Discounts on MCHA events
- Advanced notice of all MCHA programs, events, workshops
- Discount research assistance

## Additional thanks

The Drs. Dunning were erroneously omitted from the list of individuals who contributed to the 2012 Spring Appeal.

Both Roger and the late Ruth Dunning have generously supported the MCHA for decades. Ruth was instrumental in establishing the MCHA Endowment Fund in 1986 and Roger served as the Association's President from 1955-1957.

The staff and board of directors deeply apologize for this oversight.



From left are Art and Auction Committee members Joan B. Groff, Bonnie Ahnert Rudeski, Amy Leiser, Halle Smith and John Hartzell, who work all year long to plan the annual fund-raiser.

## ‘Outsider’ Artist show a success

The third annual art exhibit and auction fund-raiser was held November 10 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, a collaboration among MCHA, Hartzell's Auction Gallery and the Kirkwood family of Shawnee Inn.

The “Outside Artists of the Middle Delaware” exhibit displayed 125 paintings in three rooms of Shawnee Inn. The 2012 event was especially well-received, with many individuals from the community lending pieces from their personal collections.

The ‘Outsider’ artists represented were Justin McCarthy, Robert Rasely, Jack Savitsky and Sterling Strauser.

The galleries were open to the public throughout the day and more than 50 people came to see this amazing collection. A gala dinner with a private viewing, four-course meal and a presentation by James Sittig was held that evening.

The live auction followed the dinner with many individuals bidding in person or by phone on 18 pieces of original artwork by the featured artists.

More than \$4,000 was raised, as this event continues to be a successful fund-raiser for MCHA.

The Art and Auction Committee is already planning this year's event — “Women Artists of the Middle Delaware” — which will be in November at Shawnee. Details will be announced in the next edition of *The Fanlight*.



# State horticulturalists honor Mansion garden

Four members of the Monroe County Historical Association garden committee traveled to Harrisburg on December 3 to receive the 2012 Community Greening Award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The afternoon began with an informative guided tour of the Capitol building.

An evening reception was held at the Governor's Residence, where the award winners were received by Pennsylvania First Lady Susan Corbett.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society presented the committee with a framed certificate and a metal sign that will be placed in the garden.

The staff and board of directors would like to again thank the MCHA gardeners for their hard work year-round. These dedicated individuals help keep the exterior of the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion looking its best!



From left, Evelyn Smith, Halle Smith, Anda Staab and Amy Leiser at the State Capitol, which they toured before accepting the 2012 Community Greening Award for the Stroud Mansion garden from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Inset, top: The award sign that will be placed in the garden in the spring.



## MCHA Sponsors

*Many thanks to our Sponsors. Please let them know you appreciate their support of the Monroe County Historical Association.*

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Borough of Stroudsburg  
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Pocono Township  
Smithfield Township  
Stroud Township

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East Stroudsburg University of Pa.  
Northampton Community College  
Pocono Mountain School District  
Stroudsburg Area School District

### Contributor | \$500 or more

PPL Electric Utilities - \$1,000  
Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs - \$500

*The Monroe County Historical Association receives generous support from the Cherry Lane Foundation and the Monroe County Commissioners.*

*Thank you!*



**Free wireless Internet service** is now available to researchers in the Elizabeth D. Walters Library. The secure Wi-Fi connection is helping genealogists and others with their research.





## MCHA Officers

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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.

January 22  
February 24 [Annual Meeting]  
March 26  
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.**



# Rain barrel project coming to MCHA sites

MCHA is very pleased to participate in the “Retain the Rain” Rain Barrel Art Challenge. This community-wide project, organized by the Monroe County Conservation District, the Pocono Arts Council, the Brodhead Watershed Association and the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority, encourages Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg residents and businesses to place rain barrels at their homes and businesses to help promote water conservation. Twenty rain barrels will be placed throughout the two boroughs.

MCHA board member and retired art teacher Joan Groff accepted the challenge of creating designs for two MCHA rain barrels. Both of Joan’s images were chosen, and now one rain barrel will be placed in the gardens of the Stroud Mansion and one at the Driebe Freight Station.

The completed rain barrels will first be on display at the Monroe County Conservation Center’s art gallery from March through April, and then will be placed throughout Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg through October.

Be sure to stop by the Stroud Mansion and the Driebe Freight Station this summer to see our winning designs!





## Monroe checks out new servant's room

After all the excitement of the holiday season, it feels good to do just whatever I want.

While perusing back copies of *The Fanlight*, an article on the renovations on the third floor of the Mansion caught my eye. It has been ages since I made a visit to the third floor, so I decided that the servant's bedroom there would be a good place to start.

I found quite a transition from what had been the textile room (now in the colonial kitchen area) to a return to a house servant's sleeping quarters.

The first thing that caught my eye was the bed. I am sure our visitors will be enthralled by its practicality.

The bed is called a trundle bed and from my research I understand that they are still popular in small guest rooms in today's home. They are definitely a clever space-saver as the single low-to-the-floor bed easily slides under the bed above.

I pulled back the covers to examine the roping. Yes, I said roping — no springs here. Ropes were carefully woven around pegs in the bed's frame to provide a base



for a mattress. The bed above the trundle is also roped. Traditionally, the rope would run from the pegs to a sail cloth bordered in eyelets. The stretched cloth is known as sacking cloth, which I believe would make for a more comfortable night's sleep.

The servant who would retire to this room had the additional comfort of a mattress. Now, if

this wasn't an historic building and museum, I would have investigated for evidence of bed bugs. Early mattresses had a way of attracting vermin, because they were stuffed with corn husks, horsehair, or moss. By colonial times, feather mattresses were more common.

Now, I can imagine what you are thinking. The rhyme "good night, sleep tight, don't let the bed bugs bite" comes to mind. Many associate "sleep tight" with a tightly strung rope bed, but it has been questioned by several sources.

I prefer "sleep thigh," meaning "sleep soundly" without a reference to bed bugs.

I hope you will visit the Stroud Mansion to learn more about the life of a Stroud servant.

### IN MEMORIAM 2012

The Monroe County Historical Association extends deepest sympathies in the loss of MCHA members who passed away in 2012.

Each of these individuals had a strong desire to support local history and their dedication to our organization over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Harold Carter  
William Clark  
E. Ruth Dunning  
William Fable

Betty Feitig  
Audrey Imbt-Smith  
Philip Lee  
Ralph Moyer  
Ruth Shook

Dave Thomas  
June Vail  
Edward Vican  
Walter Wyckoff



When you visit you will see the artifact above. Perhaps you know what it is already!



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### STROUD MANSION

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg

10 am - 4 pm Tuesday-Friday

10 am - 4 pm 1st and 3rd Saturdays

*Tours daily at 11 am and 2 pm*

### DRIEBE FREIGHT STATION

537 Ann Street Stroudsburg

Now serving as the headquarters  
of the Jacob Stroud Corporation

(570) 424 0325

### THE BELL SCHOOL

6183 Cherry Valley Road, Stormville

Hamilton Township

1-4 pm every Sunday in July and August

Other times by special appointment

### AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

#### HELP SUPPORT THE MCHA SILENT AUCTION

The Annual Meeting and Silent Auction are coming up on February 24, and we still need lots of donated items to entice bids at the annual Silent Auction.

Call us at (570) 421-7703 for details



#### Visit the MCHA Web site

[www.monroehistorical.org](http://www.monroehistorical.org)

Become a fan of the Monroe County Historical Association through our Facebook account today and be sure to suggest it to all of your friends.

### Has your address changed?

If you have a new mailing address due to the Monroe County addressing project, please let us know. We don't want you to miss any of the exciting events, fundraisers, programs and workshops we offer. Contact Halle Smith by emailing [mcha@ptd.net](mailto:mcha@ptd.net) or calling (570) 421-7703.

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