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Fall 2017



MCHA's largest fundraiser

Guests enjoyed good food, great friends, a beautiful venue, select wines, and a fun auction at the 3rd Annual "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" wine-pairing fundraiser at the Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake.

'Raise Your Glass' goes down in history

On September 7, the Monroe County Historical Association hosted the very successful 3rd Annual "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" wine-pairing dinner and auction fundraiser at the picturesque and historic Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake in Reeders.

This sold-out event raised more than \$44,000! All proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Association, with a portion of the funds being used to assist with the preservation of the organization's museum and library collections.

The evening began with delicious butlered hors d'oeuvres donated by the Rader Family. During the cocktail hour, musical entertainment was provided by Erin McClelland and guests meandered the room while looking at more than 60 Silent Auction items and 11 Live Auction items.

Following the cocktail hour, an exquisite three-course meal was served with quality wine. During the first course, guests were treated to a seasonal gourmet salad paired with Hermann J. Wiemer Vineyard Dry Riesling 2015. The first course of wine was generously donated by MCHA board member Patricia J. Saylor.

The main entrée was a delicious duet of grilled center-cut sirloin of beef paired with a parmesan-crusting filet of Atlantic cod and a glass of Jeff Carrel Les Darons Languedoc AoP, 2015. The flight of wine was kindly contributed by Young and Haros, LLC.



The 2017 "Raise Your Glass" Committee

First row, from left: Auction Chairperson Meredith Rettaliata, Susan E. Yetter, Theresa Yocum and Hope Kuchinski.

Second row: Russell D. Scott, III, Event Chairperson Marie Conklin Young, Mary Riley Frantz, Jessica Zugel, Amy Leiser, Jennifer Harlacher Sibum and Bruce A. Denlinger.



A very special thank you to Camelback Resort, our Premier Sponsor.

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2017 Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of most months

at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion

October 24

November 28

No meeting in December

The Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists our diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the county's past with the present.

November 23-27
MCHA & STROUD MANSION CLOSED
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, December 15
and Saturday, December 16*
Holiday Luncheon at the Mansion
Stroud Mansion, 900 Main St., Stroudsburg
Two seatings each day:
11 a.m. –12:30 p.m. & 1–2:30 p.m.

Annual festival holiday luncheon at the Stroud Mansion. Meal catered by Dave Cook of The Cook's Corner. \$25 per person. See flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional details and the delicious menu.

Raise Your Glass

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Dessert was a sumptuous flourless chocolate cake, which was paired with Varichon & Clerc Blanc De Blanc Brut 2016. The dessert course was generously sponsored by five MCHA board members: Mr. John H. Abel, The Honorable Jennifer Sibum, Ms. Sunnie Randolph, Dr. Martin Wilson, and Mr. Jeffrey L. Wright.

The evening ended with an exciting live auction filled with wonderful getaway packages, including two seven-day guided safaries for two in South Africa, a week-long vacation in a Virginia Beach condo, Disney Park passes, and an overnight stay for four at Kalahari with passes to Spa Kalahari and the Halotherapy Room.

Other auction items included a Duckloe star table, restaurant certificates, wine baskets, jewelry, appraisal service and local artwork.

Raymond Hartzell of Hartzell's Auction Gallery generously donated his professional services for this event.

The Monroe County Historical Association would like to thank the "Raise your Glass & Support the Past~2017" committee for their hard work, dedication, and devotion. From

Sunday, February 25, 2018
96th Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

Noon-4 p.m. Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, 100 Shawnee Dr., Shawnee-on-Delaware
Details to come.

Thursday, September 6, 2018
2018 Raise your Glass & Support the Past
6 to 9 p.m. The Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake, Reeders

MCHA's biggest fundraiser of the year! Wine-pairing dinner and fundraiser. Live and silent auction. Ticket sales will be announced.

creating beautiful centerpieces and collecting auction items to securing sponsors and assisting the night of, this event would not have been possible without the commitment and enthusiasm of the committee members.

Mark your calendars! The 2018 Raise your Glass & Support the Past wine-pairing dinner and auction will be held Thursday, September 6, 2018, at the Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake!

Welcome, New Members

Ms. Jean Amick
Mr. Jon Bradford-Karpo
Ms. Karen Catina
Ms. Farley Carvalho
Ms. Barbara Coupe
Ms. Linda Dreischalick
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dudones
Ms. Barbara Fern
Ms. Marilyn Goldbard
Ms. Barbara Harrison
Mr. Harold Honeychurch
Mr. Jim Hutchins
Mr. Richard Jenkins
Ms. Sandra May
Ms. Joan Montgomery
Ms. Norma Swint
Mr. and Mrs. John Woodling





Quilt Raffle to benefit MCHA

Members of the Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild generously donated this beautiful handmade quilt to be used as a fundraiser for the Historical Association. The pattern of the quilt is "Split Nine Patch Variation" and it measures 59 inches x 71 inches.

Tickets cost **\$5 each** or **\$20 for five** tickets, and all proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Association.

The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the MCHA Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon. Get your tickets today at the Stroud Mansion.

'Third Thursday' a success *Speakers wanted for 2018*

Special thank you to Jim Werkheiser, Don Baylor, Lawrence Squeri, and Alan Price Young for participating in the inaugural season of the Third Thursday Lecture Series at the Stroud Mansion.

As word spread about these popular programs, more people wanted to attend than the Meeting Room could hold. It's nice to see that there is such an overwhelming interest in local history.

The History Committee is already starting to book 2018 dates. Do you have a presentation you would like to share? All presentations will be held at 7 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion.

Please contact the office at 570-421-7703 or admin@monroehistorical.org.





German exchange students tour Stroud Mansion

The staff at the Stroud Mansion was pleased to offer a tour to German high school exchange students and their American hosts on September 26.

Led by Stroudsburg High School teacher Matt Sobrinski and his German counterpart, Sebastian Beckmann, the students had the opportunity to view local artifacts related to Pennsylvania German culture.

The students, who are part of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP), spent the day meeting Stroudsburg Borough Mayor Tarah Probst, touring the Monroe County Courthouse, and visiting many sites throughout the area.

GAPP is based on long-term, sustainable partnerships between teachers, administrators, schools and communities, and is one of the largest and most successful bilateral student exchange programs in the world.

Mutual short-term exchanges take place in regular intervals between German and U.S. schools, and groups of 10 to 20 students visit their partner school for at least two weeks, staying with the families of their exchange partners.

Public library hosts 3rd annual TED^x event

The Eastern Monroe Public Library hosted its third annual TEDx Program on October 7. The theme of this year's event was "Building a Better Community," and five speakers were encouraged to address ongoing efforts by area organizations to support and encourage positive change in the community.

The presentations were taped and will be available online in the future.

TED is a nonpartisan nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks. It began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics.

Independently run TEDx events are designed to help communities spark conversations and connections through local TED-like experiences.



Amy Leiser, executive director of the Monroe County Historical Association, right, was among the speakers at the third annual TEDx program at Stroudsburg Library.

Also speaking, from left, were Dr. Nathan Johnson, a family physician; Michael Albert, executive director of the United Way of Monroe County; Debra Scocozza, COO of Fitzmaurice Community Services, and Michael Tukeva, executive director of Pocono Alliance.





ABOVE LEFT: Young Stroud Township resident Benjamin Wilkins dug through the hands-on costume activity station and posed in front of the Stroud Mansion backdrop for a photo.

ABOVE RIGHT: Charlie and Bonnie Vogt pose with MCHA mascot Monroe Mouse.

AT LEFT: Administrative Assistant Hope Kuchinski and Curator Bret Fowler welcome guests to the MCHA table at the Stroud Township Bicentennial Celebration.

Stroud Township celebrates 200 years

Stroud Township's year-long Bicentennial Celebration culminated September 16 as part of Stroud Township Community Days.

Local vendors set up tables, the Bicentennial Committee sold copies of their book, "Stories of Stroud: The Evolution of Stroud Township" by local historian Jacquelyn James, and the Centennial Band entertained visitors.

The Monroe County Historical Association table featured historical information on Stroud Township and a copy of the 1875 Stroud Township Beers Atlas. Even though the roads looked different and names have changes, residents who stopped by the MCHA booth enjoyed trying to locate their homes on the old map.

Congratulations Stroud Township on 200 years!



Leiser earns certificate

MCHA Executive Director Amy Leiser earned a Certificate in Nonprofit Management through the partnership of Northampton Community College's Center for Business and Industry in Bethlehem and Philadelphia's Nonprofit Center at La Salle University.

The professional development program consisted of 10 full-day classes on nonprofit management, effective board governance, marketing, communications skills, program evaluation, financial management, fundraising, human resources, strategic planning, and leadership ability.

Congratulations, Amy!



Amy Leiser, third from right, with nonprofit program classmates.

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The Fest and The Fun

The last time I reported from the Stroud Mansion, I wrote about “Dig and Donate,” since there were (and still are) many beautiful plants, healthy but crowded, in the Mansion Garden. Just between you and me, I heard the staff say they will do “D and D” again next spring.

The garden is an important part of the Stroud Mansion, and on September 2, it again became a great place for families to visit, learn about life in colonial times — when children lived in the Stroud Mansion — and have some “Olde Time Fun!” This report will tell you about my adventures at that event, which shared the day with StroudFest.

Being a brave and cheeky little mouse, I took off in the early morning to get to Court House Square, the center of StroudFest.

For years, I have heard all kinds of music drifting down from the center of town on OTF day. Down Main Street I ran, staying close to the buildings and trying to blend in. There was a “ginormous” amount of tables with all kinds of things for sale — jewelry, drawings, pottery and FOOD. I could have curled up in one of the bowls! Among all these fascinating items were families with lots of children walking around and looking at everything. It was very exciting to a little mouse.

When I got to the square, there was a band playing! My curiosity kept me among the tables, children and food until my energy started to wane and I suddenly wanted to get back to the Mansion, where I knew things would be quieter. I wanted the children to come with me, but I must confess at that point I turned quite shy, and went on my way alone.

I had a wonderful surprise when I got back to the garden and to Olde Time Fun! Families were there as well, and children were busily engaged in the activities set up by MCHA volunteers. There were several families I recognized from other years. It was good to see them again.

What a lot to learn about colonial times! Since I’m little, I was able to stop at each activity and observe all the fun without being seen.

Hope Kuchinski, the MCHA’s new administrative assistant, was helping children learn how to do calligraphy.

Hope is really nice and very helpful. She loves history, too! Calligraphy is fancy writing you know, and the children were using real dip pens with real ink, just like in the olden days.

Ms. Miller, the lady who knows *everything* about bees, set up beekeeping equipment. Children saw, touched, and tried on beekeeping equipment, but didn’t have to worry about being stung because the real bees were at home in their hive. Honey was an important food in olden times, just like it is today.

Two other activities had to do with the food of colonial times. One was planting the seeds of “the three sisters” — those are the three plants that the Indians taught the colonists to plant together. You’ll have to figure

out what the plants are ... and next year if you come to Olde Time Fun, you’ll be able to plant your own seeds and take them home to grow!

The other food activity was about corn, both on the cob and off. (OK, I will tell you now that corn is one of the three sisters). The man that helped the children to explore corn had many fun games to do with the many ears of corn he brought. He even had some “corny” jokes!

Since sewing and weaving were important jobs to be done in a colonial home, another OTF activity had to do with textiles. Two other volunteers, Anda and Beverly, helped children comb wool (called carding) to ready it for spinning and weaving, and also showed them how to creating quilt designs using brightly colored paper shapes.

Finally, OTF visitors could see what it was like to do chores that children often did in colonial times. Ms. MacIntire and her daughter Sarah showed how to wash clothes using a washboard (and real water) and how to clean a rug by beating it with a special tool made of wire and wood. I was glad I was too small to do those chores.

It was an exciting day. That evening I went to bed early and slept through the night. It was a wonderful StroudFest/Olde Time Fun, 2017! I got to enjoy both celebrations. I can’t wait for next September. I hope to see you at the “Fest” and the “Fun”!



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Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Historic 1795 Stroud Mansion

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Enjoy a hot buffet luncheon catered by
Dave Cook from The Cook's Corner Restaurant
in a festive holiday atmosphere.

Friday, December 15th and Saturday, December 16th, 2017

Please choose a time to dine

Early Lunch: Seating begins at 11:00 a.m. and guests dine until 12:30 p.m.

Late Lunch: Seating begins at 1:00 p.m. and guests dine until 2:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Menu:

Fresh Baked Rolls with whipped Honey Butter

Broccoli Salad tossed in a light dressing

Fresh Baby Salad Greens with Black Raspberry Vinaigrette

Chicken Breast Roulade

Apple, Fennel Sausage, & Mozzarella Cheese Stuffing with a Sweet Wine Demi Glace

Layered Yukon Gold Potatoes

Roasted Butternut Squash

Complementary glass of wine

Coffee, decaf, and tea served at your table.

Please get your tickets early!

Seating is extremely limited.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the office at
(570) 421-7703 or email admin@monroehistorical.org

**This event will take place in the second floor meeting room which is not handicap accessible.
This is a fundraiser benefiting the Monroe County Historical Association.*

Tickets are non-refundable.