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2008 Director's Meetings

The MCHA Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Stroud Mansion.

January 22, 2008
February 24, 2008 – Annual Meeting
March 25, 2008
April 22, 2008
May 27, 2008
June 24, 2008
July – No meeting
August 26, 2008
September 23, 2008
October 28, 2008
November 25, 2008
December – No meeting

A Good Year and A Bright Future

Amy Leiser, Executive Director

Happy New Year! Is it 2008 already? Really? I can't believe another year has gone by. We've been so busy at the Monroe County Historical Association over the past year and it's hard to believe 2008 is here. Well, you know what they say, *Time flies when you're having fun!*

And have fun we did. In fact, I can't believe I am starting my 10th year at MCHA! I am very lucky and truly enjoy working at the Monroe County Historical Association. The volunteers are wonderful, the Board of Directors is supportive, and our members are great! Thank you to all who helped make 2007 a banner year for the Historical Association. Our fundraisers, events, and programs all did well. Of course, there was a lot of work involved to make the year so successful, and we want to keep that momentum going. The energy of our many volunteers (see the list on page 6) and the contributions from our members ensure that the history of Monroe County is being preserved.

It seems that every year we add a new event to the MCHA calendar. In 2005 we added the Third Thursday Summer Lecture Series, in 2006 the Preservation Awards were created and given at the Annual Meeting, and in 2007 MCHA held its first golf tournament at Great Bear.

In addition to these past events, we will continue to add more in the next year. There are some big ideas for 2008. The Monroe County Historical Association will have a new brochure, the remainder of the Stroud Mansion will be painted, and the Membership Committee is planning a membership drive. Board member Camille Breslauer is now head of the Events Committee, and she has some great ideas for new fundraisers for our organization.

I encourage you to get involved. We are always looking for suggestions to improve our organization. There are so many ways that your help is needed. From Board Committees to special projects to everyday tasks, there's something for everyone. The Monroe County Historical Association would not be where it is today without our volunteers.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers of the MCHA family for their continued support in 2007. I appreciate each and every one of you who put in extra hours while I was on maternity leave. Because of you, I was able to spend additional time with my new son while adjusting to my new role as a working mom.

I wish everyone a very happy 2008, and I look forward to another great year working to protect, promote and preserve Monroe County's history with you.



MCHA Sponsors

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

Small Business (\$150.00)

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Brownie's Pocono Inne Towne
Dunbar Enterprises, Inc.
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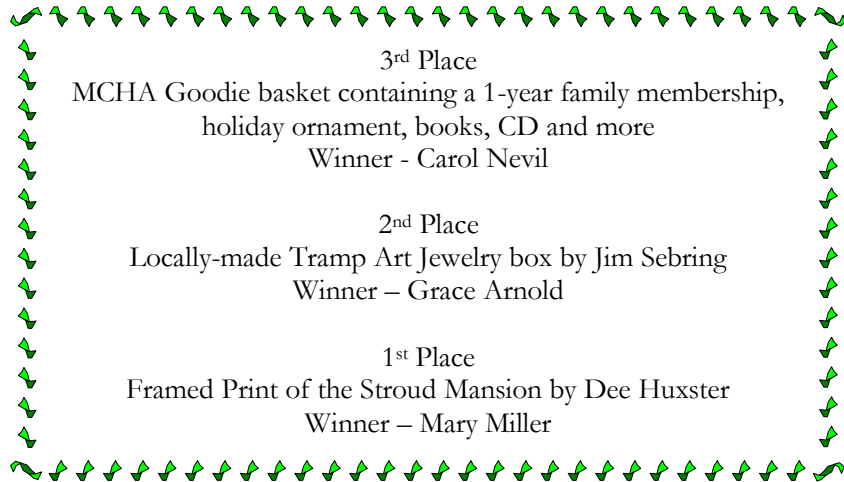
Contributor (\$500.00 and more)

Northampton Community College
PPL Electric Utilities - \$1,000.00
Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs

The Monroe County Historical Association receives generous support from the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Monroe County Commissioners.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to this year's raffle winners. The MCHA raffle is held annually, and the winners are drawn in December. Over \$1,100 was raised.



3rd Place

MCHA Goodie basket containing a 1-year family membership, holiday ornament, books, CD and more
Winner - Carol Nevil

2nd Place

Locally-made Tramp Art Jewelry box by Jim Sebring
Winner - Grace Arnold

1st Place

Framed Print of the Stroud Mansion by Dee Huxster
Winner - Mary Miller

Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser!

Endowment Fund Appeal

There is still time to contribute to the Monroe County Historical Association Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is an essential part of the Monroe County Historical Association. This permanently restricted trust fund is derived from donations, bequests and memorials and is used to support the salaries of professional staff and for capital improvements. The account is managed by ESSA Bank and Trust and overseen by the MCHA Endowment Committee.

The Fund provides the essential financial stability needed to assure the future of the Monroe County Historical Association.

Please contribute to the MCHA Endowment Fund. Your support is needed now more than ever.

A Town by Another Name

Answers - towns in last issue of

The Fanlight.

Wechquetank - Gilbert
Dutotsburg - Delaware Water Gap
Branchville - Minisink Hills
The Forks - Mount Pocono
Stanhope - Swiftwater

Towns names were found in
Place Names of Monroe County, PA
by Robert Jones. Copies are
available in the MCHA Gift Shop at
\$10.00 plus tax.



MCHA Receives DCED Grant

The Monroe County Historical Association is very pleased to receive a grant totaling \$5,000 through the Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Community Revitalization Program. This grant funding was made possible through State Representative John Siproth's office.

The money was needed to repair the old slate roof and chimney on the Stroud Mansion. The slate shingles had become deteriorated, and water from rain and snow had leaked into the building. Fortunately, none of the Association's collections were damaged. The shingles were replaced, and the ridge cap was re-coated and capped. The two chimneys also needed attention so new flashing and caps were installed.

Thank you to State Representative Siproth and the members of his staff for working to ensure the Stroud Mansion and all of Monroe County's history continues to be protected.

Vintage Hats for Sale

Are you a member of the Red Hat Society? Are you planning to attend the MCHA Victorian Tea and need to find the perfect hat for the occasion? You are in luck! The Monroe County Historical Association was recently given a collection of vintage red hats to be sold in the MCHA gift shop. 100 % of the proceeds benefit our organization. Hurry in to the Stroud Mansion and get yours today. Quantities and styles are limited.



More Copies of Minisink Book in Gift Shop

The Monroe County Historical Association has received a new shipment of Nancy Michael Shukaitis's book, *Lasting Legacies of the Lower Minisink*. Get your copy today! Cost: \$19.95 plus tax. Remember, MCHA members receive a 10% discount on this book and all items in the gift shop.

Tin Toy Exhibit Extended

Because of the positive response from our members and the general public of the *100 Years of Tin Toys, 1900 to 2000* exhibit, the display will be extended through September 2008. This colorful and fun collection of tin toys has been enjoyed by guests of all ages. Our older visitors remember playing with some of the toys on display while our younger visitors can't image a toy running without batteries. Please take the opportunity to see this unique collection.



Welcome
New Members

Since November 1, 2007

Individual/Family/Senior Members

Ms. Marie Altemose
Ms. Toni Buskirk-Prante
Mr. and Mrs. Skip Eckel
Mr. George Ellis
Ms. Eileen Featherman
Nellie D. Gordon and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Layton
Ms. Suzanne Lloyd
Mr. David V. Merklin

The Wish List

Please help us protect our valuable
Monroe County artifacts.

Fireproof safe for the Stroud
Mansion, \$1,450.00

New Energy Saving Air Conditioners

We want to be ready for the warm
weather, provide for our visitors
comfort, be energy efficient, and
lower energy costs.



Membership Form

RENEWAL NEW MEMBER
Please check appropriate category.

- Student \$10.00
- Individual \$25.00
- Family \$35.00
- Senior Individual (65 and over) \$15.00
- Senior Couple (65 and over) \$20.00

Annual Contributions (Includes Dues)

- Patron \$50.00
- Supporter \$100.00
- Business \$150.00
- Corporation/Municipal \$250.00
- Contributor \$500.00

LIFE

- Individual Life Membership \$1000.00
- Spouse joining (Life) at the same time \$500.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

- Please call me about volunteer opportunities.

Please detach and mail to:
Monroe County Historical Association
900 Main Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Referred by: _____

Thank you for your support.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 24, 2008
(snow date, Sunday March 8)



Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon



Worthington Room at Shawnee Inn
Shawnee-on-Delaware

Social Hour at 12:00 noon
Luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

MCHA Members \$25.00 per person
Non-Members \$30.00 per person

Wednesday, March 12, 2008
2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 13, 2008
noon - 6:00 p.m.

Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce EXPO 2008

East Stroudsburg University Koehler Fieldhouse

Look for the MCHA Booth #89

Friday, March 21 - Monday, March 24, 2008
MCHA Offices Closed
Happy Easter

Sunday, April 6, 2008
Social Hour at 1:00 p.m.

Dining Room doors open at 2:00 p.m.

Victorian Tea and Luncheon

Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg

"Garters and Government"
presented by Lindsey Greene



Dear Stroud Mansion,

November and December were busy months for the Education Committee. In addition to working on organizing the educational traveling trunks and holding teacher workshops, members of the Committee also offered tours to hundreds of school children. A growing group of volunteers has made it possible to design tours and programs to address the needs of our schools. Our volunteers have researched the particular curricular requests of teachers, dressed in Colonial costume, warmly welcomed students and encouraged their active participation in their visit to the Mansion.

This year, in addition to the tour, the Education Committee created a hands-on activity for the students. Mystery bags containing dough scrapers led students to recognize the importance of the role of the blacksmith in the Colonial community.

Students were given fraktur cards to initial on their return to school. Their teachers received gift bags with a packet of note cards, a MCHA membership form, and information on MCHA's spring Student Fraktur Competition.

The Monroe County Historical Association received individual thank you letters from students in Ms. Gray's third grade class. Here were some of the Committee's favorites typed exactly as the students wrote them:

Dear Stroud Mansion,
Thank you so much for letting my class and I come on a field trip to the Stroud Mansion. It was a lot of fun. I liked the Stroud Room and the kitchen the best. Also, I liked the big Portaits and Sarah's embroidery. I would like to bring my parnts and my sister to the Stroud Mansion.

Your Friend, Michelle

Dear Stroud Mansion,

I had fun with you guys. I may just come back. But I can't. I don't have time. You know rough life is. Any way I wanted to tell you the best thing I liked. I really liked the kitchen. It made me hungry. Well I guess I'll see you on my next field trip I hope.

Your friend, Brandon



Dear Stroud Mansion,

I loved the tor you gave us. I might come with my mom one day again. My favorite part was when we opened the bag and found a skraper. Mine looked like a bell. In the kitchen I was squished on the bench. James Monroes pickter was really cool. Have a nice day.

Your friend, Gabrielle

Dear Stroud Mansion,

How are you doing. I'm fine. My favorite part was the Stroud Room and the picture of James Monroe. I know you have lots of favorite parts of that Mansion, but are there really cool stuff that are so cool you want it so bad? I hope to see you soon.

From your friend, Kayla



Volunteers in 2007

The following volunteers deserve a round of applause and our appreciation for their dedication and support of the Monroe County Historical Association. This group of generous people donated over 2,750 hours to share our history with members, friends and visitors in our many projects, events and fundraisers. Thank you!

Russ Albert	Dan Henning	Bill & Elsa Ramsden
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Patricia Fabel	Maryellen Mross	Todd & Shirley Weber
Suzanne Fabel	Clarence & Betty Murphy	Robert & Doris Wehe
Pam & Scott Finkbeiner	Margaret Muth	Jim Werkheiser
John Frailey	Paula Nawrocki	Rose Ann Whitesell
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Marie Guidry	Pocono Doll Club	Catherine Worthington
Kristin Scott Hamilton	Pocono Produce Company Inc.	Will Worthington
Ray Hartzell, Jr.	Pocono Mnts. Quilters Guild	Jeffrey Wright
Margaret Heller	Lynn & Richard Primrose	Shirley Young
Mary Henning	Maria Purington	



Holiday 2007 Wrap-Up



Tree decorated with paper dolls by the Pocono Doll Club

Words that describe the Stroud Mansion during the holiday season include warm, festive, and, of course, very merry. The staff and volunteers love this time of year, and it shows.

It took over two weeks to decorate the Mansion. This year, the decorating started before Thanksgiving to ensure that the building would be ready for Christmas. The 1795 Stroud Mansion was adorned with nine evergreen trees, fourteen wreaths, and candles in every window. The Christmas trees ranged in theme from the patriotic Daughters of the American Revolution tree to an all-natural pinecone tree.



Rebecca Spang, Museum Assistant, serves coffee to luncheon guests.

The Christmas at the Mansion Luncheon continues to be an enjoyable afternoon, and the word is spreading about this exclusive event. New faces attend each year, and because seating is limited, the

tickets for the luncheon go fast. Again this year, Little Angels catered the fundraiser, and we appreciate their support.

The menu was Italian-themed. The main course had red and green holiday colors incorporated into it -- baked chicken with spinach and sun-dried tomatoes. The chicken was accompanied with penne pasta, fresh tossed salad, rolls and desserts. MCHA members offered to help by donating tasty homemade desserts. From coconut cake to pumpkin pie, there was something for everyone. Warm holiday music for the luncheon was provided by pianist Eleanor Bender, violinist Numa Snyder, and vocalist Jan Peters.

Luncheon volunteers (l-r): Camille Breslauer, Marie Guidry, Anda Staab, MCHA Executive Director Amy Leiser, and May Ertle



Dave Russell and Friends warmed the spirits of a large audience with their annual holiday concert at the Stroud Mansion on Friday evening, December 21st. From classic Christmas carols to traditional hymns, the performers were once again amazing.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this holiday season at the Stroud Mansion so enjoyable.

Brownie Troop Has Party at Stroud Mansion Tracy Martin, Troop Leader

Decorated for the holidays, the Stroud Mansion provided the ideal setting for Brownie Troop 391's *Colonial Christmas Party* held on Dec 10, 2007. In true colonial style, the young ladies were escorted in and introduced to the party guests as they arrived at the gala. They were given a



lesson in etiquette, before dining with colonial-era dishes and drinking wassail punch. After dinner, the young ladies were taught to dance The Minuet and joined in singing Christmas Carols.

This Colonial Christmas Party was the final activity for the girls to earn their "Listening to the Past" Try-it badge. Other activities for the badge included a walking tour of downtown Stroudsburg following a guide published by the Monroe County Historical Association. Brownie Troop #391 is comprised of 14 girls ages 8 and 9 years and has met in Penn Estates for 3 years. Troop leaders are Tracy Martin and Laura Volpe. David Baxter acted as escort for the ladies, Mark Morella acted as the doorman, and Julie Harter coordinated the dinner.

(facing camera l-r) Lena Morella, Maria Johnson, Caroline Volpe, Katie Volpe

(backs to camera l-r) Allison Kuhns, Elia Toombs, Mikayla Johnson, Kaycee McElroy, standing: David Baxter



MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Stroud Mansion

900 Main Street, Stroudsburg (570) 421-7703
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month

Driebe Freight Station Art Gallery

537 Ann Street, Stroudsburg
Open *First Saturdays*

The Bell School

Cherry Valley Road, Stormsville - Hamilton Township
1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sundays, July and August
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