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2008 Directors Meetings

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

September 23, 2008

October 28, 2008

November 25, 2008

December – No meeting



Stroud Mansion Exterior Painting Project Completed

The two-year exterior restoration project for the Stroud Mansion is complete. The cost to restore the last two walls of the Stroud Mansion was \$19,600. This figure included the work to repair the stonework and stucco, paint the exterior of the old Mansion, and power wash and repaint the wooden portions of the 1893 addition located at the rear of the building.

The Monroe County Historical Association received a very generous grant from State Senator Lisa Boscola's office. MCHA secured \$15,000 in State money to restore the Stroud Mansion to its 1795 appearance. This funding from the General Assembly enabled our organization to undertake this important project. Additional contributions from MCHA members helped to defray the rest of the cost.



State Senator Lisa Boscola



Sobrinski Painting employee uses a small paintbrush to detail the blocks on the Stroud Mansion.

Executive Director Amy Leiser is already working to complete the final component of the project. She has applied for a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Grant through State Representative Mario Scavello's office to install lighting on the exterior of the building. This up-facing façade lighting will not only highlight the beauty of the structure, but provide security for the building and safety for pedestrians as well. It is the hope that this dramatic, yet tasteful, illumination will draw attention to the Stroud Mansion during the evening hours.

The Stroud Mansion is a focal point for Stroudsburg's Main Street. The beautiful historic home, telling the history of the entire area, offers a feeling of pride not only for Monroe County citizens, but for visitors as well.

Thank you to everyone who supported this project. It could not have been done without your continued generosity and support.

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

MCHA Sponsors

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The Monroe County Historical Association receives generous support from

Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Monroe County Commissioners.

Quilt Documentation Day

Marie Guidry



The Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild "Quilt Documentation Day" held on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at the Canadensis United Methodist Church was a great success. Sixty-five quilts were documented and digitally photographed by Guild members. Information on both the quilts and their makers were

recorded for posterity. A total of \$218.00 was received in donations, which will reimburse PMQG and MCHA for the up-front monies paid for the use of the church and to defray printing and other costs for the day.

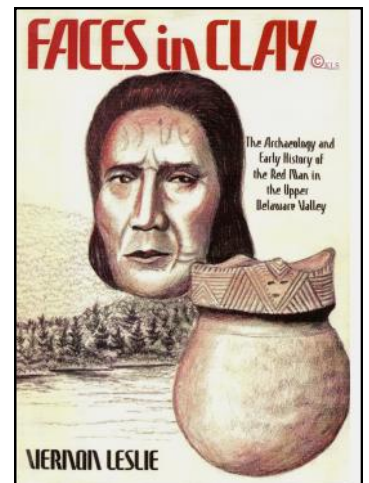
Highlights of the day included a 1907 signature quilt given to a 12 year old on his birthday and the yo-yo quilts, each of them put together in a different manner using the bubble gum pink fabric to create the pattern. One of the yo-yo quilts even had a saw-tooth border. A large thank you goes out to the approximately 15 volunteers who assisted throughout the day from Pocono Mountain Quilters' Guild, Mountain Laurel Quilters' Guild and MCHA Executive Director, Amy Leiser. In the future, tentative plans are to hold another documentation day in either the Tobyhanna or Bartonsville areas. Thank you again to each and everyone who volunteered.

New Book in Gift Shop

MCHA is pleased to announce a new book in the gift shop. *Faces in Clay, The Archaeology and Early History of the Red Man in the Upper Delaware Valley* by Vernon Leslie is now on sale for \$29.95. This is a second printing of his work published by his daughter Karlyn Leslie Shedlowski. *Faces in Clay*, appropriate for both scholars as well as arm-chair archaeologists and historians, focuses on the history of the native peoples during colonial acquisition through the late 1700s.

Sixty-seven pages of illustrations, a glossary of archaeological terms, and maps complete the work detailing the unique pottery design techniques used by the Minsi Indians.

Remember, MCHA members receive a 10% discount on all purchases in the gift shop. It's not too early to think of a Christmas gift for that special history buff!



Spring Appeal Wrap Up

Thank you to the many members and friends of the Monroe County Historical Association who contributed to the 2008 Spring Appeal. Through your generosity, a total of \$4,210.00 has been added to the General Operating Account.

The following members donated to the Spring Appeal since the last edition of *The Fanlight*. All of the contributions were greatly appreciated and have been used to further the Monroe County Historical Association's mission to promote, protect and preserve the rich history in Monroe County. Thank you again!

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Welcome New Members

Since July 1, 2008

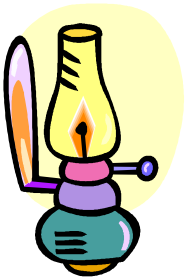
Individual/Family/Senior Members

Gallagher Family

Julie Kresge

Dennis Trach

New Exhibit at the Stroud Mansion



The Monroe County Historical Association will host a new exhibit beginning October 21, 2008. *Light After Dark – Lighting Devices from 1690 to 1900* will feature an amazing collection of various styles of early lamps and the hardware used to make them function.

From the humble betty lamp that burned animal lard to the ornate and eclectic lamps of the Victorian era, guests will be able to view the evolution of this important industry whose innovations continue to influence us today. Be sure to stop by the Stroud Mansion to view this enlightening exhibit!

Volunteer Needed at Quaker Cemeteries

A volunteer is needed to serve as a "watchdog" for the two Quaker Cemeteries in Stroudsburg. The Lehigh Valley Religious Society of Friends in Bethlehem has been maintaining the two cemeteries, but need additional help. This group agreed to care for the two Quaker burial grounds because they are the closest Quaker Meeting to Stroudsburg.

Bob Bauer, the volunteer coordinator of maintenance for 20 years, lives in Bethlehem and is no longer able to travel to Stroudsburg on a weekly basis to check on the cemeteries. All of the maintenance (including lawn moving and leaf removal) is covered, but Bob would appreciate if a volunteer could keep an eye on the condition of the cemetery and to let him know if either of the two cemeteries needs attention.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Bauer at (610) 867-4495 or bauers@rcn.com. Thank you in advance for taking an active role in maintaining and preserving this piece of Monroe County history.

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, and workshops

Discount Research Assistance



Membership Form

RENEWAL NEW MEMBER
Please check appropriate category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Individual (65 and over) | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple (65 and over) | \$20.00 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | \$150.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation/Municipal | \$250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor | \$500.00 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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

Monday, September 22

“On Par With History” Golf Tournament at Great Bear Country Club

\$125.00 per person includes green fees, cart,
all-American luncheon, dinner auction, tax and gratuities.
Registration & Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Shot-gun start - 1:00 p.m.

Cocktails - 6:00 p.m., Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Not a golfer? Join us for the dinner and auction.

\$35.00 per person

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Education Committee to participate in the *Pocono Record's*
Newspapers in Education Election Program for Educators

"Ins and Outs" of Political Campaigns

Eastern Monroe Public Library Community Room

Sunday, September 28

8K Run/Walk for History

Registration 7:30 - 8:30 am - Run begins at 8:35 a.m.

Pre-registration: \$18.00, Day-of: \$20.00

Start at the historic Dutot Museum in Delaware Water Gap and run/
walk through beautiful Cherry Valley.

Saturday, October 18

Spaghetti Dinner

J.T. Lambert Intermediate School, East Stroudsburg

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

November 27 - December 2

MCHA Offices Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday and Friday, December 11 and 12, 2008
Christmas Luncheon at the Stroud Mansion

Friday, December 19

Christmas Concert at the Stroud Mansion

Dave Russell & Friends

7:30 p.m. - Free

December 24, 2008 - January 1, 2009

MCHA Offices Closed – Happy Holidays!



From the Executive Director

Amy Leiser

Over the past four months, I have written about the Monroe County Historical Association's mission to "promote, preserve and protect" the rich history of Monroe County. In the May-June edition of the *Fanlight*, I discussed the importance of promoting MCHA in order to raise awareness about our organization and draw attention to the important work that we do. In the July-August edition, I focused on the hard work done by the staff and volunteers to preserve our artifacts and documents. Now, I would like to touch on the third, but equally important, aspect of our mission statement: the protection of Monroe County's history.

The Monroe County Historical Association has a wonderful collection of local memorabilia. From store ledgers to textiles and everything in between, Monroe County's past is well-represented. Recently, we began taking a closer look at each item in our collection.

Now that the staff and volunteers have begun to sort through the collections, we are gaining a better appreciation of the artifacts that we have. We always knew we had wonderful items, and we are now working to ensure these items are better protected. Papers, letters, and photographs are being placed in archival sleeves and envelopes, and textiles are being wrapped in acid-free tissue paper before being placed in acid-free boxes.

Over the decades and because of our limited space, some of the textile boxes in storage were stacked too high and were, unfortunately, damaged. Thankfully, the items inside the boxes remain in good condition, and we simply needed to replace the boxes. Most of the artifacts have been kept properly, but as we are cleaning closets and uncovering treasures, the current storage infrastructure is being re-evaluated.

I know I am biased, but I believe all of the items in the collections of the Monroe County Historical Association are great. Recently, one particular item did stand out to the staff. In 1951, MCHA received a waistcoat that had been worn by Daniel Brodhead. This embroi-

dered silk vest dates to 1667! The vest is truly an exquisite artifact and a unique piece of history. According to the book, *The Brodhead Family*, Daniel Brodhead was born in Yorkshire, England circa 1631. In 1660, Brodhead became Captain in the English Grenadiers and joined the expedition to sail to the New World to take New Netherlands from the Dutch. He, along with his wife Ann (Tye) Brodhead, and their two children, Charles and Daniel, arrived and began the Brodhead legacy in North America. The descendants of the original Daniel Brodhead family became very early settlers in Monroe County.



Daniel Brodhead's waistcoat dates to 1667.

Because we are striving to use artifacts to "tell the unique story of Monroe County," the Brodhead vest should be on display. Displaying such a piece is quite an endeavor. The vest will first need to be properly protected and sent away to be professionally conserved. A custom-built display case will need to be ordered, and a proper and safe location must be found. Then the waistcoat can be displayed so all can enjoy its beauty. Every fiber of this 17th century vest holds a piece of history and deserves protection.

No matter what the object or its age, all items relevant to Monroe County's story need to be protected. When it comes to the collections, every decision we make and every step we take moves us closer to fulfilling MCHA's mission to promote, preserve and protect Monroe County's rich history.

WORK CONTINUES ON STROUD MANSION GARDENS



Volunteers Kathy Boyle, Angelica Bertola, Evelyn Smith, and Frankie Bertola work in the gardens. Not pictured - Susan Kovarick and Andrew Cordaro

A special thank you to MCHA members who answered the request for garden tools in the last edition of *The Fanlight*. Arthur E. Arnold II donated watering cans and a weed sprayer and Karen and Gary McLoughlin purchased a gift card to Home Depot so volunteers could purchase new garden tools. Many of the plants you see at the Stroud Mansion come from the gardens of volunteers and their families: Andrew Cordero, Susan Kovarick, Evelyn Smith, and Kathy Boyle. Karen Larsen and John Meixell donated gorgeous mums to bring a touch of fall color to the garden. Also, we appreciated the mulch delivery from Tim Ace and the road crew from Stroudsburg Borough. Thank you to all!



New Garden Volunteers are always welcome.

Meet us in the garden on Tuesdays for one hour at 9:00 a.m. In addition to fall clean-up, we would like to plant bulbs for the spring.

Donations to purchase these spring bulbs would be appreciated.



Musings from the Mansion

Reporter in Residence, Monroe Mouse



Road Trip - What a jarring experience!

Here I was snoozing away in a corner of the Colonial Stroudsburg Traveling Trunk when I was rudely awakened. I cautiously crawled to the partially open trunk lid and found that I was being transported to an unknown destination. Well, never say that Monroe Mouse is not ready for an adventure. I just relaxed and waited to see what would happen next.

Thirty minutes later I arrived at Pleasant Valley High School and soon realized that the MCHA Education Committee had gathered there. Well, at least I knew I was in the company of friends. The day proved to be quite informative. Having spent most of my life in the Stroud Mansion, I was excited about learning more about this section of Monroe County.



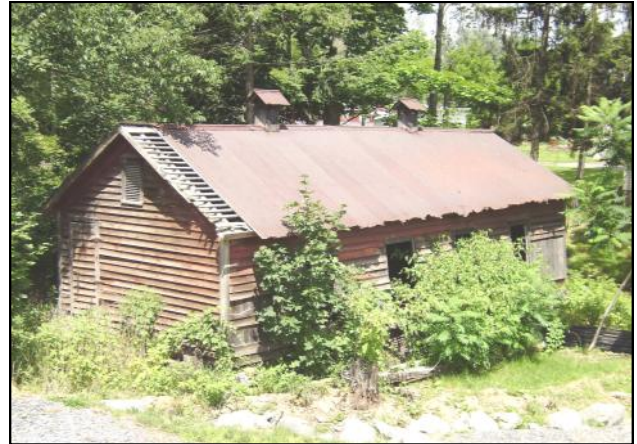
As part of the day-long workshop for Pleasant Valley staff, Barbara Braithwaite presented a map lesson on one village in the district. Participants drew on information from the 1875 map of Kresgeville to create an image of the village more than a century ago. Even those participants who had lived in the village for

years were surprised to see what a thriving community it had been in the 19th century.

A variety of mills all dependent on running water dotted the community. Water was diverted from the Pohopoko Creek to several millruns that fed the huge wooden wheels that drove the gears of the mills. If a saw mill and two lumber yards are indicators of growth, Kresgeville and the surrounding area were certainly expanding in this period. Add to the above two grist mills, a tannery, several hotels, a church, school, and stores and it appears that the town was also providing goods and services to surrounding farms and travelers.

Barbara had visited Kresgeville prior to the workshop and photographed many of the locations on the old map. Participants worked in groups to identify the buildings and their locations with the aid of the 1870

map. They were enthused about doing similar activities with their students using a variety of villages in the school district. The biggest mystery for most was the building pictured below. Barbara



concluded from the vents on the roof and the map location that it was probably the wintergreen mill. For those who did not know what wintergreen was Barbara passed out wintergreen mints. Lucky for me one landed on the floor within my reach. All of this made for a refreshing and informative day.

The MCHA Education Committee does interdisciplinary workshops on Monroe County history for educators on site at the Stroud Mansion and at school district locations. For additional information call 570-421-7703 or e-mail mcha@ptd.net.

Maps from 1875 representing Monroe County communities are available at the Stroud Mansion. Individual maps measure 23" x 18" and are \$2.00 each. These maps are particularly fascinating because they include family and/or business names for each location. Maps are a great way to make connections to the past.

Special thanks to Nancy May, Polk Township Supervisor who provided background information for Barbara's lesson. In addition, Barbara used the extensive archives of MCHA to develop her lesson.

Did you identify the mystery article from the last issue of *The Fanlight*? It was a wooden lemon squeezer found in the Colonial kitchen of the Stroud Mansion. We understand that Martha Stewart had

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Bell School Reunion



Bell School alumni and their families stand in front of the one-room schoolhouse.

from St. Louis, Missouri. He brought his grandson along for the ride so the younger generation could gain an appreciation of school life in a small one-room building.

Other former students brought photographs, books and other artifacts to share from their years at the school. Emma Jean (Fellencer) Waltz from Williamsport brought along a very interesting piece of Bell School memorabilia – an 1853 math book owned by her great-grandfather, Barnet Fellencer. Everyone enjoyed looking through the old book filled with beautiful penmanship.

Following the Bell School reunion, a delicious pot-luck luncheon was held at the Cherry Valley Methodist Church. A very special thank you to Bell School alumni Emma Jean (Fellencer) Waltz and John and Verna Dennis for organizing the reunion and luncheon.

An interesting article appeared in the April 18, 1917 edition of the *Monroe Democrat*. MCHA volunteer Bill Grumbine has been searching through the old newspapers looking for information on the Tobyhanna Army Depot. He came across this news article regarding a brush fire that broke out in Cherry Valley and the Bell School. The scanned article appears above.

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adopted this design for her line of kitchen utensils. Lemons were both rare and expensive in the colonies. They were imported from Spain and the Canary Islands. However, Daniel Stroud would have been able to afford them and could purchase them on any of his many trips to Philadelphia.

Now test your expertise with this issue's mystery item.

The Monroe County Historical Association held a special Bell School reunion on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Nine students from the Bell School returned to the old brick structure to share stories and memories about attending a one-room schoolhouse. One former student, David Shupp planned his vacation around the reunion and traveled

**BELL'S SCHOOL CHILDREN
FIGHT BIG FIELD BLAZE**

The spirit of co-operation—and it never was greater, that is, more mighty in practice than it is today, over all the world—was beautifully exemplified Tuesday at the farm of A. H. Fetherman, Cherry Valley, where scores of people came to the rescue of his men in fighting a field blaze. He takes this means of thanking each and all who helped.

It was at the dinner hour and word came to him that a brush fire which his son had built at a fence of a ten-acre field, had ignited the long grass of the tract. In a very few minutes people from Kemmerertown, Bossardsville and Stormville were found among the fire fighters. Everybody helped. The teacher of the Bell school, hearing of the fire, dismissed the school in order that the children might help.

They rushed to the scene and did noble work. The damage to the field was inconsiderable, but the high wind blowing might have carried sparks to distant wood tracts—and all were on the look out for any further trouble that, might occur. There is power in the union and unity of labor, said not a few, afterward, when they observed how thoroughly the work of salvage was effected.

Riddle

*My name has two parts not just one
So let's try to guess it just for fun.*

*Learning part one is another fun game,
because I have a "proper" girl's name.*

*Hang me from a beam or a chair.
I can be placed nearly anywhere.*

*In part two, you'll see the light,
when flame touches wick,
I'll shine bright.*



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Stroud Mansion

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

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
Other times by special appointment

Victorian Tea - Save the date!

The 17th Annual Victorian Tea has a new location. Next year's fund raising event will be held at the newly-renovated Terrace Ballroom at the historic Inn at Pocono Manor on Sunday, April 26, 2009. An expanded menu will feature cascades of pinwheel sandwiches in five varieties accompanied by an array of strudels, quiches and skewered vegetables. Baskets overflowing with breads, muffins, scones and croissants can be topped with an array of marmalades, preserves and sweet butters. Desserts will feature éclairs, napoleons, cannoli and chocolate dipped strawberries.



Look for more details in future editions of the Fanlight and plan to be a part of the fun!



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