



Board Officers

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Gala Co-Chairs

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- November 19 - Jean & Mike Rapp
- The Evolution of Flags
- December 17 - Society Holiday Dinner
- Beale Manor, 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$12.00
- January 21 - Show & Tell
- Favorite Collection or 'What Is It?'
- February 18 - Glenn Benner
- Pequea Dragoons,
2nd PA Cavalry, Co. D
- March 17 - Bruce Mowday
- Truth about the Johnson Gang

Board Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, December 10, 2015 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 11, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 14, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, June 9, 2016 - 7:00 pm

The Historical Society of Salisbury Township, the Welsh Mountain Center, and Grave Concern thank those who volunteered their time and all the interested visitors who came out on Saturday, September 26th to experience "Centuries of Life on the Mountain". Along with interpreters at 4 cemeteries ready to locate the graves of visitor's ancestors, The Forest came alive with the Lenni Lenape Indians' distant past, a mountain medicine man revealing ancient cures, a pioneer farmer of the 1700's, Civil War returnees who preferred the forest to farming and story-tellers recalling legends of the gangs who brewed their wild antics in the area as they brewed their "hooch" as late as the mid 1900's.

- Sherry Bagshaw & Leona Baker, Co-Chairs, Annual Fall Tour

Update of items received for the artifacts collection: scrapbook - Mrs. Ream; note book - Melvin Barr ; banner & stand for Lions Club, wooden hammer, bell, American flag on stand - James Ardrey; box of Gap town clock note cards - Doris Wambold

Condolences to Nancy Plumbley on the death of her husband, Gary, on Sept. 23, 2015. Gary & Nancy owners of Hershey's Azalea Farm in Gap, have been supporters of the society through donations for the Spring Gala auction.

Annual Historical Society of Salisbury Township

Christmas Dinner & Holiday Gathering

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.

at Beale Manor • 200 S. Church Street, Parkesburg, PA

Tickets \$12.00 per person

Lancaster County Amish Wedding Feast & Festive Desserts

Come for an evening of Great Food & Fellowship!

For tickets please contact:

Leonard Groff: 717-984-8001 or email lengroff@gmail.com

Alfred Gerhardt: 610-384-7711 ext. 3368

Rodney Smoker: rodneys@gapfamilycenter.org

Ticket sales end on Friday, December 11 - reserve your tickets today!

It is with much enthusiasm and respect that I write this note from my desk here within Salisbury township. Back in the summer I accepted the honor of serving as board chair and president for The Historical Society of Salisbury Township. My history here in the township includes being a community leader for many years, and having the privilege of working with this organization as a community partner in several capacities. I've spent the last several months learning more about this organization, its origin and current function. This task has included working with the key society members on some of the larger aspects of the society, and understanding more about the challenges and immediate needs as we continue to move quickly into 2016. It's been encouraging and inspiring through the hearts and eyes of many people that work hard to make a difference here in this community, as well as the potential we have as a society to grow more awareness and support for the preservation of our heritage. I do believe that we have much work to do, and some changes that will be necessary to navigate through

what is ahead. Please know that we need each other to work toward the goals we will soon identify as a team, as well as an organization. Our society will continue to contribute in many ways to educate and protect what was once alive and well in our township—as well as refurbish glimpses of yesteryear. Thank you to the many people that have come forward and asked how they may bring support during this time. Also a big thank you to the neighbors that will be learning more about how they can become involved. We need everyone to develop a way and help make a difference as we strive to create a place to display the many historical artifacts we have collected. It also seems very fitting this time of year to say Thank You to the committee members, program chairs and members elect for serving the society. It takes many hands to get things done. As a very good friend of mine always says, "together we can make a bigger difference than any one of us can alone." I wish you many blessings and happiness as you finish this year. Enjoy the holidays and Merry Christmas! ~ Rodney Smoker