



MANSION NOTES

CENTRE FURNACE MANSION

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Spring 2012

17th Annual Plant Celebration & Garden Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kick off the growing season at the Centre County Historical Society's 17th annual Plant Celebration & Garden Sale at the Centre Furnace Mansion. This sale features native and non-native plants from local growers and from the Mansion gardens.

Garden enthusiasts can choose from locally grown heirloom bulbs, herbs, annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs. Just in time for Mother's Day, the CFM Gardeners are creating Victorian inspired and low care terrariums and containers featuring popular succulent plants. These 2012 Plant Celebration featured arrangements are cheerfully called "Not Your Mother's Succulents".

Over 200 types of heirloom plants and bulbs are grown in the CFM gardens. Divisions from many Mansion plants, including lilacs, will be available for sale. During the Plant Celebration, many of the 25 varieties of heirloom lilacs will be blooming along with late spring bulbs and perennials - a wonderful time to visit the Mansion grounds.

Several activities are scheduled for Plant Celebration day. The Mansion will be open for tours with docents available to answer your questions. Archaeologists will be close-at-hand to tell the story of the exhibit *Those Who Came Before, The Archaeology of Centre County's Native Americans*.

The gardens and grounds, including the furnace stack, will also be open for touring.

Master Gardeners from the Penn State Extension will answer gardening questions and facilitate a Rain Barrel Workshop (described on page 7). A free planting activity for children ages 2-12 will be available! Children can select two annuals (while supplies last) and place them in pots to take home for Mother's Day.

Selling plants and garden related treasures, CCHS warmly welcomes back "perennial vendors": Common Ground Organic Farm, Deb's Flower Farm, Effie's Common Scents (carried on by Effie's family), Jim Eisenstein, Go Native Tree Farm, Rose Franklin's Perennials, Sarah Berndt, Shuey's Market, Tait Farm Foods, Young American Growers, as well as the CFM Gardeners.

The Plant Celebration and Garden Sale is one of CCHS's largest fundraising events. Do your spring Mother's Day and garden shopping here. Proceeds will benefit the gardens and grounds of the historic Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School properties.

Parking will be available in the lower lawn along College Avenue, and off of Porter Road. Admission to the Plant Celebration is FREE. For details, please visit www.centrecountyhistory.org.



Plant Celebration Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Plant Sale**
- **Open House** - Mansion, grounds, exhibit.
- **Ask the Master Gardener.*** Bring plant samples for disease and/or insect damage identification.



9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- **"One for Me, One for Mom."** Free children's plant activity.*



11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- **Rain Barrel Workshop.*** Brief slide show and demonstration, then assemble a rain barrel. \$35/person, includes supplies. Space is limited; RSVP required.

*Asterisk indicates "Hosted by the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County."



About the Centre County Historical Society

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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) is the oldest and largest history organization in the county, serving as the official historical society of Centre County. It is a community and volunteer based non-profit educational organization that works collaboratively with local, regional, county, and state organizations in helping to preserve and promote the area's historic, cultural, and natural resources.

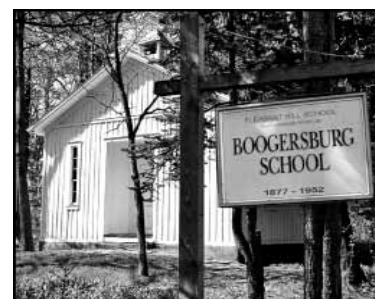
CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century beginnings of Penn State University, originally located on furnace lands. The site offers more than eight acres of landscaped grounds and gardens.

CCHS disseminates historical information about Centre County; offers programs and exhibits of historical and cultural interest for children and adults; marks and helps preserve and protect the Centre Furnace Mansion property and grounds, Boogersburg School, and other historical sites and landscapes in Centre County; maintains a collection of artifacts, books, manuscripts, maps and photographs; and publishes and promotes interest in historically significant publications relating to Centre County.

Society members and others in the community are invited to support these activities by contributing to the Centre County Historical Society Endowment Fund, managed by the Centre County Community Foundation.

Mansion Notes is published as a benefit of membership in the Centre County Historical Society, which is made possible through the G. Harold Keatley Fund.

The Centre County Historical Society (CCHS) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. Code. Donations are tax deductible. Official registration and financial information about CCHS may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Upcoming Events

at Centre Furnace Mansion

May

May 12

Plant Celebration & Sale

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hosted by the CFM Gardeners.

Activities by the Penn State Extension
Master Gardeners of Centre Co.

May 20

Native American Archaeology

Collections Day

Archaeologists on site.

2:00 p.m. Sun.

June

June 10

History Talk: Archaeology of the
French & Indian War

Speaker: Jonathan Burns

2:00 p.m. Sun.

June 17

Father's Day: Iron Smelting
Demonstration

Facilitator: Dr. Steven Walton

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sun.

June 26-27

Centre Gives - 36-hour

Online Fundraiser Event

Details: TBA

August

August 19

Open House

Boogersburg One-Room School

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sun.

Ongoing

Through October

Exhibit: "Those Who Came Before:
The Archaeology of Centre County's
Native Americans"

1:00-4:00 p.m. Sun./Wed./Fri.

*For more event details, visit CCHS
online: www.centrecountyhistory.org.

President's Corner



While it probably isn't necessary to list, letter by letter, the activities that go on during the year at CCHS, Mansion Notes readers might be interested in following along with this alphabetical sampling, and perhaps offer their own additions to the list. So beginning with A is for . . . :

- **Archaeology** – The *Those Who Came Before* exhibit now open through October 2012, continues to be well attended by adults and children.
- **Books** – and other publications are developed by CCHS and are available for research and sale in our gift shop.
- **Children** – Hundreds of them visit the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School to learn about the past while making comparisons with then and now.
- **Docents** – CCHS's many, many generous and gifted educators meet and greet these children, and an increasing number of visiting adults.
- **Education and Entertainment** – a steady stream of programs are offered throughout the year.
- **Fancy Forms and Familiar Functions** – a sampling of central PA's fine handiwork, examples of Everyday Objects were abundant in our spring exhibit.
- **Gardens** – they are particularly beautiful this spring -- planned, planted and maintained by our talented Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners.
- **Heritages** – CCHS has been producing these publications for more than fifty years.
- **Interns** – History, American Studies, Geography, Landscape Architecture are a few of the Penn State departments that have matched outstanding students with CCHS projects.
- **Joining** CCHS keeps members informed about programs, activities, community efforts.
- **Keeping** in touch and supporting activities of other like-minded organizations in Centre County encourages and enhances the region's richness.
- **Lilacs in bloom** – just one of the reasons the Mansion is worthy of a special visit this spring.
- **Members** – they, i.e., you, are the backbone of CCHS's operation.
- **Newsletter** – information is sent quarterly highlighting CCHS activities and 'activists'.

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~ From the Archives ~ A Wedding Journey: Centre County, April 1833

by Cathy Horner, CCHS Volunteer Researcher

In 2011, the most popular honeymoon destination for those married in the United States was Hawaii. From Pennsylvania, that would mean a very long flight – but a trip able to be accomplished in one day. In 1833, Catherine and Abner Goddard of Union County, Pennsylvania decided that part of their wedding trip would be to travel from Union County to Pittsburgh – seven days in a covered wagon.

In the CCHS archives is a 1930 newspaper article containing excerpts from a diary Abner kept of this trip. The distances he recorded are amazing for 1833 – no speedometer nor other measuring device, but still fairly accurate. (Note: The Withington Tavern mentioned was at present day Old Fort.)

Following are the journal entries for the Centre County portion of the Goddard wedding journey:

April 18th – Started our journey this morning for the west with pretty heavy hearts. Through Hartley township, entered the Narrows at 3 ½ o'clock. Stopped at Kleckner's tavern a little before sunset in Haines township, Centre County, and put up for the night. Also found a pretty good natured landlady, ect. [sic] Catherine seemed rather awkward in a strange kitchen.

April 19th – Started this morning one-half after six o'clock with cheerful countenances. Ate a hearty breakfast. Seven miles through the Narrows to Penn's Valley, and five miles from Kleckner's to Aaronsburg – one from Aaronsburg to Millheim. Paid sixteen cents toll for sixteen and one-half miles, from there forty cents more toll. Found the roads dry and pretty good traveling. Saw several Dutch farmers along the way. Came through Haynes and Craig [Gregg] into Potter township this forenoon and stopped at Withington's tavern at noon, eleven miles from Aaronsburg. Came through Potter township this afternoon and through Boalsburg and arrived at O'Bryan's tavern and put up for the night in the township of Ferguson. Found a pretty decent house and was also well accommodated. Catherine seemed in better spirits today.

April 20th – Started this morning at one-half past 6 o'clock from Daniel O'Bryan's in Ferguson Township, Centre County. Came through Patton Township and arrived at McGowen's tavern at noon in Franklin township, Huntingdon County. Started from McGowen's and arrived at Kinkeads in Morris Township, Huntingdon County. Here we found a neat house and accommodating people. Catherine seemed to improve in the art of managing a strange kitchen.

Four days later Catherine and Abner arrived in Pittsburgh, the city with the “steam works” according to the diary. Reading about this trip now almost 180 years later, it hardly fits our present day definition of a honeymoon. We hope that Catherine and Abner had a long and happy marriage....and that Catherine never saw this diary with Abner's critique of her kitchen skills!

This newspaper article is one of the thousands of items found in the archives of the Centre County Historical Society Archives. Research is available by appointment: Contact (814) 234-4779, or email research@centrefurnace.org.

Another Wedding from the Archives...



This early 20th century wedding photo features Mabel Thompson's marriage to John R. Woodcock at the Centre Furnace Mansion. Pictured: Irvin P. Thompson, John R. Woodcock, Lee Woodcock, William Schuetz, Wayne B. Thompson, Robert D. Dripps, Mabel Furst, Ella Cassidy, Mabel Thompson, Ethel Woolverton, Mary Thompson, and Mary Christ.

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Weddings are a tradition at the Centre Furnace Mansion

Blooming with Victorian inspiration, the gardens and grounds of the historic Centre Furnace Mansion offer a charming venue to host a wedding - a tradition stemming back to at least the early 20th century. On June 10, 1908, Mabel Thompson (the granddaughter of ironmaster Moses Thompson) hosted one of the earliest photographed celebrations on the Mansion grounds, pictured above with her groom John R. Woodcock.

Today, the Mansion continues to welcome garden weddings and receptions, special reunions, and other private functions by those who appreciate the specialness of the facility, providing CCHS with a source of income to continue its operations and mission well into the future.

- **Open space and its preservation** – an ongoing effort to appreciate and savor the county's rural landscape.
- **Preserving** Centre County's built landscape and Promoting the understanding of Centre County's story is a major goal.
- **Quests** for information very often lead to . . .
- **Research** – searching for and finding of answers from our Society documents collections.
- **Special events** – Plant Celebration, Day of Caring, Stocking Stuffer Show are three special events held each year to support and maintain CCHS's efforts.
- **Together** we can continue to increase awareness of and respect for Centre County's heritage and sense of place.
- **Unanimous** thanks from members of the Society's board and staff for the many ways in which the community supports CCHS.
- **Volunteer Virtuosos** – CCHS is absolutely blessed with them.
- **Website** – the CCHS website combined with Facebook, Twitter, and Constant Contact communiqués encourages participation through this era's social media.
- **X** marks the spot where much of these activities are initiated – at the Mansion headquarters.
- **Year after Year** – for more than 108, the Centre County Historical Society has moved forward.
- **Zestfully and with Zeal** – together we continue to explore the riches of Centre County, from A to Z – from Aaronsburg to Zion.

~ Jackie Melander



Photo courtesy of SingleExposure Photography

Upcoming CCHS Programs

Artifact Collectors Day

Sunday, May 20

2 p.m. @ Centre Furnace Mansion

Have you discovered a Native American artifact in your back yard or in the Centre County area? Bring your personal finds to show and tell, or to have identified by archaeologists. Learn about how to document found artifacts so that they may have research value in the future. See private Centre County collections that are normally not on public view.

This program will be facilitated by Archaeologists and Bald Eagle Archaeological Society members Melissa Diamanti and Mary Alice Graetzer.



Archaeology of the French and Indian War

Sunday, June 10

2 p.m. @ Centre Furnace Mansion

Dr. Jonathan Burns

A native of Huntingdon County, Dr. Burns is a Lecturer in History at Juniata College, Lecturer in Anthropology at Penn State Altoona, Instructor of the Penn State University archaeology field school, and Research Director of the non-profit organization AXIS Research, Inc. His interests include archaeological method and theory, spatial analysis, culture contact, human ecology, development anthropology, and the colonial roots of globalization.

Most recently, Dr. Burns has become involved with archaeological research of French and Indian War-era forts in Pennsylvania. His work at Fort Shirley in Huntingdon County has successfully located the palisade fort and will continue to provide a compelling glimpse into frontier life at this unique archaeological site. You can follow Dr. Burns' excavations on the AXIS Research, Inc. Facebook page, or at www.axisresearchinc.org.



Iron Smelting Demonstration on Father's Day!

Sunday June 17

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ Centre Furnace Mansion

Dr. Steven Walton

Steven Walton, Assistant Professor of Science, Technology & Society (STS) at Penn State and an historian of industry, will be smelting iron from rock ore on the Centre Furnace Mansion grounds.

Using crushed iron ore and charcoal, the process turns rock into metal over the space of about 6 hours. Dr. Walton will be using a modern-materials replica of a low shaft iron blast furnace--a small-scale replica of what went on in the Centre Furnace itself from 1796 to the 1820s. The experimental furnace is made from a modern terra-cotta chimney liner and a straw-clay mixture and replicates an early medieval furnace, with the exception that the air blast comes from a modern blower rather than a waterwheel.

In the early morning, the furnace gets lit and heated until it is full of glowing charcoal and then alternate layers of iron ore and charcoal are added as it burns itself down. If all goes well, by later afternoon a 'bloom' of iron will have formed in the middle of the furnace. When the last ore is added and the charcoal burns itself out, we can recover the bloom and (hopefully) begin to forge it. There will be discussion all day long about the process, the history of iron mining and iron making, as well as an opportunity to see the process in action. Visitors are welcome to come and go throughout the day.

Those Who Came Before

Exhibit extended through October 2012

If you have not made it out to see this fascinating exhibit, now you have a little more time: Because of the strong public interest, the exhibit has been extended through October 2012. Already enjoyed by hundreds of visitors including several school field trips and group tours from other organizations, *Those Who Came Before* explores the rich history of the people who lived in Central Pennsylvania for thousands of years before Euro Americans arrived. On display inside the Centre Furnace Mansion's reconstructed ice house, this exhibit is presented by the Centre County Historical Society, the Bald Eagle Archaeological Society, and Penn State's Matson Museum of Anthropology. Graphic design for exhibit was donated by Kellie Rae Waksmunski, Landscape Architecture student, Penn State University.

About Fraktur

Excerpts from Robert Conrad's Program

Fraktur are examples of a folk art unique to Pennsylvania German heritage. These documents featured "fractured" ink lettering framed by nature-inspired watercolor motifs. Used to mark special occasions such as birth, baptism, and marriage, or used as bookplates or rewards of merit, fraktur were fashionable, functional records of events.

The earliest fraktur were entirely hand drawn, each letter and motif individually created using pen and ink. Itinerant artists, who sought to mass produce fraktur, used wood blocks to stamp templates before filling in the blanks and hand-coloring the motifs. Printed on rag or wove paper, fraktur came in standard full, half and quarter sheets, the largest typically being 16" x 13" in size.

Most fraktur went unsigned, but three known names associated with Centre County fraktur are Daniel Otto (the "Flat Tulip Artist" ca. 1770-1820), Henry Young (ca. 1792-1852), and J. S. Ellsworth (the "Four Corners Artist" active ca. 1857-1869).

To learn more about fraktur, consult books by Henry Borneman, Donald Shelley, or most recently by Corinne and Russell Earnest.

Rain Barrel Workshop

by Judy Heberling, CFM Gardener

How can you protect the environment, save money and energy, and provide chemical-free water to your garden plants all at the same time? The answer is easy: Install a rain barrel—or two—next to your downspout.

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater directly from roof gutters, making it possible to recycle water that would otherwise run off onto the ground or into storm sewers and streams. According to the EPA, "lawn and garden watering make up nearly 40% of total household water use during the summer." Installing a rain barrel, however, can save nearly 1,300 gallons of water during the warm dry months of the gardening season and provide a regular supply of clean fresh water for outdoor use.

Rain barrel technology is simple and inexpensive, requiring only a large watertight drum, vinyl hoses, a brass faucet, and a few other supplies that are readily available at local hardware stores.

On **May 12th**, the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County will be hosting a rain barrel workshop at the Centre Furnace Mansion. Join instructor Jeff Sturniolo of ClearWater Conservancy for techniques and a demonstration before you assemble your own. Registration is \$35, including all the necessary supplies. White plastic 55-gallon barrels were donated by a local business.

Space is limited; registration is required. To RSVP, contact Megan Orient at (814) 234-4779, or email morient@centrefurnace.org.



Many, many thanks!

Thank you for your generous donations, in-kind services, and valuable time – all integral in helping CCHS continue to preserve Centre County history and make it available to the public.

Winter & Spring Program Speakers– These program speakers graciously donated their time, enabling CCHS to make the programs free to the public: **Jeffrey D. Wert**, **Bob White**, and **Robert Conrad**.

Betty Arnold– For her continued support and efforts in organizing the CCHS Library of more than 2,000 books, publications, magazines, and more.

Jessica Brockett– Who continues to conduct a full inventory of the collections housed in and displayed at the Centre Furnace Mansion. She's been involved in this project for 18 months, with the assistance of her mother Yvonne Templeton.

Rick Fourroux and Robert McLaughlin– For their recent efforts in developing a map of Centre County flour mills through 1861. Rick, a Penn State Geography/GIS student, will graduate May 2012. Robert is a long-time member and friend of CCHS, and a member of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. Watch for more details about the release of this map in the coming months!

Cathy Horner– Who fields research requests from broad to bizarre. Some take minutes, others take hours to solve. Additionally, for her on-going efforts to inventory the archives piece by piece.

Special thanks always to those who come regularly to give tours at the Mansion, interpret the 19th century classroom at Boogersburg School, make our gardens beautiful through time and donations, and those who help with writing, research and coordinating the many efforts that take place in the world of CCHS.

Everyday Objects Exhibit a Stunning Success!



Everyday Objects attracted over 300 visitors including Girl Scout, Boy Scout, school, and church groups. Pictured above and below is one Brownie Troop that toured the Centre Furnace Stack and Mansion, as well as the Everyday Objects Exhibit. *(By the way, Happy 100th Anniversary, Girl Scouts!)*



CCHS sincerely thanks everyone who helped with this exhibit and programming, including: Olivia Perdew, Richard Pencek, Diane & Jim Farr, Barbara Brosnan, Jackie Melander, Lewis & Gail Biddle, Bob Eisenbraun, photographers Fredric Weber and Ian Lopera, graphic designer David Lembeck, speakers Bob White and Robert Conrad, and the State College Branch of AAUW for funding for the exhibit.

Boogersburg School News

by Sharon Childs, Boogersburg School Coordinator

After a rigorous training session in the fall (see the smiles below), the “school mistresses” of Boogersburg were ready to share a bit of yesteryear with 1st and 2nd graders from the State College School District.



Far row: Linda Witmer, Doyle Wilkerson, Carole Rose, Jackie Melander. Middle row: Linda Forrest, Jane Sheeder, Bonnie Abrams. Near row: Helen Roback

Dressed in period attire complete with bustles, pocket watches and shawls, these amazing volunteers came to ‘work’ throughout the winter months to give more than 450 eager children the opportunity to experience American education as it used to be. The ‘thank you’ notes below provide a glimpse into that very special experience through the eyes of the children*.

Miss McCurdy,

Thank you for being our teacher at the one room school house. I had a great time using the slates. I’m glad that I can write some cursive words. I loved being Willi Musser! The mental math was very fun. I was interested that the boys and the girls coats had to be separated. I loved Boogersburg School. I hope to go back soon.

From,
Willi

Dear Miss Ralston,

Thank you for showing us what they would do in a one-room school house. I liked it when we played Simon Says. Spelling in cursive was fun. I also liked the math lesson. It was fantastic when we played Whisper Down the Lane. It was funny too. When you said that Boogersburg School was an art studio I thought that was interesting. Thank you for the great fun.

Sincerely,
Grace

**The children’s names have been changed.*

We are very fortunate to have these talented women in our midst and extend a heartfelt ‘thank you’ to each one for keeping a piece of Centre County history alive:

Bonnie Abrams – Miss Ralston
Linda Forrest – Miss Webb
Nancy Jacobson – Miss Jay
Gloria Nieweg – Miss Lotz
Helen Roback – Miss Roback
Carole Rose – Miss Cornog
Jane Sheeder – Miss Pennington
Nancy Silverman – Miss McCurdy
Doyle Wilkerson – Miss Lee
Linda Witmer – Miss Webster

To become a docent, or for program information, please contact Sharon Childs: (814) 234-4779 or boogersburg@centrecountyhistory.org.





Spring UP Day!

The Centre Furnace Mansion was buzzing with activity on **Spring UP Day**, Saturday, April 11! An amazing amount of work was completed at Centre Furnace Mansion to spruce up the grounds and gardens, including the installation of garden signage.

We had a super time working with Penn State students and staff from the Penn State Office of Physical Plant (OPP). These volunteers came out through the **WE ARE Campaign**, a student initiative dedicated to broadening the meaning of "WE ARE...PENN STATE!" by fostering civility, respect, caring, dialog, awareness, and involvement in the community. The WE ARE Campaign, which strives to unite students, alumni, faculty, staff, and State College residents in the common goal of making Penn State a better place for all, works closely alongside the Alumni Association and the Office of Physical Plant, and is a member of the Council of Lionhearts.

Many thanks to:

Penn State Student Volunteers – Mallory Bobak, Alex Green, Bo Grove, Jackie Gunanick, Kara Landay, Sara Nealis, Jenny Nolan, Larissa Phifer, Matt Rivera, Dan Roberts, Stephanie Sheppard, Walter Unangst, Joanna Zappalla.

Penn State Office of Physical Plant – Greg Andrews, Heather Ayers, Jeff Dice, Todd Dobson, Mike Milliken.

Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners – Katie Frieden, Judy Heberling, Beverly Lipski.

Treats courtesy of – Susan Bowser, Katie Frieden, Marian Hamby, and CCHS.

"Centre Gives" June 27-28

The Centre County Community Foundation (CCCF) is planning a special event called **Centre Gives**, a 36-hour online matching donation event, which will take place on June 27-28, 2012. Centre Gives will enable charitable organizations that serve Centre County (like the Historical Society) to raise a large amount of funds in a short period of time. Countywide, matching funds of \$100,000 will be available from CCCF (*providing the potential to double a donation; OR receive pro-rated matching amounts if total funds raised exceed \$100,000*). Money raised will be made directly available to the nonprofits on whose behalf it is received.

Match Days have been organized in many communities across the United States, resulting in the raising of hundreds of thousands of dollars! We hope that you will join in making Centre Gives a successful event for CCCF, and for the Historical Society!

Note: This is an **ONLINE** event, and we will need your help to get the word out! On June 27-28, we will be asking supporters of the Historical Society to log onto **CentreGives.org**, a designated secure donation site, to make a donation to CCHS. If every friend of CCHS makes a donation of \$10 or more, we could easily raise over \$10,000, with the potential for a \$10,000 match – in 36 hours! This would be an historic event for the Historical Society!

We hope you will carefully consider this special event as a time to give to CCHS. Watch for news in the coming weeks for directions on how to donate.





Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

On-Going

Now - Summer 2012

“Three Ladies and the Birth of a Tradition”; and
 “A long rifle exhibit by Philip Saurlander”
 Tu. & Sat. 2:00-4:00 p.m. @ Boalsburg Heritage Museum
www.boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

Up-Coming

May 5

Fifth Annual Linden Loop Event
 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. @ Rock Hill School, Centre Hall
<http://rockhillschoolatlindenhall.blogspot.com/>

May 12

Music at the Boal Mansion
 7 p.m. @ Boal Mansion, Boalsburg
www.boalmuseum.com

May 19

Open House & Manual Tools Exhibit
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. @ Pasto Agricultural Museum, PSU
www.agsci.psu.edu/pasto

May 20

Sunday Afternoon Concert
 2:30 p.m. @ Centre Co. Library Museum, Bellefonte
www.bellefontearts.org/library_concerts.htm

May 28

Memorial Day Open House
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. @ Heritage Museum, Boalsburg
www.boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

Jun. 2

Spring Creek Festival & 5K
 8:30am Race; 10am-2pm Festival
 @ Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, State College
www.clearwaterconservancy.org/springcreekday.htm

Jun. 14-15

Collect Union & Confederate Civil War Patriotic Covers
 Online Course @ American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte
<http://stamps.org/On-the-Road-Courses>

Jun. 16

31st Annual Strawberry Festival
 4pm - 8pm @ Village Green, Lemont
www.lemontvillage.org



Area Plant Sales

In addition to the CCHS's Plant Celebration, many local organizations are hosting plant sales this spring as well. Be sure to shop around to see the wonderful plant varieties available for sale.

May 5

Pennsylvania Native Plant Society 2012 Plant Sale
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 @ Shavers Creek Environmental Center, Petersburg

May 5 - 6

Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Annual Show
 Sat. 1-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 @ Snider Ag Arena, Penn State

May 12

Centre County Historical Society Plant Celebration
 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 @ Centre Furnace Mansion, State College

May 12

Lemont Plant Sale
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 @ Village Green, Lemont

May 12

The Arboretum at Penn State 2012 Plant Sale
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 @ H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens, Penn State

May 19

2012 Garden Fair & Plant Sale, by the Penn State Extension
 Master Gardeners of Centre County
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 @ Ag Progress Days Site, Entrance J, Penn State



CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Membership

New members welcome anytime.



Your membership and gifts support all aspects of the the Centre County Historical Society's operations in our mission to "help people understand, experience, appreciate and preserve Centre County's cultural and natural heritage." Membership benefits include: *Mansion Notes* - the Society's quarterly newsletter; *Centre County Heritage* - the Society's annual journal; advance notice of programs; discounted special event admission rates, and a 10% discount on all CCHS publications.

Thank you to all of our new and continuing members. We hope you value your membership in the Centre County Historical Society as much as we value your support and participation. We invite you to return your membership renewal, if you have not yet renewed for this year. Make checks payable to CCHS and send to 1001 E. College Avenue, State College, PA 16801.

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