

Flying the Mail in Centre County, 1918-1949

by Kitty Wunderly

World War I had countless negative effects, but the handful of positive ones included the useful experience gained in aviation and

its peacetime possibilities, a quantity of aircraft left over from the war, and a body of young men who had received training and experience as pilots.

All of these factors contributed to the U.S. Post Office Department's commitment to building a system of airmail in the United States in the early 20th century.

With more speed than was practical or desirable, the POD cobbled together a pioneer airmail system by the end of 1918, and Bellefonte was surprised to find itself in national headlines for the role it was chosen to play: the only official landing site in Pennsylvania on the aviators' path from Long Island to Cleveland (the initial portion of the eventual transcontinental airmail route).

The terrain, the weather, and the insubstantial aircraft led to events of bravery and tragedy, but with moments of comedy as well, as the mostly young pilots acted as young men often do: with far more non-chalance than prudence.

By 1925 the mail was flying by night and across the continent, and the POD decided to give a boost to commercial aviation in the United States by bringing the private sector into the mail system. Contracts were awarded to private airlines to take over the airmail and,

in the 1930s, broaden it to include towns throughout America that had no airfields.

Numerous patents ranging from serious aeronautical science to the positively nutty were filed with the U.S. Patent Office for methods of retrieving mail by airplane without the necessity of landing. The Post Office Department eventually did select and develop a system patented in 1938 by Dr. Lytle S. Adams, an oral surgeon. The Adams system was popularly known as "clothesline mail," which pretty well described it.

Beginning in May 1939, 55 Pennsylvania towns were included in the new airmail pickup route. Local residents over the age of 75 or so may recall seeing the pickups in action in State College or Pleasant Gap. I have been told that going to watch the procedure was a popular outing for old and young alike.

Economic issues aside (commercial aviation did, of course, prosper from its postal beginnings), the human interest aspect of these dangerous, heroic, and zany airmail stories is irresistible. I hope you will attend and enjoy the many old photographs in the program, mostly from Centre County, and perhaps share your own memories of local clothesline mail!

Kitty Wunderly is a local historian and author of *Bellefonte and the Early Airmail*. For the rest of the story, join CCHS and Kitty at the Centre Furnace Mansion Sunday, June 30th at 2:00 p.m.



Max Miller, U.S. Air Mail Pilot No. 1, landed in Bellefonte on Sept. 19, 1918, in search of a location for an official airmail station in Pennsylvania.



Bizarre but very efficient, the pick-up and delivery system known as "clothesline mail" brought airmail service to small-town America

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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.

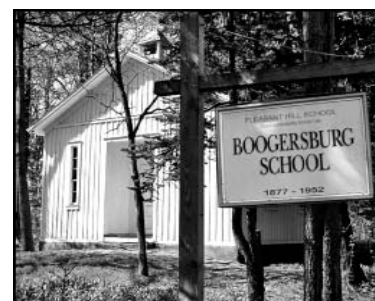
CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century 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.

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Upcoming CCHS Events

May

Now - Dec 22

Exhibit: A Common Canvas
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sun./Wed./Fri.

May 11

18th Annual Plant Celebration
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat.

May 15

History Talk: A War, Three Women,
and a Tradition
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
7 p.m., Wed.

May 22-23

"Centre Gives" Online Giving Event
@ www.centregives.org
6 a.m. Wed. - 6 p.m. Thurs.

May 22

CCHS Centre Gives Open House
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Wed.

June

Jun 30

History Talk: Flying the Mail in Centre
County: 1918-1949
Speaker: Kitty Wunderly
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
2 p.m., Sun.

August

Aug 8

CBICC Business After Hours
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Thurs.

Aug 18

Open House
@ Boogersburg School
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Sun.

For details, visit: centrecountyhistory.org.

President's Corner



The French Connection

One of the many benefits at CCHS is the variety of rich experiences that surface, and if "variety is the spice of life," we often have opportunities to sample some intriguing tastes.

An example: An important collection in the CCHS archives is the George Gray Barnard papers. Barnard (1863-1938), a Bellefonte native, was a prominent American sculptor with works in major museums including featured pieces at the entrance to the State Capitol in Harrisburg. His other claim to fame was as a collector of French architectural fragments dating from the Middle Ages. Brought to the United States, they form the basis for the Cloisters Museum in New York City. The Barnard papers were assembled by the late Harold E. Dickson, a highly regarded Penn State art historian and Barnard specialist. His collection was given to CCHS by Dickson's daughter, Rae Dickson Chambers.

CCHS often receives requests for information about this collection from Barnard scholars. The most recent one was focused on French artist Fernand Léger, a Barnard contemporary. It involved a watercolor by Léger inscribed, "To George and Edna". The researcher had learned from other sources, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, that the painting was a gift to the Barnards from Léger. His question to CCHS, however, was related to the identity of the woman featured in the watercolor – a woman strolling with her dog near Rue de Faubourg Saint-Honoré in Paris.

His questions: Were the Barnards in Paris at the time the painting was done (1927), and did they own a dog? The answer to both questions was yes, based on Barnard letters in our collection that were located by CCHS researcher Cathy Horner. And, based on information the questioner had uncovered from his other sources, he is offering the speculation that this Léger painting with Edna's image was a personal gift to his friends, the Barnards.

The watercolor will, in all likelihood, be included in an exhibit featuring the work of Fernand Léger that will open at the Philadelphia Museum of Art this October. Called *Léger: Modern Art and the Metropolis*, the exhibit will complement a significant painting by Léger, *The City*, in the Museum's collection.

Enthusiastic thanks to Cathy for her skillful detective work on behalf of CCHS.

~ Jackie Melander

A War, Three Women and a Tradition

Presented by Bob Hazelton & Cathy Horner

Wednesday, May 15 | 7:00 p.m.

The recent rediscovery of Civil War era letters from a Boalsburg family has sparked new research behind the Memorial Day tradition, resulting in an in-depth look into the lives of the three women credited with having started Memorial Day. The letters provide a first-hand account of life in Boalsburg during that most threatening time in our history. The research has extended to distant parts of our country, providing details and photos never before assembled, and a unique view of the Civil War, its impact on Boalsburg, and the creation of Memorial Day. At this history talk, a temporary exhibit will open, including objects and documents borrowed from the Boalsburg Heritage Museum.

New Website to be Unveiled in May

More than 20 years ago, CCHS was among the first county historical societies in Pennsylvania to have a website. After years of adding many components to this original framework, the time has come to bring our most important communication tool into the 21st century and make it a more cohesive and navigable site. We anticipate the new website will be ready for view by mid-May, and we will announce its unveiling by e-mail!

This website project is being made possible in part through a grant provided by the Centre County Board of Commissioners and Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Historic Preservation Awards

Sunday, October 20 | 3:00 p.m.

Nominations are now being accepted for individuals or organizations who have demonstrated excellence in their efforts to preserve Centre County history whether through structural or environmental preservation or through a project or program that preserves our county's rich history.

For more information or to submit a nomination for the CCHS Historic Preservation Awards, contact Megan Orient at morient@centrefurnace.org or 814-234-4779.

Centre Gives: May 22-23

6:00 a.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Thursday

The Centre County Historical Society looks forward to once again participating in the Centre Gives 36-hour online giving event sponsored by Centre Foundation.

Donors may visit CentreGives.org to help CCHS raise funds that will further our mission of helping people understand, experience, appreciate, and preserve Centre County's cultural and natural heritage.

Centre Gives is a unique online giving opportunity. In 2012, Centre County responded by donating over \$415,000 to benefit 74 nonprofits that serve Centre County! An additional \$110,000 in matching funds and prizes were provided by Centre Foundation.

The Centre County Historical Society received **\$8,149** in 2012, including \$1,663 in matching funds from the Centre Foundation. This year, with your help, CCHS hopes to **break \$10,000** in giving!

Donations must be made online by credit card. If you need assistance, or a little inspiration, drop by the Centre Furnace Mansion on Wed. May 22 for an Open House from 2:00-6:00 p.m. We'll be open for tours, and able to assist you with your online giving. Please give from wherever you are: CentreGives.org.



CBICC Business After Hours

Thurs. August 8 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

at Centre Furnace Mansion

CCHS is proud to host a CBICC Business After Hours event at the Centre Furnace Mansion this summer. This after-hours networking event is designed for CBICC members to meet and build relationships with local businesspeople from small to large companies and organizations that represent a variety of industries.

CCHS Membership is welcome to attend. Admission for the event is \$20.00 per person and food, beverages, and doorprizes will be offered. The Mansion, gardens and grounds will be open for tours. RSVPs will be accepted through CBICC. More information will be forthcoming closer to the event date.

Area Plant Sales

May 1

Annual Plant Auction

Linden Hall Garden Club

@ Rock Hill School at Linden Hall

7:30-9:00pm

facebook.com/pages/Rock-Hill-School

-at-Linden-Hall/113474992013219

May 4

2013 Central PA Native Plant Sale

PA Native Plant Society

@ Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

10:00am - 3:00pm

shaverscreek.org

May 11

18th Annual Plant Celebration

Centre County Historical Society

@ Centre Furnace Mansion

9:00am - 2:00pm

centrecountyhistory.org

May 11

Lemont Plant Sale

Lemont Village Assoc. Granary Project

@ Lemont Village Green

9:00am - 1:00pm

lemontvillage.org

May 11-12

Arboretum at Penn State

2013 Plant Sale

@ H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens

9:00am- 3:00pm Sat / 9:00am-

-3:00pm Sun...or, while supplies last!

arboretum.psu.edu

May 18

Garden Fair and Plant Sale

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County

@ Ag Progress Days Site, Entrance J

9:00am - 3:00pm

extension.psu.edu/centre/programs/master-gardener/master-gardener-plant-sale



18th Annual Plant Celebration

Saturday, May 11, 2013 | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Centre Furnace Mansion

This year, CCHS is pleased to partner with the Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania to offer a variety of programming including a children's flower pot decorating activity for Mother's Day and an exhibition of botanical inspired artwork created by Art Alliance artists that will be on display in the Mansion, and available for purchase.

Also new in 2013, the Plant Celebration will begin to feature a 'Victorian plant of the year'. The 2013 plant is a flower with local roots: Iris germanica, "Mount Nittany Gold". Beth Ricker discovered this iris growing near the site of an abandoned homestead on Mount Nittany, its original cultivar name is not known. "Mount Nittany Gold" is a delicate yellow, but a very hardy heirloom perennial that now grows on the grounds of the Centre Furnace Mansion. Limited divisions of this Iris will be available for sale on May 11th.

As is tradition, the Plant Celebration features native and non-native plants from local and regional growers, and from the Centre Furnace Mansion gardens. Locally grown heirloom bulbs, herbs, annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs will be available for sale. The Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners are also preparing Victorian inspired planters for Mother's Day.

Plant Celebration activities, provided in partnership with the Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County, include:

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Plant Sale: Plants and garden-related items for sale.
- Open House: Mansion, gardens, and grounds open.
- Art Exhibition: Flower and nature inspired artwork on display and for sale by Art Alliance of Central PA artists.
- Ask a Master Gardener: Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County will answer questions, identify and evaluate plant samples.

9:30–11:30 a.m.

- Paint a Pot, Plant a Pot: Flower pot decorating activity for Mother's Day, free for children ages 2–12, supplies provided while they last.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in the Hearth Room

- "The Visual Feast: A Workshop on Edible Flowers with Presentation Tips" by Anne Quinn Corr, culinary educator and author, *Seasons of Central Pennsylvania*. **Space is limited; first come, first served.**

Proceeds from the plant sale benefit the Centre County Historical Society; part of the proceeds from the art exhibition and art sale will benefit the Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania.

Event parking is available on the lower lawn along College Avenue, as well as in the Mansion lot off of Porter Road. For information, call (814) 234-4779, or visit www.CentreCountyHistory.org by scanning the below QR code.



Art Alliance
of Central Pennsylvania

Penn State Extension
Master Gardener





Sharing Our Heritage Through Volunteerism

April is National Volunteer Month and CCHS would like to take this opportunity to enthusiastically thank the many people who choose to take time from their busy schedules to volunteer. The time and talents that you share throughout the year are critically needed and create the fabric of this Historical Society.

Roughly 6,000 hours were spent in 2012 doing a broad range of projects and activities:

- Mansion Docents – 700 hours guiding visitors and students through Centre Furnace Mansion (CFM).
- Boogersburg Docents – 224 hours teaching students about a 19th century school day.
- Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners – 1200 hours maintaining the Mansion's 19th century inspired gardens, imagining what to introduce or how to interpret these plants.
- Collections – Over 400 hours in archives research requests, scanning photos and documents, library work, and collections care.
- Fundraising Activities – Over 400 hours working on the Plant Celebration and Stocking Stuffer.
- Civil War Road Show – 200 hours
- Service activities – 1500 hours by community members, student and service groups at the Mansion and Boogersburg School helping with landscaping, painting, and other projects during Day of Caring and Spring UP Day.
- Additionally, hundreds of hours spent on exhibit preparation, baking, property projects, printed materials, mailing, writing, and research to name a few.

Collectively, you are the Centre County Historical Society and you contribute to its mission: To help people understand, experience, appreciate, and preserve our county's cultural and natural heritage. Thank you for keeping history alive.

Sincerely, Mary Sorensen



Spring UP Day of Service 2013

It seemed that spring had finally arrived on April 6 when the Centre Furnace Mansion grounds were filled with the hard working spirit of over 40 Penn State Lion Ambassadors, Penn State Landscape professionals, and CFM Gardeners who came to help with spring cleaning in our gardens and grounds! Spring UP Day is Penn State's spring community service event through the WE ARE Campaign.

Your good will and the great amount of work that was accomplished on the 6th is impressive and appreciated. It is a grand and enjoyable effort to keep the grounds at the Centre Furnace Mansion and at Boogersburg School looking their best and service days like Spring UP Day are critical parts in this effort.

Our special thanks to Penn State Office of Physical Plant Landscape's Lloyd Rhoades, Jeff Dice, Wayne Gates, Don Hassinger, and Steve Kutches for including Centre Furnace Mansion in the Spring UP Day effort that has become an important harbinger of spring.

Many thanks to our CFM Gardeners Marshall Garrett, Beverly Lipski, Lou Mayer, Jo Merrell, Floyd Todd, Carol Phillips, and Jan Villastrigo for pulling together leadership and good cheer for the day.

Hats off to the Penn State Lion Ambassadors: Liz Basso, Tara Bendler, Elisabeth Bjanes, Grace Bratlee, Matthew Carrigan, Logan Cawley, Rachel Chang, Chriss Chessani, Alissa Chessario, Maura Clark, Kevin Cyliax, Jessica Davis, Emily Duke, Megan Flood, Gloria Huangpu, Julia Jacobs, Nicky Jones, Todd Kahn, Ethan Kisan, Cody Lind, Casey Lindlaw, Natalie Masters, Darina Nuri, Branten Page, Gaby Pont, David Spadaro, Britt-Marie Westover. Thank you, thank you!

And last, but not least, thank you to Allen & Katie Baney, Katie Frieden, Marshall Garrett, Beverly Lipski and Megan Orient for bringing good treats for all!

The grounds look beautiful as we prepare for summer events and activities at the Centre Furnace Mansion. We cannot thank you enough.



Intern and Student News

Penn State Integrative Arts major, Olivia Perdew, was selected and presented the 2013 Evan Pugh Scholar Award (Junior). The Evan Pugh award is one of the most prestigious awards that Penn State offers its students and we extend our most enthusiastic congratulations to Olivia for this honor well deserved!

Olivia has been involved with CCHS since 2010 and worked on the exhibition *Everyday Objects* as part of an internship through Integrative arts. She continued to volunteer through assistance with the exhibition *Shedding Light on the Past*. Now, through an independent study, Olivia is helping to develop an exhibition and programming for 2014 that will take a look at the complexity and difficulty of women's roles in Victorian households.

Many thanks to Penn State students Courtney Cardini, Lauren Cole, and Ashley Noland for your ongoing help this semester with projects in the archives and the everyday activities at the Mansion!

From the Archives

by Cathy Horner

Spring means baseball! This image, one of many baseball images in the CCHS archives, was collected for the Pine Grove Mills Bicentennial by Jane Schwab.



1909 Pine Grove Mills Baseball Team

Back Row (L to R): W. Weaver, C. Snyder, E. Johnson, Pete Goss, N T Krebs

Front Row (L to R): P. Martz, Heberling, Ed Martz, Doc Markle, G H Everts

Collections Investigation

by Betsy Taylor

Researching an item from the collection at Centre Furnace Mansion is often like reading a wonderful mystery story. As items are passed down through the centuries, their use, their age, and their original ownership are often factors that come into play. And so it has been a pleasurable pursuit to combine our archival notes with computer research to learn more about a favorite piece in our collection, the beverage service that resides on top of the Thompson linen press in the dining room.

In June of 1983, letters were exchanged between Philip S. Klein, Curator, and Helen Thompson, the wife of Robert Thompson, a descendent of Moses and Mary Thompson. The Thompsons wished to bring to Dr. Klein several items for the Centre Furnace Mansion, to be displayed upon completion of the house restoration. Among them were pictures of Moses and Mary Thompson, which hang today in the two parlors, and the gift of a beverage set. The set consisted of a silver-plated pitcher, cup, slop bowl, and stand. The set had been in the possession of Hilda Thompson, the daughter of James Thompson, the youngest son of Mary and Moses.

At first glance this wonderful beverage set could be mistaken for a coffee or tea service. But, upon closer examination, one discovers that the spout resembles a water pitcher, and, surely, a matching goblet would not be used for coffee or tea! It is Hilda Thompson's reflections to the Robert Thompsons that supplies the answer to the original use. The beverage set, according to Hilda, was placed on the kitchen windowsill on hot days, and the workers who passed by were expected to tilt the pitcher on its pedestal in order to help themselves to a cold glass of lemonade.

This interesting piece of Victoriana is known as an insulated ice pitcher, designed by James S. Stimpson, who patented his invention in 1854, extended for seven years. Hilda Thompson then, at a later date, had the set re-plated by Reed and Barton. Stimpson's patent involved the use of a triple wall in the pitcher, which is not unlike our current thermos bottle interiors. But at that time they didn't have the technology to create a vacuum between the walls. In the days before electricity, ice water was a real luxury, not to be wasted, and a method to keep beverages cold was highly desirable.

In addition to its historic significance, the Thompson beverage set must also be admired for its beauty. The delicacy of the design of inter-twining branches, leaves, and fruits is evident in all the pieces of the set and well worth lingering a moment to admire the detail

and subject matter. Whimsical as well, a small gnome appears in several locations, as well as a fox and an unusual reclining woman on the pitcher's handle. The set is truly a thing of beauty, long admired by the Thompson family, and now returned, happily, to its original setting. While the workmen enjoyed a cool drink on a



Beverage Service

hot afternoon, I think we can rest assured that family, friends, and children at play also welcomed the contents of an insulated ice pitcher!

Winter to Spring School Days

by Sharon Childs

Frigid morning temperatures and icy winter roads did not deter area school children from visiting Boogersburg during February and March. Over 700 children, grades 1st through 8th, attended programs at the schoolhouse. They came from homeschool and cyber school programs, the State College Area School District and even local Boy Scout troops.

The opportunity for children to participate in this living history experience is made possible by our incredible volunteer Boogersburg "school mistresses", and we thank them for their commitment:

Bonnie Abrams (Miss Ralston), Linda Forrest (Miss Webb), Nancy Jacobson (Miss Jay), Gloria Nieweg (Miss Lotz), Carole Rose (Miss Cornog), Jane Sheeder (Miss Pennington), Nancy Silverman (Miss McCurdy), Doyle Wilkerson (Miss Lee), and Linda Witmer (Miss Webster)

According to our 1893-1900 Boogersburg attendance book, the school year ended by early to mid-April so children were free to work on family farms. Today, however, the school will remain open and offer programs for local school children through June.

Please contact Sharon Childs for more information on how to get involved with the Boogersburg Schoolhouse. Email: boogersburg@centrecountyhistory.org or call 814-234-4779.



May

May 4

Season Opening & Reception
New "Hearth Cooking" Exhibit
@ Boalsburg Heritage Museum
2:00-4:00pm Tu & Sat, or by appt.
boalsburgheritagemuseum.org/

May – mid-Dec

Season Opening for Tours
@ Milesburg Museum
9:00am-12:00pm, Sat
milesburgmuseum.weebly.com

May 2 & 4

"Lincoln" (2012) Movie & Discussion
@ Centre County Lib. & Hist. Museum
5:15pm Th, 1:15pm Sat
centrecountylibrary.org

May 5

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors
@ Centre County Lib. & Hist. Museum
11:00am
centrecountylibrary.org

May 5-6

Linden Loop bike/run/walk & Open House
@ Rock Hill School
Race 12:00pm, Open House 3:00pm
RockHillSchoolatLindenHall.blogspot.com

May 11

Music at the Boal Mansion
@ Boal Mansion
7:00pm
boalmuseum.com

May 11-12

Pottery Show & Planter Sale
@ Potters' Guild, Art Alliance
of Central PA
10:00am - 4:00pm Sat / 1:00-4:00pm Sun
artalliancepa.org/calendar.htm

May 13

Grand Opening – New Galleries...
@ PSU Matson Museum of Anthropology
12:00-4:00pm (409 Carpenter Bldg.)
anthro.psu.edu/matson_museum/

May 21 – Aug 11

Suspended Contemplation
@ Palmer Museum of Art
10:00am-4:30pm T-Sat, 12:00-4:00pm Sun
palmermuseum.psu.edu

May 23

Historian Jeffry Wert on President Lincoln
@ Centre County Lib. & Hist. Museum
6:30pm
centrecountylibrary.org

May 25

Letters from Home: Andrew Sisters Tribute
@ Pa. Military Museum
3:00pm
pamilmuseum.org

May 25-26

World War II Revisited (Living History)
@ Pa. Military Museum
10:00am-4:00pm
pamilmuseum.org

May 25 – Oct 31

Open for the Season
10:00am-4:00pm Sat, 11:00am-4:00pm Sun
@ Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks
curtinvillage.com

May 27

Memorial Day Festival
@ Boal Mansion
9:00am-5:00pm
boalmuseum.com

May 27

Memorial Day in Boalsburg -
Tours, Performance, Blacksmith demos:
@ Boalsburg Heritage Museum
12:00-4:00 pm
boalsburgheritagemuseum.org/

May 28 – Aug 25

La Manière Anglaise: Mezzotints
@ Palmer Museum of Art
10:00am-4:30pm T-Sat, 12:00-4:00pm Sun
palmermuseum.psu.edu

June

Jun 1

Spring Creek Family Festival & 5K
@ Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
8:30 am Race, 10:00 am-2:00 pm Festival
clearwaterconservancy.org

Jun 4 – Aug 11

Your Town to Ours: Pennsylvania Prints
10:00am-4:30pm T-Sat, 12:00-4:00pm Sun
@ Palmer Museum of Art
palmermuseum.psu.edu

Jun 7-8

2013 PA Timber Show
Tours and timber / logging exhibit items
@ Pasto Agricultural Museum
9:00am-5:00pm Fri, 9:00am-4:00pm Sat
agsci.psu.edu/timber

Jun 7 –Aug 30

Free Friday Concerts Begin
@ Lemont Village Green
7:30-9:00pm
lemontvillage.org

Jun 9 – Aug 11

Summer Sounds Concert Series
@ Gazebo, Talleyrand Park
7:00pm
bellefontarts.org/summer_sounds.htm

Jun 14

Flag Day Celebration
@ Pa. Military Museum
6:00pm
pamilmuseum.org

Jun 15-16

SCOPEX 2013 ~ Stamp Show
@ American Philatelic Center
10:00am-5:00pm Sat, 10:00am-3:00pm Sun
stamps.org/Show-Calendar

Jun 16

32nd Annual Strawberry Festival
@ Lemont Village Green
4:00-8:00 pm
lemontvillage.org

July

Jul 11-14

Central Pa. Festival of the Arts
@ Pa. Military Museum
pamilmuseum.org

Jul 11-14

People's Choice Festival of Pa. Arts
@ State College
arts-festival.com

Jul 20-21

Vietnam Revisited (Living History)
@ Pa. Military Museum
10:00am-4:00pm
pamilmuseum.org



Founders' Day 2013

by Carol Gentry

Who were the women in hoop skirts and the man in the waistcoat greeting Penn State students in the HUB on February 22? They were our very own Program Coordinator Megan Orient and Board of Governors members Steve and Carol Gentry, joining in the Penn State Founders' Day festivities, sponsored by the Lion Ambassadors. The 158th birthday of the University was feted with games, music, food, history, and prizes. Since the University was born at the Centre Furnace Mansion as Farmers' High School, Lion Ambassadors Chris Pierangelo and Sean Znachko invited CCHS to take part in the celebration.

From 11:30am - 2:00 pm, Megan, Carol and Steve chatted with students, some who knew about the birthplace of Penn State and others who had no idea of its significance. In addition, Steve led 5 trolley rides from the HUB to the Mansion and back, prepping 35 visitors for their first tours. Docents Edna Dombrowsky, Gloria Nieweg, Pat Potter, and Linda Witmer led the tours in style. Meanwhile, Megan and Carol handed out 350 CCHS bookmarks at the HUB, posed for photos with students, and greeted everyone with "Happy Founders' Day". Even The Lion arrived for a photo op!

CCHS had previously established a connection with PSU pioneers - those who celebrate their 50th graduation year each summer at the All Class Reunion - by touring them through the birthplace of Penn State. It is hoped that this new connection with the Lion Ambassadors will also become an annual event to share with students a part of the Penn State story they do not know and take them to the place where it all began.

The Centre County Historical Society would like to thank the Penn State students who visited the Mansion, the Lion Ambassadors for the invitation to participate in Founders' Day, and the Ladies of Battery B - especially Nancy Van Saun, for making it possible for us to dress in period costumes for this special event.

Thank you!

Our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the Historical Society in every way over the first quarter of 2013. We thank you!

Boogersburg School Docents: For all your hard work from fall through spring, guiding our youth through a fun-filled 19th century school day.

Centre Furnace Mansion Docents: Many thanks for your flexibility in guiding visitors through the Mansions for weekly tours, special events, and open houses.

Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners: As spring has sprung, we thank you for your hours of time in the gardens and preparing for the Plant Celebration.

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