

The Farmers' High School and The Civil War

Contributed by Lee Stout

For many American historians the Civil War is the central event in our nation's history. Fought largely by farmers and their sons, the war had a significant impact on American agriculture and rural life. Increased demand and higher food prices, combined with scarcer labor, made mechanization increasingly popular, especially the McCormick reaper for wheat and small grain harvesting.

With the war, the government promoted farm production in other ways too. In 1862, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was made an independent cabinet agency, and it quickly began supporting the application of technology to farming. The Morrill Land Grant Act also became law in 1862, creating a new group of colleges that would provide an education in scientific farming. In addition, new laws like the Pacific Railroad Act and the Homestead Act opened up the Great Plains to farming.

For the Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania, the Civil War had little impact at first. Fifty-five students had started in 1859 and of the seventeen remaining at the end of the 1861 session, eleven completed their degree requirements and became America's first college graduates in agriculture.

The third class began in February 1861, a short time before the firing on Fort Sumter. President Evan Pugh, a Quaker, tried to keep his young charges in school, but an increasing number of students dropped out to enlist in the army. The greatest disruption occurred during the Gettysburg campaign of 1863. Governor Curtin issued an emergency

call in June for "ninety-day men" and most of the students left to go home and enlist or joined Captain John Boal's company, being formed in Boalsburg. The college suspended classes from June to September 1863. Ultimately, fifty-two percent of the members of the classes of 1861-1865 served in the army.



Andrew Gregg Curtin.

Much of our information about Penn State students in the Civil War comes from an Alumni Quarterly issue, published after the fiftieth reunions of those early classes. Professor George G. Pond led the committee to locate the early alums, arrange the reunions, and compile their record. By 1916, there was enough information to publish a hundred pages of comprehensive lists and stories of the Civil War, student days and their achievements as adults.

While the University Archives has a variety of primary sources from the Civil War era, the 16-page memoir of Tellico Johnson gives the fullest description of both military service and student life during the war. He recalled the three-hour labor stints picking stones from the campus fields and plowing, "I had never plowed before and have always hated mules from that day." When he heard the news of the Governor's 1863 call-up to repel the invaders, "I unhitched my team, took them to

the barn, put them in the stalls and that was the last of my plowing." Johnson served in the emergency call-ups of 1863 and again in 1864, when Confederate cavalry raided Pennsylvania and burned Chambersburg.

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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.

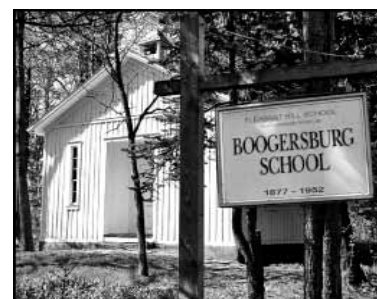
CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century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

Hosted by CCHS

July

July - Dec.

Exhibit: "Centre County & The Civil War".

@ Centre Furnace Mansion
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun./Wed./Fri.

July 12-15

Civil War Exhibit & Open House

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

July 12-15

PA Civil War 150 Road Show
During Central Pa. Festival of the Arts
@ Bryce Jordan Ctr. Visitor Lot
12-8 p.m. Th. / 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Fri.
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. / 12-5 p.m. Sun.

July 13

History Talk: "A War, Three Ladies, and A Tradition".

Speakers: Bob Hazelton, Cathy Horner
@ Centre Co. / Penn State. Visitor Ctr.
2 p.m. Fri.

July 14

Artillery Reenactors Display
Thompson's Independent Battery C
Pa Artillery Reserve
@ PA Civil War 150 Road Show Site
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sat.

July 15

Civil War Era Music
Performer: Thomas Jolin, a PHC
Commonwealth Speaker
@ Centre Co. / Penn State. Visitor Ctr.
2 p.m. Sun.

July 29

Civil War Fashion Show.
Presenters: Ladies of Battery B,
3rd PA Light Artillery
2 p.m. Sun.

August

August 19

Open House
Boogersburg One-Room School
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sun.

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

President's Corner



History on the Move

The arrival of the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 Road Show to Centre County on July 12 represents literally and figuratively, History on the Move. The Centre County Historical Society is hosting this museum on wheels -- commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The exhibit has been developed under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Heritage Society, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, with additional support from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. In addition to Centre County, the Road Show's July travels, hosted by other history and cultural organizations, will include Berks, Dauphin and Schuylkill Counties, with accompanying programs scheduled in each location. What is planned for Centre County, including a rich set of additional offerings at the Centre County Library in Bellefonte, is listed in the insert of this issue of *Mansion Notes*.

CCHS has several other initiatives underway to demonstrate that, indeed, History Is on the Move in Centre County. From the recent iron smelting demonstration and archaeology programs, to Civil War music, a style show, and the poignant story of the three women of Boalsburg credited with founding Memorial Day, these programs are being offered throughout the summer. And in August, members of the community will be invited to travel to the Boogersburg One-Room School for an open house.

Mansion exhibits are doing some traveling too. Most recently, a second set of interpretive panels about Centre County's prehistory, "Those Who Came Before", were developed and shared with visitors at the recent Spring Creek Festival at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. These panels will be available to travel to other locations as well.

The CCHS website, www.centrecountyhistory.org, travels the worldwide web to offer information and visuals about Centre County and its rich historic, cultural and natural resources. Do plan to visit often. This site will be undergoing a modernizing 'facelift' this year through the support of a tourism grant from the Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Centre County Board of Commissioners.

So, pack your bags and do some history traveling with CCHS this summer. Visit the Road Show and participate in accompanying programming; head to the Centre Furnace Mansion and the Boogersburg School for other special exhibits and events; or explore Centre County through computer technology. We think you will find your experiences intriguing and worthwhile.

~ Jackie Melander

A Lasting Gift

The Centre County Historical Society is honored to learn it has been named a beneficiary of the late Ruth Grier Robinson's Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. This generous and long-lasting gift from our lovely friend Ruth, a Historical Society supporter over many, many years, provides a fresh impetus to CCHS's mission of striving to help people understand, experience, appreciate and preserve Centre County's cultural and natural history.

Ruth Robinson came to Centre County in 1953, and for almost sixty years was actively involved in a variety of cultural organizations, often serving in a leadership role as president. She provided these contributions to the community with tremendous warmth and wisdom, ongoing commitment, and with an engaging sense of humor. We will deeply miss her insights and her beautiful smile.

Her gift will be called the **Ruth Grier Robinson Fund for Centre County Heritage**. The Centre County community has been profoundly enhanced by Ruth's rich perceptions and recognition of the importance of an area's history, its arts and its culture.

Interest from the gift will be used to help support CCHS programs each year ranging from educational outreach to school children, to promoting the preservation of Centre County's rich historical, cultural and natural resources.

In receiving this gift, CCHS invites you -- our members and friends -- to consider making a contribution to this Fund for Centre County Heritage. Please join CCHS as we endeavor to follow Ruth's strong commitment to the community by adding to her gift and making it an ongoing and lasting one to benefit current and future Centre Countians.

~ Jackie Melander

"Centre County & The Civil War" Exhibit July – December, 2012

The CCHS 2007 award winning exhibit about the Civil War impact on Centre County will have another showing in the Centre Furnace Mansion Hearth Room.

Learn about the Centre County role in the War Between the States by viewing panels explaining not only the soldiers' contributions to the conflict but also the lesser known roles of women and African Americans. Over 360,000 soldiers, including 8,600 African Americans, fought for the preservation of the Union while valuable resources such as iron, steel, and agricultural products helped to sustain the effort. While Centre Countians did not experience the Civil War in the same direct fashion, their lives were impacted on every level.

Civil War Era books donated by the William H. Hickey, will be on display in the front parlors of the Mansion as part of this exhibit.

Inside the Road Show, the Boalsburg Heritage Museum and CCHS will collaborate to host a display called "A Small Town Remembers" to tell the story of Elizabeth Myers, Emma Hunter and Sophie Keller. The grief they experienced brought about a Boalsburg tradition that has continued for 150 years.

**Please see the newsletter insert for complete details about the Road Show and countywide programming.*

From CCHS Archives, donated by Clair Kline.



~ From the Archives ~

by Cathy Horner, CCHS Volunteer Researcher

As we welcome the PA Civil War 150 Road Show to town, we reflect on local gatherings associated with the Civil War that have been occurring for many years in Centre County.

A peak into the archives reveals an image of a Civil War veterans gathering at a Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) meeting in 1901 in Pine Grove Mills. The GAR was formed in 1866 as an organization to help Union Civil War veterans stay connected. Although started as a social group, the GAR quickly became a powerful political network.

Field Trip Season

CHS had a lively field trip season this spring with hundreds of students visiting the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School from the following schools: Corl Street Elementary, Gray's Woods Elementary, Mount Nittany Elementary, Radio Park Elementary, and State College Area High School - Wild Dream Team.



This year we worked with Learning Support Teachers from the State College Area School District to create combination field trip days between Boogersburg School, the Centre Furnace Mansion, and the Pasto Agricultural Museum of Penn State Department of Agricultural Sciences. Special thanks to State College Area School District Learning Enrichment teachers Nancy Tamminga, Sheila Abruzzo, Mary Beth Hoffman, and Diane Reed for all of their help in making the 2012 Spring field trip season a great success!

Students who visited the Mansion this year were given an overview of the history of iron-making, a brief tour of the Mansion and grounds, and a special visit to the on-going exhibit "Those Who Came Before: The Archaeology of Centre County's Native Americans". Visitors to Boogersburg School practiced their "mental math", hosted a spelling bee, and explored the new trail on the grounds of the one-room schoolhouse.



Special thanks to all of the docents who helped to make these field trips a rich learning opportunity for visiting students during spring 2012.

Centre Furnace Mansion:

Cliff Bastuscheck	Deb Raykovitz
Gloria Nieweg	Lynn Royse
Mary Osborn	Dolores Simpson
Pat Potter	

Boogersburg School:

Bonnie Abrams	Jane Sheeder
Linda Forrest	Nancy Silverman
Gloria Nieweg	Doyle Wilkerson
Carole Rose	Linda Witmer

Archaeology Exhibit

And last, but certainly not least, many, many thanks to Dr. Meli Diamanti, Dr. Claire Milner - Curator-Matson Museum of Anthropology at Penn State, and Mary Alice Graetzer; archaeologists from the Bald Eagle Archaeological Society, who generously hosted field trip students in the exhibit "Those Who Came Before, The Archaeology of Centre County's Native Americans" at Centre Furnace Mansion.

Plant Celebration 2012

With Sincere Thanks ~ from Mary Sorensen, Executive Director

To everyone who made the 2012 Plant Celebration a great success -- from planning and planting, preparation and clean up, generous donations and time given to all who filled boxes with purchases of plants -- we cannot thank you enough.

Your warmth, generosity and hospitality welcomed hundreds of visitors to the Centre Furnace Mansion and beautiful grounds to make the 17th CCHS Annual Plant Celebration our most successful so far by allowing us to surpass our fundraising goal for the sale! Funds raised from the Plant Celebration help to support garden supplies and grounds care.

Many millions of thanks go enthusiastically out to the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners who have spent the last many months, with the guidance of Gardens Coordinator, Katie Freiden, preparing -- from planning, donating and potting plants and sale items to organizing the many aspects of the plant sale while keeping the gardens looking their best -- an amazing juggling act!

The Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners who work to preserve and enhance the gardens and grounds at the Mansion, do so in a volunteer effort that is appreciated in so many ways. The beauty of the gardens makes the grounds a perfect place for an outdoor wedding or event. They provide the perfect lab and setting for garden workshops and programs and go so far to enrich the experience of Mansion visitors.

Special thanks to Katie Frieden, CFM Gardens Coordinator for her heavy time on task this spring in graciously coordinating this event that was attended by hundreds. And many thanks to Mary Osborn, CFM Docent Coordinator, for coordinating the bake sale and docent schedule so that we could have the Mansion open on this day. Over 40 visitors enjoyed a tour.



Hats off to all who have helped in some way with the 2012 Plant Celebration. Many, many thanks to:

Jill Aller	Jackie Melander
Cliff Bastuscheck	Jo Merrell
Susan Bowser	Ruth Merritt
Lucy Boyce	Ann Moellenbrock
Pam Calkins	Gloria Nieweg
Joyce Christini	Ro Nwanski
Lisa Coggins	Megan Orient
Laura Contino	Mary Osborn
Clare Daley	Olivia Perdew
Meli Diamanti	Carol Phillips
Bob Donaldson	Sonia Ramsey
Elizabeth Dutton	Deb Raykovitz
Melanie Fink	Johanna Sedgwick
Rose Franklin	Grant & Sue Sherritt
Marsha Freije	Delores Simpson
Katie Frieden	Christopher Sorensen
Marshall Garrett	Peter Sorensen
Cassandra Godbey	Vicki Spadaccio
Mary Alice Graetzer	Lee & Dee Stout
Bob Hazelton	Jeff Sturniolo
Judy Heberling	Teresa Tassotti
Cathy Horner	Suzanne Thompson
Mike Husband	Susan Toby Evans
Chris Igo	Jan & Rick Villastrigo
Honey Jaffe	Bonnie Walter
Lynn Jaffe	Jane Wettstone
David Lembeck	Steve Wheeler
Beverly Lipski	Mary Kay Williams
Michael Lipski	John Ziegler
Lou Mayer	

Plant Celebration continued...

The day was made many times more interesting by activities co-hosted with the Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County. Visitors could have their gardening questions and insect-plant disease issues addressed at the “Ask a Master Gardener” table. Visitors that attended a Rain Barrel Workshop led by Jane Wetstone and Judy Heberling learned how to make a rain barrel. Participation in the workshop included a rain barrel to take home. And a hands-on-children’s activity “One for Me & One for Mom” led by Beverly Lipski was a hit with nearly 50 children!



The following businesses graciously participated helping to create sense of community that is so important in this event:

- Sarah Berndt, “Orchid Lady”
- Common Ground Organic Farm
- Dandy Lion Greenhouse
- Deb Fisher’s Flower Farm
- Effie’s Common Scents
- Go Native Tree Farm
- James Eisenstein
- Rose Franklin’s Perennials
- Shuey’s Market
- Tait Farm
- Young American Growers



We will miss you...



Jessica Brockett joined our CCHS volunteer forces nearly two years ago after graduating with honors from Penn State University Park with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Architectural History.

A nearly weekly presence at Centre Furnace Mansion for the past two years, Jessica persistently spent hours working on not only a complete inventory of the Mansion furnishings, but updating and adding pertinent information and photographs as needed in our database, among numerous other things. Yvonne Templeton, her mother, also graciously helped along the way.

Jessica and her husband, Trey, will soon be moving to Manassas, VA to pursue new career opportunities. With her experience, talents and good nature, Jessica will be a great asset to any organization that she becomes a part of.

We are grateful for all you have done to help the ongoing process of creating an orderly world at CCHS. Thank you for all of your good work. We trust you will come back to visit when your travels find you nearby!

Changes to Preservation Awards

This year, the annual Preservation Awards Ceremony will be held in the fall - moved up from January to October 2012.

Also, formal nominations will be accepted through the end of August. To nominate a person, place, or organization for a preservation award, please visit the website to download a copy of the nomination application.

The Preservation Awards honor individuals, organizations and the projects they have worked on, for their efforts to interpret and preserve Centre County’s historic places - its sites, landscapes and stories.

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.

Program Speakers – CCHS is ever grateful to experts who graciously donate their time to present quality programs free and open to the public. Spring Speakers included:

- **Dr. Meli Diamanti** and **Mary Alice Graetzer**, engaged visitors during a spring “Collections Day”
- **Dr. Jonathan Burns**, “Archaeology of the French and Indian War” highlighting Fort Shirley
- **Dr. Steven Walton**, Iron Smelting Demonstration – see story in the adjacent column

Welcome to Monty Christiansen, who began volunteering weekly in May with office and archives projects. Monty brings expertise in current Microsoft software and an attention to detail that has already been a great asset!

Lynn Royse – In leading school field trip tours at Centre Furnace Mansion this spring, Lynn noted that when students got to the Mini-Mansion room and peaked inside, they often asked where its mini-Mini-Mansion was. So Lynn responded by finding a very tiny mansion, painting it the same colors as the Centre Furnace Mansion, and putting it on an equally tiny table. The next field trip students will find a special surprise when they look inside the Mini-Mansion!

Cliff Bastuscheck has replaced the wood and done repair work on the bench near the Hearth Room that was showing great need for work!

Rick Schutz continues to graciously work on many small repair projects that routinely crop up at the Mansion.

Special thanks always to those who regularly greet visitors, give tours, interpret CCHS historic sites, enhance the gardens, research and write about local history, and coordinating the many efforts that take place in the world of CCHS.

Iron Smelting Demonstration



Father’s Day brought nearly 100 visitors to the Centre Furnace Mansion to see a day-long demonstration about iron making. It is one matter to explain the process of iron making to Mansion visitors, but quite another to see this transformation take place.

Dr. Steven Walton, Assistant Professor of Science, Technology & Society (STS) at Penn State an historian of industry and his able wife and assistant, Alice Margerum, began on Saturday by building the “furnace”. Visitors were able to stop throughout the day on Sunday to see the various stages of iron making as Dr. Walton explained the process and answered many questions as he continued to work the furnace. At the end of the day, and the iron making process, visitors who remained were given an opportunity to take home a bit of finished iron (pictured below) – a satisfying end to an iron worker’s day.

Many special thanks to Steven and Alice for all of their hard work in preparing and helping us better understand and appreciate the art of iron making. All of us at CCHS wish you our best on your move to Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI. Steven will be an assistant professor of history, teaching pre-1848 European history and the history of science and technology as well as teaching in the industrial archaeology masters and doctoral programs. Steve and Alice’s talents and presence have been a gift to CCHS that will be missed!



Piece of finished iron.

Boogersburg School News

by Sharon Childs, Boogersburg School Coordinator

Teaching in a one-room schoolhouse was as challenging as it was rewarding. Most often, the teacher was an unseasoned professional who had just completed two years in a state normal school and was not much older than the students. Facilities and resources in one-room schoolhouses were limited, requiring ingenuity on the part of the teacher to engage learners of wide-ranging abilities and maturity.

The Boogersburg School was no exception, particularly during the Great Depression of the 1930s. We are fortunate to have a piece of that Boogersburg history in the form of a story written by J. Marvin Lee, Boogersburg schoolmaster from 1933 – 1936. His story was published in the local *Town & Gown* in March 1977, and we share excerpts of his recollections here.

A Young, Novice Teacher

Mr. Lee lived in Bellefonte and was granted the position as schoolmaster of Boogersburg through his father's involvement with the Patton Township school directors. J. Marvin Lee was to replace Tom Hosterman who had just accepted a position in Penns Valley:

When I began teaching at Boogersburg, I wasn't really much older than some of my eighth graders. I had graduated from Lock Haven State Teachers College in 1931, and for two years had taught school in Curtin Township.

During the eight months of the school year, Mr. Lee traveled the road from Bellefonte to Boogersburg in his old automobile. "When the road wasn't axle-deep with mud, it was deeper yet with snow". The commute was not an easy one nor inexpensive, yet he made ends meet despite the low pay, a mere \$720 per year.



The Schoolhouse Facilities and Resources

The lack of financial resources to adequately pay teachers was reflected in the facilities of the schools. Upon his first visit to Boogersburg, Mr. Lee was not surprised by what he saw: "I found the building an almost exact copy of all such schools". From its wooden exterior and tin roof to the separate boys and girls cloakrooms, Boogersburg resembled the template of one-room schoolhouses built in the late 1870s.

Electricity was not available, so "we would learn our lessons by the light of three windows spaced along each side". The schoolhouse itself and its facilities were well-worn yet functional:

A wide center aisle moved past four files of child-size desks, all showing the handicraft of pupils in years gone by: crudely carved initials that would cause a pencil to jab through the paper whenever any writing was done.

With limited resources, Mr. Lee quickly learned to improvise as is evidenced in his mapmaking adventure:

We hadn't even a wall map for the teaching of geography. I soon fixed that...I scrounged some brown wrapping paper and made blown-up versions of all the continents and the United States, then I traced the maps onto 39-cent window blinds I had bought at the McCrory's five-and-ten in Bellefonte.

Mr. Lee engaged his students in stretching resources as well and taught them to appreciate what little they had:

We had only the bare essentials in books and supplies. Nobody ever thought of throwing away a used textbook, even if half the leaves were missing. The older pupils and I soon undertook a special project, rearranging pages from five or six incomplete books to make perhaps four complete ones...The pupils never complained about mended books. They were thankful to have them with no missing pages.

If you visit Boogersburg today, you will see that the facilities mirror that which J. Marvin Lee describes, with a few exceptions. The desktops are less worn and a sheet of paper would survive a pencil's scratching. The 1940s pull-down maps were purchased on eBay rather than at McCrory's, and the textbooks are tightly bound, new versions of the McGuffey Reader.

J. Marvin Lee's recollections and ingenuity, sometimes surprising yet always heart-warming, provide a window to his desire to meet the needs of his students by making the most of his limited resources, just as many of our teachers still do today. Marvin Lee served for many years as president of CCHS.

Excerpts from: Lee, J. M. (March 1977). The small world of Boogersburg. Town & Gown, pp. 8-9.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

In April, National Volunteer Month, CCHS held a special reception at the Centre Furnace Mansion to honor the many volunteers that help preserve and share Centre County's history and heritage. The National Volunteer Month initiative began in 1974 to help establish a sense of community spirit and caring for others, which is something that CCHS volunteers have accomplished time and time again. Thank you to all who choose to volunteer with the Historical Society. We could not do what we do without you!

Centre Gives

Our sincere appreciation to all who generously donated to the Centre County Historical Society through the Centre Gives fundraising event, made possible by the Centre Foundation!

It was a great success for many non-profit organizations in Centre County including CCHS! A complete report will follow in the fall *Mansion Notes*.

Interpretive Signs Installed

Made possible by a grant from the Centre County Community Foundation and the Lumber Heritage Region of PA, a new collection of beautiful interpretive signs help visitors navigate the grounds at Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School.



To Grant -- A Sincere Thank You



After many years of service, Grant Sherritt is stepping down as a CCHS docent. He will be missed very much by all of us, including the many adults and youngsters who have benefited from his knowledge about and interest in Centre Furnace.

In addition to wearing his docent hat, Grant has served the CCHS in a variety of other ways as well. They include his role as a past member of the Board of Governors and as a member of the Publications Committee, where he handled the sale of Society books. Over and over again, he has been "Grant to the rescue" in helping to make the many facets of the CCHS operation run smoothly.

A sincere thank you is in order from all of us.



Committed to Community Service

Thank you to our wonderful friends at Blue Mountain Quality Resources for selecting the Centre Furnace Mansion for another day of community service. This spring, the Blue Mountain team tackled sanding and painting the steps and lattice work to the grand front entrance, and prepped the walls in the Hearth Room for the next exhibit.

Blue Mountain sets a wonderful example by working as a team to schedule time out of the office to make a difference in the community, and we are so honored that they continually choose the Mansion for their service site.



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

Up-Coming

NOTE: Programming in conjunction with the PA Civil War 150 Road Show can be found on the enclosed insert.

July 10-15

Philipsburg Heritage Days
10 a.m.- 9 p.m. Wed-Sat, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Sun @ Philipsburg
philipsburgheritedays.com

July 18

Ice Cream Social & Carnival
2 p.m.- 4 p.m. @ Earth & Mineral Science Museum, PSU
ems.psu.edu/node/2277

July 21-22

“VIETNAM Revisited” Bivouac
10 a.m.- 4 p.m. @ PA Military Museum, Boalsburg
pamilmuseum.org

July 28

“The Annual State College Last Cruise.”
9 a.m.- 6 p.m. @ PA Military Museum, Boalsburg
www.ccysb.com

July 29

Alphabet Marsh Family Scavenger Hunt
1 p.m.- 3 p.m. @ Millbrook Marsh, State College
crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html

August 14-16

Ag Progress Days Open House
9 a.m.- 5 p.m. @ Pasto Agricultural Museum, PA Furnace
agsci.psu.edu/pasto/events

August 17-18

Arts & Crafts Fair
10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Fri, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sat @ Bellefonte
bellefontefair.org

August 26

Family Heritage Afternoon, by CC Genealogical Society
1:30 - 6:00 p.m. @ Grange Fair Recreation Bldg.
centrecountygenealogy.org

September 8-9

“Then & NOW” Encampment/Bivouac
10 a.m.- 4 p.m. daily @ PA Military Museum, Boalsburg
pamilmuseum.org

Around the County continued...

September 20

Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival
7 p.m. @ State Theatre, State College
clearwaterconservancy.org/wild.htm

Nov. 2-4

“Blue & Gray: Mail and the Civil War” Postal History Symposium (Register online in the coming weeks!)
@ American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte
stamps.org/Postal-History-Symposium?time=2765

On-Going

SUMMER HOURS at Area Historic Sites

Boal Mansion

Tu-Sat 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. / Sun 12 p.m.- 5 p.m.
boalmuseum.com

Curtin Village

Sat 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. / Sun 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
curtinvillage.com/Historic_Curtin_Village.php

Penns Valley Area Historical Museum

Sat 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
pennsvalleymuseum.org

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Now - July 15

Central Pa. Festival for the Arts Images 2012
Tu-Sat 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. @ HUB-Robeson Galleries, PSU
studentaffairs.psu.edu/hub/artgalleries

Now - August 12

Summer Sounds from the Gazebo
Sun 7 p.m. @ Historic Bellefonte
bellefontearts.org/summer_sounds.htm

Now – August 26

American Quilt Exhibit
Tu-Sat 10a.m.-4p.m./Sun 12-4p.m. @ Palmer Museum, PSU
palermuseum.psu.edu

Now - August 31

Concerts on the Village Green
Fri 7:30-9:00 p.m. @ Historic Lemont
lemontvillage.org

Now - December 2012

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



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