

National Register Investigations for Boegersburg School

by Shannon Devlin

During the summer of 2012, I began looking for a project to support my interest in historic preservation. I had graduated in 2011 from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Art History, and a plan to attend Graduate School in Fall 2013 for Historic Preservation through a joint program with the College of Charleston and Clemson University. I wanted to get some hands-on preservation experience before diving into Graduate School. Having worked with the Centre County Historical Society through a 2011 Penn State Department of History internship and other volunteer projects, I knew where to go for ideas.

Over the past year, I have been working with researchers and staff from CCHS and beyond to draft a nomination for the Boegersburg School to the National Register of Historic Places. Initial meetings focused on developing a clearer picture of the historic integrity and ongoing importance of the schoolhouse to the community and historic preservation. After doing some digging in primary sources and talking with people who share a passion for the School, the pieces began to fit together creating a very well balanced nomination. The nomination emphasizes the role that Moses Thompson played in the creation of the school, as well as the unique architectural features of the building.

According to Patton Township records, the land the school sits on was deeded to Patton Township on March

1, 1877 by Moses Thompson, Centre Furnace ironmaster and owner of the Centre Furnace Mansion at the time. The schoolhouse was erected within the year. Thompson deeded the land for the school in an effort to continue

the education of the children of his tenant farmers who had previously attended school in the same general area. After a fire in 1874, the original schoolhouse, built across the current Fox Hill Road, burnt down. The current schoolhouse was constructed three years later as a way of replacing the destroyed school.

As mentioned by Emily Rupp in a research paper entitled *The Thompson Family of Centre County*, and previously noted by John Linn in the *History of Centre and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania*, Moses Thompson was never given the opportunity to pursue education like he desired. Thompson wanted to give others the opportunity to receive the education he was deprived of through building schools to provide education to those living on Centre Furnace land as well as those who lived in the surrounding community. The direct result of this was Thompson's contribution to the creation of educational institutions as small as Boegersburg and as large as the Farmers' High School, today known as the Pennsylvania State University.

Pleasant Hill School, more commonly known as Boegersburg School because of an historic road junction close to the school, is a whitewashed

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Boegersburg School retains much of its historic integrity in location, setting, and unique architectural design.



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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.

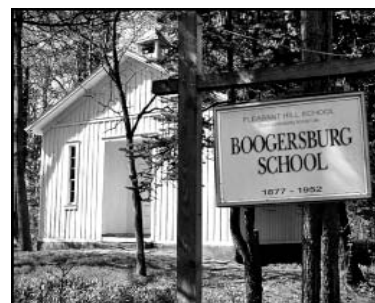
CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century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

August

Now - Dec 22

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

Aug 4 - Dec 22

Exhibit: "Building on the Past: The Archaeological Story of a 19th Century Ore Washing Site"

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. • Sun./Wed./Fri.

Aug 8

CBICC Business After Hours
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
5:30-7:30 p.m., Thurs.
Open to the public for admission:
\$5/CBICC & CCHS Members
(\$20/non-members)

Aug 18

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

September

Sep 15

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

October

Oct 3

United Way Day of Caring
@ Centre Furnace Mansion
and Boogersburg School House
8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs.

Oct 20

Historic Preservation Awards
@ Centre County / Penn State
Visitor Center
3 p.m., Sun.

For details, visit: centrehistory.org.

President's Corner

The Sycamore's Stories

The giant sycamore tree that sits on a slight rise above the Centre Furnace Mansion could really be called a Witness Tree. Dating from the 1740s, according to core borings by the late Penn State professor of forestry, Robert Shipman, the tree was already a half-century old when the original ironmasters at Centre Furnace, John Patton and Samuel Miles, began the furnace operation in 1791.

What saved that particular tree when the area was being cleared to make space for the iron making operation and to provide wood for charcoal to fire the furnace, as well as to supply wood for building dwellings and openings in the forest for use as agricultural land? Why did this particular tree survive? Was it because of its size and spread that set it aside from other nearby trees – or perhaps it was one of many but was spared because of the shade and comfort it provided to Patton when he had his log house constructed on the site. The foundation of that earliest log structure appears to have served as the basis for the much larger brick house built some thirty years later, and the core of today's Centre Furnace Mansion.

Water, water everywhere has certainly been the current weather theme for the last month or so in Centre County. And this has had me thinking about Centre Furnace and the water that historically was needed to operate the iron furnace, the grist and saw mills, and to serve the other needs of this late 18th century settlement. Why was this particular site chosen for the first industrial settlement in what would become Centre County?

Thompson Spring is at the edge of State College above the Duck Pond (pictured on page 11) but is hidden from view as one travels on East College Avenue. It is a big spring, still a very sizable water source, and once had a different name. In the earliest land warrants it was called Great Falling Spring. The name suggests an elevation drop as the emerging water flows into Thompson Run. If so, how did it originally look and when was it changed? What does it look like now?

Thompson Run, named for Centre Furnace ironmaster Moses Thompson, flows from the spring and runs parallel to East College Avenue. This modern road location (built in 1959) replaces an earlier road, and now separates the furnace from Thompson Run and Thompson Spring. The Run also collects water from Walnut Springs located above it and continues until it is shunted through a culvert under the highway and reappears, with gusto, into Millbrook Marsh and the nature center. It continues to gather more water from Bathgate Springs and joins the water from Slab Cabin Run, eventually flowing into Spring Creek, the Canyon, and finally through Bellefonte to Milesburg and Bald Eagle Creek.

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vernacular Greek revival board-and-batten schoolhouse. Strong evidence suggests construction by architect James B. Mattern, however, there are no records to confirm suspicions. The interior floor plan of Boogersburg is simple and typical of a rural one-room schoolhouse of the period consisting of a rectangular, unadorned room. However, a jack chimney and unique ventilation system are two creative architectural features that emphasize the uniqueness of Boogersburg.

Because of the layout of the building, it would have been difficult to construct a traditional chimney, so the builder constructed a centrally positioned jack chimney, made of brick and plaster, suspended from the roof (pictured below). It was held in place by an iron carriage constructed in such a way that it cradles the brickwork of the chimney and, remarkably, distributes the 500-700 pound weight of the chimney so well onto the truss system in the attic that there has been minimal damaged to the original plasterwork.

The ventilation system consists of four ceiling ‘trap doors’ easily controlled from a single point at the front door by a system of ropes and pulleys. Brian Bastress, owner of Bastress Stone Works, a company committed to the historically correct restoration of buildings, has never before seen a contraption such as this, and explains how the system is “ingenious in its simplicity. By opening the trap doors and the front door of the building, excessive heat in the summer is quickly and efficiently drawn out.”



The architectural integrity of Boogersburg is exquisite and has remained without major alterations or additions since 1877. Boogersburg was as an architecturally sound structure with some very interesting features that would not be present in a typical one-room schoolhouse, showcasing the builders’ ingenuity.

The Boogersburg School remains significant for many reasons and its preservation critical to its contin-

ued use as an educational tool. Hundreds of guests each year experience what it was like to attend school in a turn of the 20th century one-room schoolhouse in rural Pennsylvania. Visitors of all ages also learn about the architecture of one-room schoolhouses and the connection of Boogersburg School to the Centre Furnace and Moses Thompson.

As Shannon finishes up the Boogersburg School Nomination and heads to South Carolina, we extend our most sincere thanks for her year-long discovery and investigation of the School that we hope will lead to its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. For information about other county properties on the National Register as well as links to find out more about initiating your own Nomination, visit our website at centrehistory.org and go to “Preserve”.



Boogersburg News...

by Sharon Childs

With over 1,200 visitors, it was another busy school year at Boogersburg. The summer months bring a bit of calm to the schoolhouse interior, but the grounds remain abuzz with regular lawn mowing, weeding, and a lot of wood chopping to prep for the fall.

Our next major event is the annual:

Boogersburg Open House
Sunday, August 18, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The open house is an opportunity to learn about the history of the schoolhouse and its connection to Centre Furnace. You can also test your mental math skills, practice cursive writing on slates, play a game of croquet or graces (weather permitting), and maybe even chat with a former Boogersburg student. An afternoon of fun for the whole family! See you in August!

For more information on how to get involved with Boogersburg School, contact Sharon Childs at: 814.234.4779 or boogersburg@centrecountyhistory.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

Historic Preservation Awards

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

at Centre County / Penn State Visitor Center

Join us in recognizing individuals and organizations who have demonstrated excellence in their efforts to preserve Centre County history. This year is the **25th anniversary** of the awards program, for which over 160 awards have been given out since 1988. A visual program with presentation of certificates, followed by a reception, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 20 at the Centre County / Penn State Visitor Center auditorium, 800 E. Park Ave.

Nominations are due August 15 by 5:00 p.m. For information or to submit a nomination for the CCHS Historic Preservation Awards, contact Megan Orient at morient@centrefurnace.org or 814-234-4779.

CBICC Business After Hours

Thursday, August 8 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

at Centre Furnace Mansion

CCHS will host the CBICC Business After Hours on August 8 at the Centre Furnace Mansion - a site which represents the foundation of the County's industrial and business beginnings.

This networking event is designed for business-people to meet, network, and become familiar with organizations' locations and offerings. The Mansion event, titled **"History: It's Everyone's Business"**, will feature tours of the house, exhibits, and gardens; visitors in period dress; croquet on the lawn; live string music; food, beverages, and doorprizes.

CCHS Membership is welcome to attend. Admission for the event is \$5.00 for CCHS and CBICC members, and \$20.00 for non-members. RSVPs are encouraged, and can be made through the CBICC website or by calling (814) 234-1829.

Special thanks to the event sponsor **SFC Asset Management, Inc.** and to all our event partners:

Avant Garden • Balfurd Cleaners • Best Event Rental • CBICC • Pennsylvania Centre Orchestra • Happy Valley Vineyard & Winery • Harrison's Wine Grill & Catering • Jaru Associates • Ladies of Battery B • Otto's Pub & Brewery • Penn State Croquet Club • Tait Farm Foods and Vamos! LionChariot.

For more information, visit www.centrehistory.org.

Collections Investigation

by Betsy Taylor

As a docent, I love trying to stump the children visiting Centre Furnace Mansion by donning gloves, picking up the article photographed here, and asking our small visitors, "What do you think this object was used for in the 1800s?" I always receive amazing answers such as "Maybe a funnel for cooking?", or "A water dipper?", answers that never cease to amuse and delight me.

Instead of also entering you in my guessing game, why don't you pause in Moses Thompson's parlor on your next visit to Centre Furnace Mansion and see this Victorian ear trumpet for yourself?

On close examination, the ear trumpet is engraved with delicate scrollwork and a heart motif, and an inscription which reads:

*Sarah H. Baldy
February 17, 1868*

Such an elegant, engraved ear trumpet must have been quite a gift in 1868!

Designed in two pieces, it can be put together easily, and will fit in an accompanying box if separated. The box is



just as beautiful as the trumpet. Lined in purple velvet and covered with tooled leather, it has a small lock and key for safekeeping. The small tag adhered to the box top also reads "Sarah H. Baldy". This unique item was the 1999 gift of Dorothy and William Barnes, given to CCHS by Henry T. Divel, a descendant of Sarah H. Baldy.

Browsing through Google, I discovered that Queen Victoria was also plagued with bad hearing and welcomed the use of her ear trumpet, which, reportedly, resembled a "cross between a car horn and a hair dryer"! The origin of ear trumpets can be traced to the early 1800s when a manufacturer in England, Frederick Charles Rein, invented their use. While admittedly cumbersome, these 19th century ear trumpets brought joy to those who depended on them for listening, conversing, enjoying music and theater, and other types of social interaction where a loss of hearing denied many those pleasures. As for the ear trumpet, the forerunner of our modern hearing aids, it is safe to say life today for our hearing impaired has greatly improved without their continued presence!

Basketfuls of Thanks!



Flowers and umbrellas were in full bloom at our 18th Annual Plant Celebration, but spirits remained sunny despite abundant rains. Visitors of all ages arrived by the hundreds all leading to a successful event!

On behalf of CCHS, we extend our most sincere gratitude. Months are spent meticulously potting over 1000 plants, creating labels and signage, developing promotional materials, crafting planters for Mother's Day, and organizing the many details of the Plant Celebration. We could not do this without the legions of people who contribute in every way.

Program partners this year included:

- **Anne Quinn Corr**, local writer, teacher and author of *Seasons of Central Pennsylvania* led a fascinating and delicious workshop about cooking with edible flowers.
- **The Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania** for mounting an exhibit of beautiful botanical inspired artwork and joining us in coordinating a painting and planting activity for children. Special thanks to Marie Doll, Pernille Boving, Erika Christiansen, Lena Thynell and Judy Bogert.



- **The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County** who have participated annually at the Plant Celebration since 1998 helping visitors solve a multitude of gardening dilemmas.
- **Carol Phillips, Centre Furnace Mansion Kitchen Garden Coordinator** for giving guided tours of the Kitchen Garden in the rain!
- **State College Area School District Photography Class**, students for taking photos at the event.

Our gratitude to all who contributed in the weeks prior to prepare for and participate in the Plant Celebration from planting, labeling, and baking to giving tours:



Susan Bowser, Tannis Bugaj, Ed and Lynda DeB-rasky, Vicki Droll, Elizabeth Dutton, Susan Toby Evans, Diane Farr, Katie & Rob Frieden, Marshall & Jim Garrett, Bob Hazelton, Judy Heberling & Mike Husband, Cathy Horner, Chris Igo, Lar Lease, Dave Lembeck, Beverly Lipski, Lou Mayer, Jo Merrell, Ruth Merritt, Hugh Milner, Ann Moellenbrock, Gloria Nieweg, Ashley Noland, Fran Nuhfer, Carol & Chuck Phillips, Sharon Phillips, Deb Raykovitz, Ford Risley, Lynn Royse, Johanna & Logan Sedgwick, Ralph Seeley, Dolores Simpson, Christopher Sorensen, Peter Sorensen, Vicki Spadaccio, Dee & Lee Stout, Betsy Taylor, Suzanne Thompson, Dana Tilghman, Jan & Rick Villastrigo, Linda Wallace, Bonnie Walter, Pat Waters, Chelsea Williams & Tim Betz.

Special thanks to **Katie Frieden** for coordinating weekly potting and garden efforts! Katie has retired as CFM Gardens Coordinator this year, but you will still be able to often find her and her dog Noo Noo in the gardens on Thursday evenings!

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations graciously participated:



Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania
Sarah Berndt, Orchid Lady
Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners
Common Ground Organic Farm
Deb's Flower Farm
Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania
Effie's Common Scents
Jim Eisenstein, Heirloom Tomatoes
Flotsam & Jetson, by Carol Baney
Go Native Tree Farm – Our thanks for donating a beautiful Magnolia macrophylla for the grounds!
High Horse Farm Pottery
Liza Jane Botanicals, by Lisa Zander
Orchid in the Wind, by Francine Jones
Rose Franklin's Perennials – Our thanks for donating her new book *Fast Track Butterfly Gardening!*
Shuey's Market
State College Area School District High School Photography Program
Tait's Farm
The Rock Garden
Young American Growers – Our thanks for donating Astilbe plants for the sale.



Grant Funding News

This spring, the Centre County Historical Society has been awarded three grants to assist with further marketing and programming needs.



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) State College Branch has awarded CCHS with a \$1,000

grant for a program called *Veiled Arts of the Victorian Woman* - an upcoming exhibition, printed material, and public programming that will touch on some of the roles played by Victorian women in America. Special thanks to Penn State Integrative Arts student Olivia Perdew for preparing this grant application.



Funding in the amount of \$10,000 has been awarded to CCHS for a tourism marketing project in the 2013-14 fiscal year. This grant, made possible by the **Central Pennsylvania Convention & Visitors Bureau** and the **Centre County Board of Commissioners**, will be used to develop a printed and interactive website map of Centre County, creating an opportunity to expand our marketing reach and bring further attention to countywide historic, cultural and natural heritage sites. This map will be featured on our new website, www.centrehistory.org, which was funded by a 2012 tourism marketing grant.



For the second consecutive year, the **Centre Foundation** held a unique 36-hour online fundraising campaign titled *Centre Gives*. Through this event and the generous donations of more than 65 friends and supporters, CCHS received \$12,000 in donations and \$1,811.67 in matching funds! These contributions help CCHS preserve its historic properties and collections and support programming for all ages.

From the Centre County Historical Society, we send our most sincere appreciation to all these agencies for assisting non-profit organizations throughout Centre County.



Art Alliance
of Central Pennsylvania

Penn State **Extension**
Master Gardener

From the Archives

by Cathy Horner

A few weeks ago while searching for an archived photograph of farmers making hay, I came across a record in the CCHS database for a “mysterious object”. About 48 inches tall, this long-handled, three-toothed tool has a home in the upstairs kitchen by the back door. Many visitors have asked the question “what is that?” According to our records, this item is a hand-held hay cutter from circa 1900.

I emailed Rita Graef at the Pasto Agricultural Museum for more information. Though Pasto has several styles of hay knives in their collection, Rita had never seen a hay knife exactly like this one. But her feeling was that it would have been used to “cut” loose hay in the barn to feed it to livestock. Hay stored loosely tends to mat down and form a tight mass that cannot easily be forked or pitched, so it would be cut out in chunks.

Wanting to know more, a quick internet image search revealed several advertisements from the early 1900s that pictured an object very much like our hay cutter. In the Logansport Journal, Dec. 20, 1907, an ad promoted “Ely’s Dandy Hay Knife”, manufactured by the Theo. J. Ely Mfg. Co. in Girard, Pa. (near the edge of Lake Erie). Further research revealed that the Theo J. Ely company was founded in 1867, but today operates under the name of the EMSCO Group. According to the company’s website, founders once specialized in making mop buckets, carpet beaters, cow pokes and buggy whips, to name a few 19th century innovations. Today, the scope is quite different, manufacturing snow boards, lawn edging tools, and commercial cleaning products.

Though no identifying marks remain on our collection’s hay cutter, we are pretty certain this is one of Ely’s Dandy Hay Knives.

Sources: www.emscogroup.com/about-us/
<http://newspaperarchive.com/logansport-journal/1907-12-20/page-4>



New to the Gardens: Effie’s Bench

Through many generous donations in memory of Effie Zuck, a beautiful wrought iron bench has been placed in the Gardeners’ Garden of the Centre Furnace Mansion. Its nature-inspired Victorian design features intertwining birds and vines wrapped around the central image of a seated woman holding a bird in her hand. On your next Mansion visit, do stop and sit here for a moment to take in the view of all the beautiful gardens, and think of Effie.



Thursdays in the Gardens

The Gardens at Centre Furnace Mansion have enjoyed an abundant growing season this year as you might guess! Lilies, cone flowers, black eyed Susans, day lilies and swamp milkweed are currently the stars with many, many others playing support roles. The seed pods that begin to form in mid-summer are nearly as interesting as the blossoms. Some of the more striking examples include Golden Seal, Viburnum and, particularly, the Beautyberry Callicarpa americana now sporting almost artificial looking brightly purple seed clusters.

As you can also imagine, the likes of burdock, dandelion, poke weed and a number of specimens [that seem to generate the most incredible number of stickers] are also currently in their glory! The garden season at CFM is flanked with Spring UP Day in the early spring and the United Way Day of Caring in the Fall, with planning and maintenance of the gardens being carried out by a dedicated group of CFM Gardeners on Thursdays from 2:00 - 7:00pm.

If you are interested in volunteering in the gardens, you may either contact us at 234-4779, or simply stop by on a Thursday afternoon or evening. Each week there is a ‘head gardener’ that can explain what we are doing that particular week. The flowers and the gardeners will welcome you with open arms!



Volunteer Corner

CCHS volunteers together have begun exploring the rich variety of historical resources in Centre County in the past few months. We have visited several county heritage sites, experiencing their unique and shared history, and learning how we can help promote each other's sites.

Our first stop was the **American Philatelic Society**, housed in the restored Pennsylvania Match Factory in Bellefonte. The site boasts an incredible library, rotating displays of stamps and memorabilia, as well a complete, reassembled historic post office from Headsville, WV (1860-1940) – on loan from the Smithsonian, where visitors can purchase stamps and send mail.

In April, the **Centre County Library & Historical Museum** welcomed us into the Miles-Humes House, built between 1814-1816 for Capt. Joseph Miles. Among the artifacts on display are an 18th c. powder horn, glass pieces from the Bellefonte Glass Works, and a plaster model of Lincoln's head by George Grey Barnard. Even more fascinating was the **Pennsylvania Room's** collection of local history books, biographies, and genealogies available for research (pictured below).

In June, we visited the **Penn State Herbarium**,

founded by Evan Pugh in 1859 when he brought 2,000 specimens from Germany. Today, the total number of dried plant specimens is 107,000 (3rd largest herbarium in PA). The tour was led by Dr. Alfred Traverse, Curator and Professor Emeritus of Palynology. He discussed the evolution of plants and how specimens are organized in the Herbarium (pictured at left). A specimen from 19th century Centre County was of particular interest. He also demonstrated the process of preparing a specimen.

Most recently in July, we toured **Curtin Village at Bald Eagle Ironworks** to get another perspective on iron making between 1820 - 1920. At this heritage tourism site, we explored the Pleasant Furnace buildings, examined overshot water wheel mechanisms (pictured below), and toured both a worker's log home and the iron-master's 1830 Georgian-style home - Curtin Mansion.



Special thanks to Ken Martin, Karen Kanipe, Dr. Alfred Traverse, and John Romani for conducting these educational tours.

*Next, we will visit the **Boalsburg Heritage Museum** Tuesday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Megan.*

Volunteers: Save the Date!

Each fall we welcome new and returning volunteers to our annual CCHS Volunteer Orientation. This year's event will be held on:

Thursday, September 12
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
at Centre Furnace Mansion

The morning session will focus on docent details, while the afternoon will cover more broad volunteer knowledge. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to attend, RSVP to Megan Orient at 234.4779, or morient@centrefurnace.org.





Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

On-Going

Now Open!

Matson Museum of Anthropology
@ Carpenter Bldg., PSU
Mon-Fri, 12pm-4pm
anth.la.psu.edu/matsonmuseum

Now – Aug 11

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

Now – Sept 14

Exhibit: Making a Stand for Our Land.
@ Gallery at The Gamble Mill, Bellefonte
M-Sat- 12-9pm, Sun- 4-8pm
bellefontearts.org

Now – Sept 19

Exhibition: Glory Days: Celebrating 25 Years of Sports Archives at Penn State
@ Hintz Alumni Center, PSU
8am-5pm M-F / 11am-3pm Sat
libraries.psu.edu/psul/news.html

Now – Oct 27

Ironworks Village Tours
@ Curtin Village/Eagle Ironworks, Howard
10am-4pm Sat / 11am-4pm Sun
curtinville.com

Now – Dec

New “Hearth Cooking” Exhibit
@ Boalsburg Heritage Museum, Boalsburg
2pm-4pm Tu & Sat, or by appt.
boalheritagemuseum.org

August

Aug 10

Huston Township 175th - Covered dish
@ Community Center, Julian
11am | (814) 355-2075
hustontownship@verizon.net

Aug 13-15

Open House & Ag Progress Days
@ Pasto Agricultural Museum, Pa. Furnace
9am-5pm T / 9am-8pm W / 9am-4pm Th.
(Grains Pgm: T 1:30, W/Th 10 & 1:30. Silent Auction: T/W 9am-3pm. Oral histories: On-going.) agsci.psu.edu/pasto

Aug 13-15

Ag Progress Days
@ Larson Ag Research Ctr., Rock Springs
9am-5pm T / 9am-8pm W / 9am-4pm Th
agsci.psu.edu/apd

Aug 16-17

Bellefonte Arts & Crafts Fair
@ Talleyrand Park, Bellefonte
10am to 8pm Fri, 10am to 7pm Sat
bellefontefair.com

Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19

Pa. Room Research Saturdays
@ Centre Co. Lib. & Historical Museum
10am-2pm, Sat - Bellefonte
centrecountylibrary.org

Aug 17

Summer Camp Saturday
@ Millbrook Marsh Nature Ctr, State College
9am-2pm
crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html

Aug 17

Open House & Annual Meeting
@ Rock Hill School, Linden Hall
1pm Meeting, 2pm Open House
rockhill9@comcast.net

Aug 22-29

Grange Fair
@ Grand Fairgrounds, Centre Hall
10am-10pm (Sun 12pm-10pm)
grangefair.net

September

Sept -Nov

Home Football Sundays Open House
@ Pasto Agricultural Museum, Pa. Furnace
1pm-4pm
agsci.psu.edu/pasto

Sept 14

Gourmet Granary Candlelight Dinner
@ Thompson Granary, Lemont
6:30pm
lemontvillage.org

Sept 18

Baileyville: Its History & Its Industries
@ Baileyville Community Hall, Pa. Furnace
7pm-8 pm
baileyvillecommunityhall.com

Sept 28

Applefest / Car Show
@ Milesburg Museum, Milesburg
8am-4pm | 205 Market St.
Sandy Hoy, slh28@psu.edu

Sept 29

Centre Orchestra Concert
@ Esber Recital Hall, Music Bldg 1, PSU
3:00pm
centreorchestra.org

October

Oct 2

Lecture: After Gettysburg
@ Pa. Military Museum, Boalsburg
7:30pm, by Dr. Carol Reardon
pamilmuseum.org

Oct 5

Boalsburg Columbus Ball
@ Boal Mansion, Boalsburg
7:30 pm
boalmuseum.com

Oct 5

Symphony & Choral Concert
@ Eisenhower Auditorium, PSU
7:30pm
nvs.org / schoralsociety.org

Oct 5

Baileyville Community Hall 80th Anniv.
@ 210 Deibler Road, Pa. Furnace
Times TBA
baileyvillecommunityhall.com

Oct 5-6

Fall Festival Open House
@ Penns Valley Area Historical Museum,
Aaronsburg, Times TBA
pennsvalleymuseum.org

Oct 5-6

Then & Now Living History Timeline
@ Pa. Military Museum, Boalsburg
10am - 4pm
pamilmuseum.org

Oct 10

Annual Dinner, Philipsburg Historical Fdn.
@ Saint Paul's Episcopal Ch., Philipsburg
6pm | facebook.com/PhilipsburgHistoricalFoundation

Oct 18-20

Halloween & Fall Train Rides
@ Bellefonte Historical RR Society
Times / Prices vary
bellefontetrain.org/ticketwindow.html

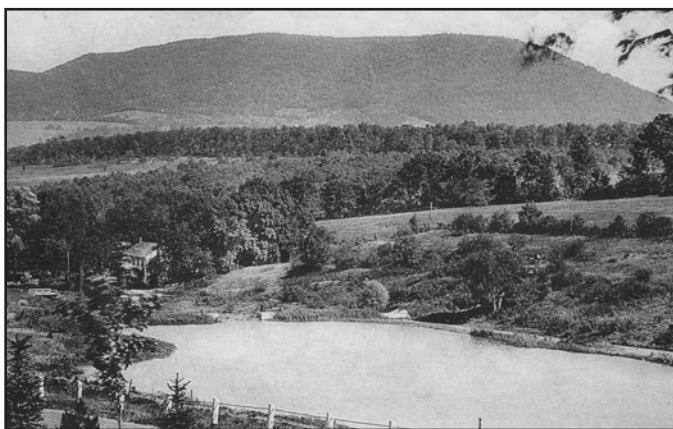
Oct 19

Open House & Jack-o'-Lantern Viewing
@ Arboretum / H.O. Smith Botanic
Gardens, PSU; Times TBA
arboretum.psu.edu

President's Message continued...

What could the giant sycamore tell us about Great Falling Spring, one of the important headwaters of Spring Creek?

The sycamore tree isn't talking – or maybe it is. Hundreds and hundreds of school children come to Centre Furnace each year, and part of their ritual is to encircle the tree, with arms outstretched to touch fingertips. How many children does it take to wrap their arms around the giant tree? What might the tree be telling them? Or us?
~ Jackie Melander



Legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Poe Valley

Special thanks to Bill Marcum for an intriguing program in July. Mr. Marcum was introduced to the works of the CCC through many stories he was told by his grandfather Mr. Sumner Frankenberger from Millheim, PA who was the Senior Foreman in the Poe Valley CCC Camp S-63 Company 1333. After the passing of his grandfather, Mr. Marcum began to collect Poe Valley CCC memorabilia and, as though meant to learn more about the larger context of the CCC, subsequently learned about the roles that his other grandfather and uncle had in CCC camps in Virginia.



Thank you!

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