

Everyday Objects

Fancy Forms & Familiar Functions

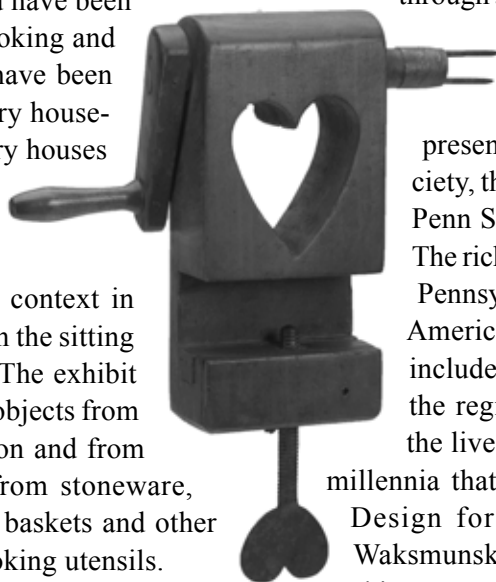
*New Exhibit Focuses on 19th Century Household Objects
Opens March 4 - April 29*

Everyday life in 19th century central Pennsylvania included many important daily tasks performed by the women of the family. This exhibit will showcase commonplace objects that would have been a part of everyday chores, such as cooking and sewing. The items included would have been used on a regular basis by 19th century housewives, whether in farm homes, country houses like the Centre Furnace Mansion, or homes in small urban settings, like the Victorian homes in Bellefonte.

The objects will be exhibited in context in two settings. One setting will focus on the sitting room, and the other on the kitchen. The exhibit will include primarily Centre County objects from the Centre Furnace Mansion collection and from local experts. Objects will range from stoneware, redware, and china, to textiles; from baskets and other storage containers, to iron and tin cooking utensils.

Everyday Objects, to be presented by the Centre County Historical Society, is being developed by an exhibit committee that includes Penn State Integrative Arts student Olivia Perdew under the guidance of faculty member Richard Pencek, Diane Farr, Barbara Brosnan, Mary Sorensen and Jackie Melander. Photography will be provided by Penn State student Ian Lopera under the guidance of Fredric Weber, Penn State Affiliate Assistant Professor in Arts and Architecture. Additional exhibit educational materials are being made possible through a grant from the State College Branch of AAUW.

Pictured Above: A unique, decorative 19th century apple corer and intricately carved butter press, to be displayed in the Everyday Objects exhibit.



Those Who Came Before

Native American Exhibit Extended

Now - June 2012

Since the fall of 2011, this exhibit has fascinated nearly 300 visitors including those who were part of several school field trips. It will be extended through June of 2012 to accommodate the growing interest from school groups and other visitors.

“Those Who Came Before” is a presentation of the Centre County Historical Society, the Bald Eagle Archaeological Society, and Penn State’s Matson Museum of Anthropology. The rich history of the people who lived in Central Pennsylvania for thousands of years before Euro Americans arrived is explored in this exhibit and includes artifacts, photographs of excavations in the region, and images that try to capture what the lives of Native Americans were like over the millennia that they called Centre County their home. Design for the exhibit was provided by Kellie Waksmunski, Penn State student of Landscape Architecture.

Included in this exhibit is a beautiful pastel painting of a wooded landscape called “Greens Valley Down”, a scene that perhaps would be similar to what these first residents saw here. On loan by artist Jennifer Shuey, executive director for Clearwater Conservancy, the painting can be purchased, with a portion of the proceeds donated by Jennifer to CCHS.

Turn to page 8 to see two recent photographs from the “Those Who Came Before” exhibit.

Both exhibits' hours: Wed., Fri., and Sun. from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. The Centre County Historical Society offers exhibits and programming that are free to the public, but donations are always gratefully appreciated!

About the Centre County Historical Society

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

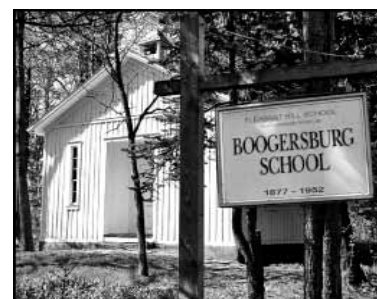
CCHS is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, a restored and furnished ironmaster's home listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This historic mansion and nearby iron furnace stack represent the 18th-century beginnings of the charcoal iron industry in this area, and the 19th-century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

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

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

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

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



Upcoming Events

at Centre Furnace Mansion

February

Feb. 12

"Centre County Goes to War".

Speaker: Author Jeffrey D. Wert

*Civil War period books on display,
gifted in memory of Wm. H. Hickey

2:00 p.m. Sun.

March

Mar. 4 - Apr. 29

New Exhibit "Everyday Objects:
Fancy Forms & Familiar Functions"
1:00-4:00 p.m. W/F/Sun.

Mar. 11

"Elements of 19th century Centre
County Furniture"

Speaker: Bobby White

2:00 p.m. Sun.

April

Through Apr. 29

Exhibit "Everyday Objects:
Fancy Forms & Familiar Functions"
1:00-4:00 p.m. W/F/Sun.

Apr. 22

"Centre County Fraktur"

Speaker: Bob Conrad

2:00 p.m.

May

May 12

Plant Celebration & Sale
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Co-hosted by the CFM Gardeners &
Penn State Cooperative Extension
Master Gardeners of Centre Co.

Ongoing

Jan.-Jun.

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

1:00-4:00 p.m. W/F/Sun.

*Event details: www.centrecountyhistory.org

President's Corner

If you don't know where you are, you don't know who you are.

~ Wendell Berry ~

The CCHS's revised Vision Statement contains the phrase: "...we promote a strong sense of place for a diverse Centre County." What really does a sense of place mean? Wendell Berry, in a quote above, offers a short definition. Another quotation from cartographers with *The Art of Geography* suggests:

It is a combination of characteristics that makes a place special and unique. Sense of place involves the human experience in a landscape, the local knowledge and folklore.

Telling the story of Centre County's rich past to promote our sense of place has been an ongoing CCHS effort for more than 100 years. This has been coupled with an ongoing determination to relate that past to the present and to the future, in order to better understand, experience, appreciate, and preserve our cultural and natural heritage.

Our two recent archaeological exhibits, *Those Who Came Before* and *Building on the Past*, offer examples of those efforts. In addition, actively advocating for endangered historic resources throughout Centre County has been another -- most recently by assembling information about county locations related to the Spring Creek Canyon, Scotia, the Mountaintop area, and Penns and Brush Valley.

This year, preservation achievements by residents from Bellefonte, Monument, Ferguson and Gregg Townships were honored at our annual January awards ceremony. In February, the Civil War will be commemorated with a program by Jeff Wert, entitled "For the Union: Centre County Goes to War, 1861-1862." Centre County furniture and folk art will be the programming focus for March and April, combining an exhibit of *Everyday Objects: Fancy Forms and Familiar Functions*, with Sunday afternoon talks by two area experts.

These are some examples of how CCHS endeavors to contribute to and celebrate Centre County's unique sense of place. We invite you to take part in this celebration by attending these programs and by supporting these efforts to better know "where we are and who we are" through membership in the Centre County Historical Society.

Together we have and can continue to enhance the richness of Centre County by celebrating its uniqueness and its quality of life.

~ Jackie Melander



2011 Historic Preservation Awards

First of all, we would like to apologize to those who did not receive an event post card in time for the Historic Preservation Awards. With the close proximity to the holidays, there were unforeseen delays in mail service.

Each year, the Centre County Historical Society recognizes the various individuals and groups for their outstanding work in helping preserve and interpret Centre County's history. Nominees were presented certificates at the Annual Meeting and Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony was held on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Centre Furnace Mansion with approximately 50 in attendance.

Each year since 1988, CCHS has recognized various individuals and groups from the community for their outstanding work in helping preserve and interpret Centre County's history - totaling more than 157 awards through the years.

The recipients of the **2011 Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation** are:

- **Rod and Rhonda Beard** – First National Bank Building, Bellefonte.
- **Howard T. "Jim" Davy** – Author, Monument – All Company Towns Ain't Bad – The Story of a Remote Mountain Community and Its People. Monument is in present-day Liberty Township.
- **Elwood Homan and Family** – Bucher Ayres House & Farmstead, Ferguson Township.
- **John and Catherine Smith** – Chicory Lane Farm, Gregg Township.

- **"Those Who Came Before: The Archaeology of Centre County's Native Americans" – Exhibit Committee Members:** Melissa Diamanti, Bob Donaldson, Mary Alice Graetzer, Jackie Melander, Clair Milner, Mary Sorensen, & Kellie Waksminski.

CCHS relies heavily on the support of businesses and organizations that help us with a number of different projects throughout the year. With sincere appreciation for their significant contributions to CCHS and its historic properties through materials, equipment, and labor, **2011 Excellence in Service Awards** were presented to:

- **Boy Scouts of America, Troop 367** – Eagle Scout Projects: Pedestrian bridge and trail at Boogersburg School; and Landscape planting at Centre Furnace Mansion.
- **Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.** – Installation of a water line at Boogersburg School.
- **Dave Horner & Associates, Inc.** – Exterior painting projects at Centre Furnace Mansion.
- **Stone Valley Construction, Inc.** – Water line repair at Centre Furnace Mansion.

Of all the programs that the Historical Society oversees, from gardens and archives, to site tours and special events for hundreds of guests, these would not be possible without the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers. This year, six were recognized for their many **Volunteer Contributions to CCHS:**

- **Cliff Bastuscheck** – Docent and volunteer who fills in for tours, field trips, and events.
- **Cathy Horner** – Docent, principal researcher, and Stocking Stuffer co-chairperson.
- **Beverly Lipski** – Dedicated service on the Centre Furnace Mansion Garden Committee since 2000.
- **Gloria Nieweg** – Docent with a love and gift for teaching, demonstrated with school field trips at Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School.
- **Carol Phillips** – Gardener with the Centre Furnace Mansion Garden Committee, in particular for efforts with the Kitchen Garden project at the Centre Furnace Mansion

See event photos at www.facebook.com/centrefurnace.

The Docents' Diary

by Mary Osborn, Mansion Docent Coordinator

Visitors to Centre Furnace Mansion often ask about our silver pieces and how they relate to Victorian customs. This is the first of several articles dedicated to unusual pieces in the Mansion's silver collection.

Mansion Silver: The Epergne

Silver has always been a favored precious metal for articles of personal and ceremonial use. Gold, although equal or superior in beauty and malleability to silver, is twice as heavy and much less practical. From the earliest times, the workers in one of these metals almost invariably worked in the other, thus goldsmithing and silversmithing really constituted one craft that has an unbroken tradition going back many millennia.

Given the popularity of decorative silver to 19th century Victorians, undoubtedly including the Thompsons, having silver pieces to use at the Centre Furnace Mansion was in keeping with the customs of the day. Virtually all of the pieces in the Mansion collection are silver plate rather than sterling. Sterling silver, typically over 90% silver and considerably more expensive, would have been more commonly found with the wealthiest families of Philadelphia or other large cities, as compared with residents of country homes in rural central Pennsylvania.

One of the more interesting Mansion silver plate pieces is rather elaborate for a Centre County home, but also a symbol of the wealth acquired by the Thompsons through ownership of a successful 19th century charcoal iron furnace. Sitting in the center of the dining room table is an *epergne* (pronounced \ā-pern'; probably from the French word *épargne*, meaning saving or economy). This two-tiered, three-piece centerpiece is both decorative and functional.

Designed with classical influences, the epergne features a lovely barefoot woman reminiscent of a Roman or Greek goddess. Standing beneath a center tray symbolic of a tree with draped palm leaves, the woman is robed in loosely-fitting dress and dons a wreath on her head. Arms extended outward, in each hand is what appears to be a rope loop, each holding a shapely vase designed like a calla lily bloom. Fine craftsmanship details can be seen in the subtle texture of the woman's



Floral arrangement donated by Avânt Garden

dress as well as in the veins of the leaves and scallop shells above her.

Presently used in a decorative manner, the epergne holds seasonal arrangements of dried or fresh flowers in the top center tray, as well as in the two fluted vases on the lower level. The vases can be removed, but will not stand freely - which may be an indication of another use.

In an article titled "A History of the Epergne", Joseph P. Brady indicates that the English epergne first appeared around the 1720s, a design which saved precious table space during a period when it was customary to place all the food on the dining table at once. Such a centerpiece allowed for the consolidation of condiments, as well as for a place from which to serve rare nuts, fruits and delicacies. Later during the Victorian period, courses were served separately, thus epergnes were no longer used as serving pieces - changing to a more decorative household use.

The Mansion's epergne is stamped with the mark "Meriden B. Company", short for the Meriden Britannia Company, which was established in the town of Meriden, Connecticut in 1852, and was later absorbed by the International Silver Company, which closed in the mid-1900s.

The Mansion's epergne, given by James Thomas-Stahle and Mary Jane Cole, was a gift in memory of Mary Irvin Thompson Thomas-Stahle (1891-1977), a granddaughter of Moses and Mary Irvin Thompson.

A Multi-Sensory Mansion Tour

Centre Furnace Mansion docents are accustomed to giving “special” tours to all types of people – Cub Scouts, alumni associations, special interest groups, public and private schools, social clubs, families, etc. These tours are always personalized to the needs and interests of our visitors. This past December 13, the Mansion hosted a “very special” tour for the Sight-Loss Support Group of Central PA, Inc. (SLSG). - a non-profit, self-help organization made up of people who are experiencing sight loss or have a desire to help those with sight loss.

SLSG wanted to visit the Mansion while it was full of holiday decorations and fragrances, accessing seasonal tactile experiences for its clients. For more than two hours, our visitors enjoyed the Mansion’s ambiance: They listened to the Centre Furnace story, handled iron objects, sniffed and touched holiday greenery, sensed the structural changes between floors, played a few tunes on the Weber piano, and essentially interpreted the Mansion and its treasures through its sounds, shapes, textures, and scents.

When we reached the mini-Mansion, one visitor asked if it was facing in the same direction as the real Mansion. She then felt her way around the mini-Mansion from the lower level entrance to the room in which we were standing. “This is where we are right now,” she confidently declared to the group.

Our visitors exited through the first floor porch, where they appreciated all the exterior decorations, especially the tree ornaments, various foliage, and clove-studded oranges. At that point, they asked if we could arrange a spring tour of the gardens for the SLSG Lunch Bunch. Of course I said, “Yes!” That very special tour is scheduled for May.

As their docent, this was the most extraordinary and fulfilling Mansion tour I have ever conducted.

~ Mary Osborn, Docent Coordinator

For more information about the Sight-Loss Support Group of Central PA, Inc. please go to www.sls.org.

Intern News



Penn State Student Intern Olivia Perdew examines a 19th century coffee grinder for the Everyday Objects Exhibit.

The opportunity to work on “Everyday Objects: Fancy Forms and Familiar Functions” has been wonderful. I have enjoyed being able to actively participate in every part of creating this exhibit, and as the opening date approaches, I am increasingly excited to share it with everyone. It has been one of the best learning experiences of my college career so far, and I want to thank Dick Pencek, Mary Sorensen and Jackie Melander and for this opportunity. As a society, we take everyday objects for granted, but what would our lives be like without the apple peeler, or the coffee grinder? This exhibition provides a chance for us to recognize the significance of these objects, and how through their preservation they have contributed to the rich history of Centre County. I hope that everyone who comes through the exhibition walks away with a new appreciation for these seemingly mundane objects; I know that I certainly have.

~ Olivia Perdew, Intern

All our best to Shannon Devlin!

Prior to her December Penn State graduation, Shannon spent fall 2011 cataloging the Clarence Bauchspies



Architectural Drawing Collection at CCHS. Shannon is furthering her experience in architecture and museum studies interning at Drayton Hall in Charleston, S.C. Best wishes!



Cultural & Natural Heritage Events

On-Going

40th Anniversary (2012)

Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sun. 12-4 p.m.
@ Palmer Museum of Art
www.palermuseum.psu.edu

Up-Coming

Feb. 25

Film Series: "Go Tell the Spartans"
2:00 p.m. @ PA Military Museum
www.pamilmuseum.org

Mar. 6

"Fort Sumter – First Blood in South Carolina"
7 p.m. @ PA Military Museum Auditorium
<https://sites.google.com/site/centralpacivilwarroundtable>

Mar. 7

Lecture Series: "FDR-Dewey: The Wartime 1944 Presidential Campaign"
7:30 p.m. @ PA Military Museum
www.pamilmuseum.org

Mar. 9

Winter Full Moon Walk
7 p.m. @ Millbrook Marsh Nature Ctr.
www.crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html

Apr. 3

"The Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas"
7 p.m. @ PA Military Museum Auditorium
<https://sites.google.com/site/centralpacivilwarroundtable>

Apr. 4

Lecture Series: "Special Operations"
7:30 p.m. @ PA Military Museum
www.pamilmuseum.org

Apr. 14-15

Battery B Civil War Drill Weekend
12-4 p.m. @ PA Military Museum
www.pamilmuseum.org

Apr. 15

6th Annual Earth Day Birthday Event
2-5 p.m. @ Millbrook Marsh Nature Ctr.
www.crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html

May 5

PA Native Plant Society Plant Sale
10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Shavers Creek Environmental Ctr.
www.pawildflower.org

May 12-13

Plant Sale ~ H.O. Smith Botanic Gardens
9 a.m.-3 p.m. @ PSU Arboretum
www.arboretum.psu.edu

Farewell to a Friend



Beautiful wreaths and bouquets, healthy herb and vegetable plants, a friendly smile and timely gardening advice could always be had from Effie Zuck at the Centre Furnace Mansion Plant Sale. Effie passed away suddenly in December and we will surely miss her warm presence. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family.

CCHS has received donations in Effie's memory, which will be utilized to pay tribute to her in the heirloom Mansion gardens this spring.

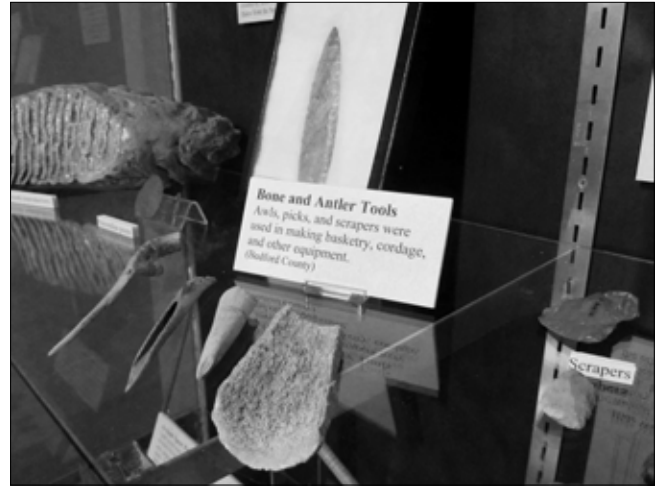
Clean Giving

Treat yourself to a luxury carwash and support CCHS. Our generous friends at Team Blue Hand Car Wash, 117A West Cherry Lane of State College, make it very easy to wash your car and support CCHS at the same time! When you treat your car to an exterior hand wash and interior cleaning, you will receive a \$5 discount AND CCHS will receive a \$5 donation. Simply ask the desk clerk for a Team Blue fundraising card, write "CCHS" on the back, and sign your name. Cards are also available at the Mansion.

Warm Welcome



We welcome Megan Orient, who joined CCHS as a full time staff member on Jan. 1. She will be working closely with Mary Sorensen in handling the Society's daily operations. Megan's specialties include heritage tourism, historic preservation, and grant writing.



The exhibit: "Those Who Came Before: The Archaeology of Centre County's Native Americans" has been extended through June 2012.

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.

Mike's Video, TV & Appliance– Thanks to Alan Ambruzzo for coming to the rescue when our [20th century] electric range died last fall! We now have a shiny new range for culinary tasks!

Robert Hazelton– For two years, Bob has been sharing his passion for historic maps to benefit CCHS. We thank Bob for donating time to developing reproduction historic maps of Centre County to sell in our gift shop for research and decorative uses.

Jaru– We sincerely thank Jaru for support in sponsoring a portion of project costs for large-scale color work used for many CCHS exhibits, events and reproduction historic maps.

Heberling and Associates, Inc.– Thank you for providing vivid, fascinating images and materials from the Benner Commerce Park archaeological site for the "Building on the Past" exhibit.

Robert Malcom– Bob recently donated a binder of his research about State College architect Louis Inerra, part of a series of binders he has provided about 20th century State College architecture.

Early Decorative Arts Books– For their gifts to the CCHS library, we thank Diane Farr, Robert Conrad, Richard Pencek and Jackie Melander.

Fall & Winter Program Speakers– Our program speakers graciously donated their time, enabling CCHS to make the programs free to the public:

- **Richard Pencek**– Retired Professor of American Studies, Penn State University
- **Dr. Dean Snow**– Professor of Anthropology, Penn State University
- **Gary Coppock**– Senior Archaeologist, Heberling Associates, Inc.
- **Dr. Paul Raber**– Director of Archaeological Services, Heberling Associates, Inc.
- **Barb Ermol**– Family historian
- **Richard Hughes**– Author, "A 20th Century History of Clearfield County", Clearfield Co. Historical Society Member.

Steve Walton– PSU Prof. Steven Walton of the Science, Technology & Society program worked with students Omar Hamad, Steven Toth, Taner Sweeny, and Soham Gadre last semester on the history of iron ore mining and ore washers in central PA. Maps of mines, furnaces and washers in Centre County will be a 21st century addition to the CCHS website. ~ Steve has also volunteered his carpenter's skills and built custom shelving for the mansion's janitor closet. Many thanks, Steve!

Boogersburg School News

by Sharon Childs, Boogersburg School Coordinator

We are about to light the woodstove for winter programs at the Boogersburg Schoolhouse. Over 20 educational programs involving 1st and 2nd graders from the State College Area School District (SCASD) are planned for the months of February and March. A trip to Boogersburg and a role play of an 1800s school day culminates a unit on the early pioneers that is part of the SCASD primary curriculum.

Our Boogersburg docents, many of whom are former elementary school teachers in this and other districts, make it possible for these young students to experience what it was like for pioneer children to attend a one-room schoolhouse. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very special thank you to each of our "school mistresses", some of whom have recently become involved and others who have been with us for many years:

- Bonnie Abrams
- Linda Forrest
- Nancy Jacobsen
- Gloria Nieweg
- Helen Roback
- Carole Rose
- Jane Sheeder
- Nancy Silverman
- Doyle Wilkerson
- Linda Witmer

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with the Boogersburg Schoolhouse, please contact Sharon Childs at (814) 234-4779 or email boogersburg@centrecountyhistory.org.



Penn State College of Health & Human Development volunteered for the 2011 United Way Day of Caring at Boogersburg School.



A Bushel of Thanks...

For more than 20 years the CCHS President's Award has honored an individual or a group of individuals who have provided their services and expertise to the Society in an extensive way and over an extended period of time. Over and over again, since 1989, their service to the Historical Society has been exemplary.

This year CCHS recognizes Sharon and Eric Childs for their ongoing service and outstanding commitment to Boogersburg School. Sharon has done an exceptional job of coordinating schoolhouse activities, particularly linking school district teachers and educational programs with a committed group of outstanding docents, resulting in educationally rich visits by several thousand elementary school students over the last seven years.

But, that's not all. Sharon, and her husband Eric, are the school's caretakers in so many other ways as well. They are there early in the morning to prepare the school for visitors; they are there late in the afternoon to ready it for another set of children. They stock 19th century one-room schoolhouse supplies; provide wood for the pot-bellied stove and stoke the fire; clear walks of snow; trim the grass and neatly manicure the site. They have participated in the planning and planting of trees and shrubs for the school's adjoining acre as part of the annual Day of Caring. And, they even have been called upon to discourage small squirrels from attempting "to enroll" as students, and honeybees from becoming permanent residents under the school siding.

If it is customary to bring an apple to the teacher, then Sharon and Eric Childs deserve a whole bushel!

Blue Mountain Service Project

Once per quarter, Blue Mountain Quality Resources contributes to the community by selecting three local organizations to which they lend their capable helping hands. CCHS has had the good fortune to be the recipient of several of their service days over the past 6 years. Most recently last fall, seven BMQR staff members volunteered to do detailed exterior woodwork painting and painted the wooden porch floor at the Centre Furnace Mansion. Thank you Blue Mountain Quality Resources!



- Top notch antiques, arts and fine crafts
- Event supplies
- Generous support for the Stocking Stuffer booklet
- Delicious baked goodies
- Wishes for wonderful weekend weather
- And so much more...

Hats off to the 2011 Stocking Stuffer Committee who did an outstanding job and led CCHS major fundraiser to its most successful end.

Also of note from this year's Stocking Stuffer event was the first in a series of CCHS commemorative ornaments - a hand-crafted pewter design of a furnace stack, representative of the iron industry that was key in the history and development of all of Centre County. Over 60 of these limited edition ornaments were sold during November and December. We thank local artisan Jerry Jackson for designing, producing, and sponsoring a portion of the cost for these beautiful numbered and signed ornaments.

In closing, we'd like to thank the **hundreds** of individuals and businesses involved in making this event possible. Please take time to read the next page of names of the priceless volunteers, participants, donors, and supporters from the event.



Stocking Stuffer Success

by Mary Osborn & Cathy Horner, Co-Chairs

The CCHS 2011 Stocking Stuffer Antiques, Art and Fine Craft Sale was a wonderful success on many levels! The hard work, experience and generosity of the volunteers, floral designers, artists, businesses and guests that participated in this event paid off in our most successful sale yet.

We have all heard many times over from guests that this is a holiday season tradition. Warm weather, new offerings and delectable treats made this year's sale stand out even more.

CCHS depends on this fundraiser now more than ever, and its success is attributed to all of you who give in such a variety of critical ways. Our most sincere gratitude to all who make this a special event for the holiday season and for CCHS. Thanks for your:

- Months and months of meticulous planning
- Good cheer that welcomed nearly 600 visitors
- Beautiful holiday decor for the event and season
- Donations of hand crafted items and antiques



Stocking Stuffer Thank Yous

EVENT COMMITTEE:

Mary Osborn – Co-Chair
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Katie Frieden
Honey Jaffe
Bob Hazelton
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Beth Ricker

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United Way Day of Caring

2011 marked the 18th year CCHS has hosted volunteers on the Centre County United Way Day of Caring.

Always enthusiastic, helpful and eager to dig in, volunteers who share their time on the Day of Caring are integral in helping the Historical Society fulfill its mission to make the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School available to the public. The enhanced beauty of the buildings and grounds of both historic properties is due in large part to the generosity of individuals and organizations who donate their time and materials on the Day of Caring each year.

This year, cool temperatures and sunny skies welcomed over 140 volunteers to the Mansion and School from several area businesses and organizations as they checked in and got their assignments.

Centre County United Way Day of Caring Ambassadors Col. Gerald F. Russell – Chair, USMC (Ret.) and Sue Paterno – Honorary Chair, and Executive Director Tammy Gentzel visited Centre Furnace Mansion on a tour of Centre County Day of Caring projects.

Painting work at the Centre Furnace Mansion was underway as people began to arrive. David Horner & Associates, Inc. of State College, in its third year of contribution on Day of Caring at Centre Furnace Mansion led painting efforts with paint provided by Sherwin Williams. David and crew, Steve Everett, Wade Gardner and Bill Owens, bring an appreciation of the historic nature of this work and an attention to detail. The brackets, eaves and soffits at the porch entrance of the Mansion's ell were prepared and details meticulously painted with the help of a mechanical lift donated by United Rentals.

Volunteers from the CFM Garden Committee led by

Katie Frieden did a tremendous amount of productive gardens and grounds work. Much mulch was spread, historic bulbs and perennials were planted, and plants were trimmed for the winter. In addition, the tool shed was organized, outdoor furniture sanded and oiled and the trail area near the furnace stack was cleaned up.

The trees and grounds at the Mansion and the Schoolhouse require much work to keep them safe and looking their best. Penn State's Office of Physical Plant's Landscape and Arborist Team Drew Beben, Matt Bennett, Kris Edson, and Corby Fetterhof, who have been monitoring the health of the Historic Sycamore and several other trees at the Centre Furnace Mansion for the nearly two decades. Corby and Kris are also credited with fixing Boogersburg School's bell! Mulch and tools were provided at both sites by Landscape Crew members Todd Dobson, Nathan Haupt, Wayne Motts, and Jim Simpson. Special thanks to Jeff Dice, PSU Supervisor of Grounds Maintenance for coordinating these efforts.

At Boogersburg School, volunteers from Penn State College of Health and Human Development did wonderful work on the grounds as well as cleaning inside the school. The new trail that was installed as part of an Eagle Scout project in the summer of 2011 got a fresh coat of mulch, lawn areas were reseeded, picnic tables were sealed and the stone walk was en-

hanced making the area more accessible.

By lunchtime, volunteers and staff readily welcomed sub sandwiches donated in part by Subway-State College. We also enjoyed a wonderful assortment of delicious homemade goodies and snacks made available through donations by many CCHS Volunteers.



CCHS extends our sincerest thanks to participating businesses, organizations and individuals who donated materials, food, labor and valuable time to join us on the Day of Caring to make this incredible gift possible. We could not do this without you!



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