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Middle School Tours Grove City Area Historical Society

October 4th and 5th, 2004 found 194 students touring the GCAHS Head quarters. The tour, given by Mary Sample, was part of an English and Social Studies unit done with the 8th graders at Grove City Middle School. Along with the tour,



Mary talked to each class about the history of the community and the significance of many of the homes in the history of the area. After the tour and discussion of Grove City history, students went to the Old Presbyterian Cemetery on Greenwood Drive to look at the markers that have historical significance in the community.



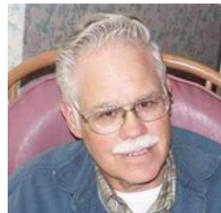
Heirloom Spinning Wheel Given to Society

Anyone who has been past the Society's display window has surely noticed a spinning wheel. This was given to us by the Esther L. Slater Welton Estate. The wheel can be traced back to Esther E. Echols Slater. The family does not have the wheel's complete history, but they know it was in the family prior to 1904 and has been handed down to the next generation who had the first name of Esther. Esther E. Echols Slater was the great grandmother of Brenda J. Welton Slater who lives on the Cranberry Road. There is not now an "Esther" to hand the wheel down to, so the family was generous to deed it to the Society for safe keeping. If any of you who are reading this has any knowledge of the family and the wheel, Brenda and the Society would appreciate hearing from you. We are very grateful that the family has entrusted this heirloom to our care.



Attention: The Historical Society Museum and Museum Shoppe will be closing for the winter on December 18, 2004. Re-opening is planned for April 5, 2005.

President's Corner



As president, I would like to commend each of our volunteers and board members for their solid support of Society activities over the past year.

Due to increased demand, the Society building hours have been extended to Tuesday through Saturday from 11am to 3pm. This requires a lot of volunteer hours - approximately 1280 hours every year!

The number of visitors has reached a record high with nearly 1415 people touring the museum. Among these visitors have been the Grove City Middle School, the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scout Junior Cadets. Many visitors have expressed their appreciation at the fact that the history of Grove City is being preserved for future generations.

As winter approaches, our doors will be closed but we will continue to be active: elections for board members will take place in January, planning for our spring opening will be developing, and the Accession Committee will continue to process the many fine items donated to the society. Then, in April, the Historical Society will re-emerge, ready for another great year. Come and see and join the fun!

Dr. Thomas Armour
President

Building Committee Report

Shortly, John Moon and his men will replace the big windows in the Library with new thermopane and "double E" rated glass. Then they will replace the double-hung windows on the second floor in the front, alley side both floors, and two windows in the middle room on the first floor. The windows are in terrible condition, and we are fortunate that they have not fallen in!!

In our last news letter, we had a picture of the handicapped entrance in the alley. We are pleased that John Moon has completed the outside finish work with vinyl paneling and a terra cotta floor. We also have a motion light in the entryway. On the inside, they sloped the floor so that those in a wheelchair can more easily enter the building.



Accession Committee Report

The Accession Committee has received over 130 donations this past year. Each accession consists of anywhere from 1 to 100 items! This amounts to a lot of objects, photos, books and archives. Logging these items is tedious work that requires many volunteer hours.

We have had excellent support from many wonderful volunteers. One such person is Erin Schleigh, who has steered us in the right directions for the past few years. At the present time, Erin is attending graduate school in Boston. Frank Hoffman and Tara Severson have graciously stepped in to continue her work. Other members of the committee are John Sample, Terry Reeher, William MacTaggart, Richard Noel, Barry Harlow and Tom Armour. These members meet on a regular basis to review accessions in more detail.

Our catalogue of items is developing at a steady pace but there is still much work to be done.

From The Editor

Happy Holiday Season one and all! With the society closing it's doors for the winter, we will be putting a bit more time between this and the next newsletter. One of the reasons for this is that my husband and I are expecting a new arrival next May! The deadline for submissions for the first newsletter of 2005 will be March 7, 2005. If you have any newsworthy items or musings of the past, please drop them by the society.

CORRECTION

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Alessio were accidentally omitted as members of the 4th Monday Night Bridge Group and contributors to the memory album submission for Mr. William Eaton.

Necrology

Lillian Patterson Bartholomew
August 4, 2004

"The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."
~Abraham Lincoln

Special Thanks

Thanks to John Moon and his crew for putting the final touches to the outside of the handicapped doorway in the alley. It is such an improvement to the building.

Thanks to Gary Forsythe, who has begun to prime and paint the firewalls. If any of you would like to help with this project, I know Gary would appreciate it. Thanks Gary, for getting this project started.

Thanks to Norman Turner who supplied the mirror and wood and to Bob Miller who made the frame and stained the wood for the mirror in the handicapped bathroom. It is such a nice addition.

Thanks to Tom Burdick of Burdick's Men Apparel for donating mannequin body sections so we can display more clothing in the window and on the floor. These have been needed for some time and we are very appreciative of this gift.

Thanks to Dennis J. Palaski, Vice President of the Grove City Lions Club, for the donation of three different sizes of brooms. Since we are always cleaning up from remodeling, it will be wonderful to be able to sweep up with a decent broom. The Lions Club does charitable work with the blind and is in need of more members. If you are interested in joining the Lions, please give Mr. Palaski a call.

Thanks to Anita and Pat DeMarco for the donation of a wallpaper/painter's plank.

And our thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible to open our doors five days a week. Without you, we could not do it!!

Genealogy Seminar & Workshop #2

We deeply regret the postponement of workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2004. This cancellation was necessary due to the flooding and closing of the Penn Grove Hotel.

This program is scheduled to be presented in April 2005. Complete information will be released with our next newsletter.



Images Committee Report

The Images Committee is beginning to put together 200-plus photos for the upcoming book. I have written the introduction and we have scrutinized more than 700 photos. Tom Armour is scanning photos into a sample page layout to send to Arcadia, the publisher, to make sure our page layout ideas follow the company's criteria. He has some slick ideas for combining photos into one photo so that our pictures will be more sophisticated. Soon we will submit a proposal to the publisher, and select a reasonable project deadline that will allow us to pay attention to detail, while completing the project in a timely fashion. I am extremely proud of the efforts of this committee, each having tremendous input into his/her area of expertise.

FROM THE MUSEUM SHOPPE



Christmas is just about 6 weeks away and we hope you will remember our gift shop at the Society. We carry a variety of Grove City logo items such as: T-shirts for children and adults (Grandma, remember a T-shirt for a stocking stuffer!), aprons, tote bags, paperweights with old GC pictures in them, charms, note paper, hand-thrown crockery made here in Pennsylvania, books written by GC natives (this includes our own John and Marge Hummel's POSTCARD book), porcelain mugs, tea pots, paperweights, Christmas ornaments, and magnets. All are reasonably priced, so please stop in before Dec. 18th and do your shopping with us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Hans & Mary Sennholz who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

This non-profit, all volunteer organization needs YOU!

We are dedicated to the preservation of our community's history. If YOU are interested in volunteering, two, three, or four hours each month, please contact Anita DeMarco at 724-458-9499 or email at ajdemarco@zoominternet.net.