



# Historical Happenings

## The Newsletter of the Grove City Area Historical Society

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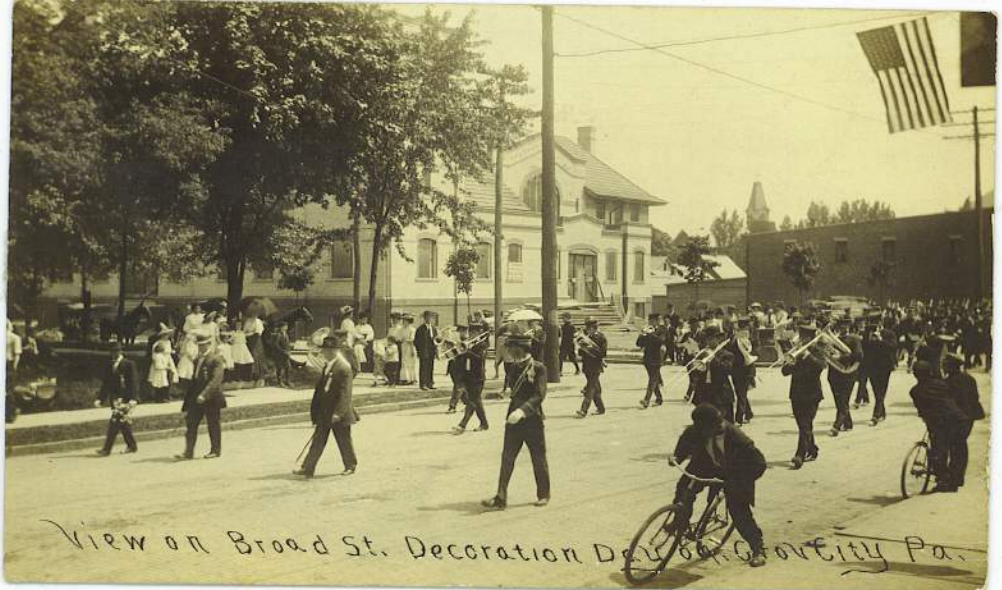
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The last Monday in May is when the United States celebrates Memorial Day. This holiday was originally called Decoration Day due to the practice of decorating graves of soldiers. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died serving our country. *Post card Photo 1909*

### A Message from the President

Happy Spring to everyone! After our snowy but very enjoyable December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at the Historical Society it seemed like the snow and freezing weather would never stop coming. In spite of the weather, the party was well attended by volunteers and members who enjoyed the appetizers catered by Becky Cameron and Darlene Shaner's beautiful and delicious cranberry cake. Tom Armour shoveled the sidewalk several times that afternoon, Becky's car battery died in the alley, and Ed & Jean Carlson sold several of their newly published books. I was very happy that Marjorie Hummel agreed to let Bruce chauffeur her to the party. By the way, she recently celebrated her 90th birthday!

I can speak for several of us and say that we are rested and ready to get the headquarters open to visitors on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Volunteer Orientation and Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 11am-1 pm. There will be updated information presented that all of the experienced volunteers will need to learn. That day we hope to welcome some new volunteers, too. Continued on page 2.



**Bronze name plates of deceased members of the former Grove City Elks Club are available to their families.** Please spread the word that we have these bronze plates in a box in the Historical Society Library to be given to the family of Elk Club members to pick up. The large plaques listing the names of the Exhalted Rulers and Donors are on display in the Community Organizations room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Georgia McIntire steps down as Historical Society Secretary after 9 1/2 years.**

Many thanks are in order for Georgia for her dedication in taking care of the minutes of the Board of Directors and Executive Board meetings and also writing and sending the correspondence letters on behalf of the Board.

**Laurie McCandless volunteered to be Secretary.** Laurie retired from the federal government, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services, in January 2013. She was a Senior Program Analyst in the Processes and Systems Modernization Office (what a mouthful!) and worked for the same federal agency and division her entire federal career, spanning 35 years. In addition to taking on the secretary position, Laurie is involved with accessioning the donated items and entering them in the computer's "Past Perfect" program, as well as representing Wolf Creek Township on our Board of Directors. THANK YOU!

**Heidi Adams has joined the Historical Society Board of Directors** this year as a "Member at Large". She has been actively involved since she joined the society a couple years ago by organizing the volunteer schedule, accessioning new items, and working on a new website for the Society. We are grateful to have Heidi on the Board!

**Wanted: Grove City High School Yearbooks.** We often have requests for old high school yearbooks by people who may not have bought one when they were in school or by those who want a yearbook from the year their parents went to high school. If duplicate copies are available, we have had success in selling them for \$20 each or \$25 if shipping is needed. If you are willing to give yearbooks to the historical society, it would be very much appreciated by those who are looking for memories of their past.

The Yearbooks we are looking for are listed below:

**1941, 42, 45,46. 1952, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59.**

**1960, 63, 65, 67, 69. 1970, 71, 72, 74, 1976,**

**and all to the present.**

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**Put on your thinking caps!** The Board of Directors are always looking for suggestions of topics and speakers for the seminars that we have in the fall. Please let me know if you would like to do a presentation or share your thoughts about topics of interest that we can pursue.

Thanks everyone for all your support!

*Linda*



#### **Outside Display Window**

Georgie Hodge has completed a display of Wendell August items. Most items are from Georgie and Skip Sample's personal collections and some are the property of the Historical Society.



### Archiving the Ketler Collection Continues

We are fortunate to be working with the Grove City College Archive Department to continue the project that Jonathan Riddle started a few years ago. The college has provided us with student volunteers to continue cataloging and digitizing the Isaac Ketler papers. Getting a group photo would be a challenge, because they don't all work at the same time. For your information, their schedule for this semester is as follows:

Monday, Rebecca Gale works from 10-1.

Monday and Wednesday from 11:30-1, Eric Peterman.

Monday 2:30-4:30, Eleanor Gray, Zachary Grunder, and Sara Cammenga.

Wednesday 2:30-4:30, Eleanor Gray, Zachary Grunder, and Johnathon Von Stein.

Eleanor is sometimes in on Friday afternoon also, but that depends on the week.

Eleanor Gray (pictured above), the leader of these volunteers explains what they are doing in her message below:

“What we've been working on is a process of cataloging and digitizing the Ketler Collection. (The collection contains many personal and business papers of Isaac C. Ketler and his family.) We are scanning the documents to allow for easier access, and then cataloging them in the Past Perfect computer program so that in the future, researchers can search the database to study specific topics. In terms of progress, with the help of this team we are reaching the end of the first box of uncatalogued correspondence. It's difficult to put that in perspective with the entire Ketler Collection, because some parts of it have been cataloged and others haven't, but the entire collection consists of approximately 25 boxes of papers. It would be completely impossible to make so much meaningful progress without the help and consistency of our team, patiently caring for and digitizing these records. We've also had a lot of supportive help and guidance from Hilary Walczak, the college archivist at Grove City College, and Dr. Thomas Armour, who has helped to get the project back on its feet.”



### Does this bring back memories?

**It was 1957/1958 and the race is on to find the hidden candy eggs!**

The Grove City Optimist Club hosted the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Grove City Memorial Park for many years. The club, considered to be a friend of the youth, was established in 1947 and closed in 2007.



## AN EXCERPT FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Another photo from  
Marjorie Hummel's collection.

### Remembering Broad Street

**Brenda** We used to eat at Dads Restaurant on Friday nights.

**Sandra** I worked at Dads in 1963.

**Veronica** Gail Christie was the owner when my Mom used to work at Dads.

**Rolf** Great photo. The movie playing was released 24 Dec 1943, so photo is probably winter 1943-44.

**Maggie** I was born the winter of 1943!

**Kim** My Mom worked at Dads in the 60s.

**Don** the pizza house, laundry mat, barbershop, all gone now.

**Jane** Looked like that when we were kids!!

**Jay** I do remember those cinnamon rolls and doughnuts!!! They were GOOD!

**Don** and look close in photo broad st was a two way traffic then.

**Jay** My mom worked at Dads in the 70's. I used to go there for lunch from Lincoln Elementary. French fries and a milkshake. YUM!!!

**Tom** Nice old picture! Hard to believe the Guthrie theater was there back then.

**Diane** What is the name of the movie?

**Carole** I think it is "A Guy Named Joe".  
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt003595/>

### Memorial Donations to the Historical Society

Memorial donations are a wonderful way to honor a loved one or friend. You may specify what area of the Historical Society you would like to see your contribution be used. These suggestions are not limited and you may have a more meaningful preference for meeting the needs of the Society.

The **Endowment Fund** is an investment we have with the Community Foundation. It is designated for future needs such as a possible paid director position. Your contribution would help this fund grow.

\$3,400 is needed for a **Stair Lift** to the basement. This will be a great asset to the future display areas, a classroom and an aluminum workshop in the lower level. It is our goal to establish this area in 2014.

Your donation can be earmarked for **Preservation Supplies** such as acid free boxes to safely preserve antique clothing as well as papers and scrap books. These items are quite expensive.

We will send notification of your memorial contribution to the deceased family telling them of your preference for meeting the needs of the Grove City Historical Society.

**Send your memorial donation to P.O. Box 764, Grove City, PA 16127**

**In Memory of:**

**Address of person to be notified:**

**Your name and address:**

**Your specification of how you want your contribution to be used:**

**Looking forward to sending Lillian Reeher's *Wolf Creek Legacy I & II* to the printer! Lillian's talents and expertise are a wonderful gift to the Historical Society and we now need more Patron donations to finance the printing.**

*wolf creek legacy: Books one and two*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to be a Patron: \_\_\_\_\_ \$400 donation for 4 books
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 donation for 3 books
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 donation for 2 books
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 donation for 1 book

I would like to make a \$100 memorial donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_)

*Please make checks payable to: Grove City Area Historical Society.  
Forms can be mailed to headquarters at: Grove Area City Historical Society,  
PO Box 764, Grove City, PA 16127*

## Proposed Budget Report from Treasurer Dr. Thomas Armour

PROPOSED GROVE CITY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXPENSE BUDGET	2013 BUDGET	2013 SPENT	2014 PROPOSED	PER CENT CHANGE FROM 2013 SPENT
<b>I. FACILITY</b>				
1. BUILDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	-11.76
2. BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000	\$ 229.00	\$ 1,000.00	336.88
3. UTILITIES	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,448.12	\$ 4,000.00	16.01
4. INSURANCE	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,829.00	\$ 2,500.00	47.15
5. JANITORIAL SERVICE AND SUPPLIES	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00	#DIV/0!
6. MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING EXPENSE	\$ 500	\$ 87.00	\$ 500.00	646.27
<b>I. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,600</b>	<b>\$ 8,843.12</b>	<b>\$ 11,100.00</b>	<b>25.52</b>
<b>II. OPERATIONS</b>				
1. EQUIPMENT	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
2. TAX - SALES	\$ 150	\$ 80.39	\$ 300.00	273.18
3. OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 400	\$ 687.13	\$ 400.00	-40.04
4. PRINTING	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ 400.00	#DIV/0!
5. POSTAGE	\$ 800	\$ 214.38	\$ 900.00	-1.57
6. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$ 300	\$ 3,002.54	\$ 300.00	-90.01
8. MUSEUM / DISPLAYS	\$ 250	\$ 1,280.72	\$ 700.00	-45.34
9. LEGAL / ACCOUNTING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70.00	#DIV/0!
10. MEMBERSHIP / DUES	\$ 200	\$ 312.70	\$ 600.00	91.88
11. MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 600	\$ 25.54	\$ 300.00	214.00
<b>II. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,353.40</b>	<b>\$ 4,470.00</b>	<b>-29.84</b>
<b>III. SERVICES</b>				
1. ACCESSIONS	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
2. WEBSITE	\$ 400	\$ 231.58	\$ 400.00	72.74
3. EDUCATION	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300.00	
4. VOLUNTEERS	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
5. INTERNS	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
6. PUBLICATIONS	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,247.90	\$ 8,000.00	541.08
7. OTHER	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
<b>III. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,400</b>	<b>\$ 1,479.46</b>	<b>\$ 9,900.00</b>	<b>569.16</b>
<b>IV. EVENTS</b>				
1. DINNERS	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 600.00	566.87
2. LUNCHEONS	\$ 300	\$ 51.60	\$ 600.00	1,062.79
3. SEMINARS	\$ 300	\$ 29.88	\$ 300.00	910.78
4. OTHER	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	300.00
<b>IV. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$ 196.28</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>	<b>715.16</b>
<b>V. DESIGNATED FUNDS TRANSFER</b>				
1. ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	114.29
2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FUND	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	0.00
3. ARTHUR ARMOUR FUND	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
4. OTHER (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
5. OTHER (2)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>V. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,550</b>	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,300.00</b>	<b>65.38</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,150</b>	<b>\$ 19,472.26</b>	<b>\$ 27,070.00</b>	<b>39.02</b>

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PROPOSED GROVE CITY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCOME BUDGET	2013 BUDGET	2013 RECEIVED	2014 PROPOSED	PER CENT CHANGE FROM 2013 RECEIVED
1. Donations	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,845.87	\$ 5,000.00	30.01
2. Donations - Gov	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	20.00
3. Memorials	\$ 500	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 500.00	-54.55
4. Membership Dues	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,750.00	\$ 6,000.00	26.32
5. Arthur Armour Project	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
6. Interest	\$ 4	\$ 2.12	\$ 1.00	-52.83
7. Book Sales(W W W)	\$ 300	\$ 838.79	\$ 300.00	-64.23
8. Book Sales (G L T L O )	\$ 1,000	\$ 580.00	\$ 600.00	3.45
9. Other Sales	\$ 100	\$ 90.00	\$ 300.00	233.33
10. Genealogy Services	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
11. Misc 1	\$ 400	\$ 48.48	\$ 400.00	725.08
12. Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	-50.00
13. Seminars	\$ 300	\$ 20.00	\$ 300.00	1,400.00
14. Project Fund (1) (Elevator)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
15. Project Fund (2) (Medical Room)	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 100.00	-75.00
16. Other (1)	\$ 100	\$ 38.00	\$ 100.00	177.78
17. Internet Sales	\$ 300	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00	233.33
18. Misc 2	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	
19. Misc 3(Victorian Tea)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	
20. Misc 4 (Wolf Creek Leg Patrons)	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 3,000.00	650.00
21. Misc 5 (John Sample Memorials)	\$ -	\$ 3,645.00	\$ 3,000.00	-17.70
22. Misc 6 (John Hummel Memorials)	\$ -	\$ 540.00		-100.00
23. Misc 7	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,604</b>	<b>\$ 19,146.26</b>	<b>\$ 32,901.00</b>	<b>71.84</b>

## SAVE THE DATES

The **Volunteer Orientation and Luncheon** is Saturday April 5th 11 am—1 pm. Anyone who is a volunteer or interested in becoming a volunteer is urged to attend this event .

**Historical Society first day open for the year**, Tuesday April 15th Noon - 3 pm.

Stop in and see the new displays.

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Founding and Life Memberships are payable over 3 years.

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\$	_____
\$10.00	Student / Senior
\$20.00	Individual
\$40.00	Family
\$50.00	Corporate
\$500.00	Life
\$1,000.00	Founding

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**PLEASE CIRCLE:** new member renewal change of address

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