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## **THE GIVING SPREE**

**The Future is in Your Hands:**

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**East Berlin Historical Preservation Society**

**Save the date:**

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Gettysburg Area Middle School**

**Give in person** and help fill our piggy bank too

**or**

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# ***A Message from the President...***

It promises to be a very busy fall for the Historical Society. We have another of our celebrated “High Teas” scheduled in October. In November we have the Adams County’s “Giving Spree”, an ideal opportunity to donate to the society and see your donation count for even more (see the additional information in this issue of *The Berlin Informer*). November also brings elections for a board member and officers. Please vote since the future of the society depends on strong leadership selected and supported by our members. November is the time of our annual Christmas Craft Show at the Log House. In December we will celebrate the season with the Christmas House Tour and Quilt Raffle (buy house tour tickets now for family and friends and enjoy a discounted price). We will also have our annual Christmas party at Red Men’s Hall to fill us all with the spirit of the season and to allow us an opportunity to enjoy the many friendships which have been forged by the Historical Society.

This year fall will also feature something new for the Historical Society. Given recent financial reverses (the cancellation of Colonial Day has put tremendous strain on our budget), the board has determined that there will be a major emphasis on fundraising. This will proceed along two paths, outreach to community businesses through the 1764 Fund (for building restoration) and a more general outreach to members of the society and the community. Mailings are being sent and board members will be doing follow-up as necessary. So as we enter the holiday giving season, remember your Historical Society.

This is my last column as your president. I am stepping down to let new leaders move the society into the future. It has been an honor to serve you. Thank you for all of your support. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the incredible people who serve on the board or as officers and the many volunteers who make the society so special.

Submitted by Michael Hrinjak

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# Lake Meade Celebrates 50 Years

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Lake Meade celebrated a milestone of 50 years since its beginning as a community.

They had many activities that day for their homeowners and guests and we were privileged to be able to be there to represent our society. Kathy Neiman, Lucia Hrinayk, Dave Titzell and I enjoyed our time spent there to share the function and purpose of EBHPS. We also had the opportunity to present and sell tickets for our upcoming annual quilt raffle and the Society's biennial Christmas House Tour on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The raffle drawing will take place at Red Man's Hall at 5 pm at the end of the tour. You need not be present to win. All monies received will go to support the society and to help maintain our five historic buildings. Your continued support makes our goal of preservation possible and we thank you.

Submitted by Mary Titzell

## 2018 Quilt Raffle Begins

Our annual quilt raffle will take place on Sunday, December 9, following the conclusion of our House Tour at 5:00 p.m. The green and red queen sized quilt features the Churn Dash pattern. Many of the fabrics used for the blocks were donated by Sue Hess and her daughters. A quick trip to the Old Country Store in Intercourse allowed me to purchase fabrics for the sashing, borders, and quilt back. Thanks to Erma Barnhart and the Piecemakers Quilt Group at the Jean Barnett Trone Library for their work in piecing the 72 blocks that make up the quilt top. Erma put the entire top together with sashing, setting squares, and borders. Once I got it on the quilt frame, we began the arduous process of quilting: Mariam Bechtel, Winnie Flynn, Bev Judus, and myself. Second prize: two handmade pillows by Erma Barnhart. Third prize: Becky Mummert redware plate.

Please support our efforts and our Society by purchasing tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5:

1. Tickets available at Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library where the quilt will be displayed until mid-October.
2. Send a check payable to EBHPS to P.O. Box 73, East Berlin, PA 17316. Include a self addressed stamped envelope so that your stubs can be returned to you after your tickets are placed in the raffle box.
3. Email: [ebhps@comcast.net](mailto:ebhps@comcast.net) or call 717-259-0822 to make other arrangements. **Better yet, come to the Society's great house tour on December 9!**

Submitted by Carol Carlson

# Historic East Berlin Christmas House Tour

**Sunday, December 9, 2018  
12 Noon until 5 PM**

Historic 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes and buildings in East Berlin will be featured during the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society's tour including wonderful houses, the Church Schoolhouse, Swigart's Mill, Red Men's Hall, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Zwingli United Church of Christ. Refreshments will be available at the churches and Red Men's Hall. A typical early school room will be set up at the Church School House. Enjoying this tour is a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

Your contribution of \$18 (\$15 in advance) supports the preservation and education work of the Society. Tickets will be available the day of the tour starting at 11:30 AM at Red Men's Hall, 332 West King St. (Rt 234), East Berlin, PA. Discounted price advance ticket purchase will be available beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> at Cashman's Hardware, 1595 Route 194 North, East Berlin, PA. In addition, to purchase advance tickets for \$15 per person, send a check (non-refundable) payable to EBHPS to the following address and your tickets will be held for you:

**East Berlin Historical Preservation Society  
Post Office Box 73  
East Berlin, PA 17316**

Enjoy this historic holiday tour for a walk back in time while supporting the work of the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society!

For more information, visit website at [ebhpspa.org](http://ebhpspa.org), email [ebhps@comcast.net](mailto:ebhps@comcast.net) or call 717-259-0822 and Like Us on Facebook!

## *Important Notices.....*

The vote on the revised **Society by laws** originally scheduled for the November 14 general meeting has been postponed until the work is completed. The membership will be informed well in advance of the rescheduled date for the vote.

The **November general meeting is on November 14** this year to avoid a date too close to the Thanksgiving holiday.

# **What will happen to Colonial Day?**

Each year for the last 43 years the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society has carried on its tradition of holding Colonial Day. Its purpose is to raise money for the preservation of five of our town's historic structures.

This year due to issues beyond our control we were unable to do so, and Colonial Day had to be cancelled.

After our Colonial Day was cancelled two events that were also taking place in September were brought to my attention by their promoters. So, I contacted each of our vendors personally to inform them of where these events were taking place and who to contact. I felt in this way the vendors could decide for themselves if they wanted to participate in a different event and most importantly their personal information was not compromised. This gave our vendors an opportunity to sell their goods at fall events for this year if they chose to do so. This was most appreciated given the situation.

That being said, it is still very important for the Historical Society to continue our event and we are working hard to see if we are able to make the necessary changes and improvements in the least invasive way for our residents, businesses and visitors alike.

Submitted by Laura Ferrara

## **Society Autumn High Tea**

As advertised, the Society will be hosting an Autumn High Tea, the third tea in its growing list of culinary accomplishments. The tea will be held at Red Men's Hall, 332 West King Street, East Berlin on Saturday, October 13 from 1:00 to 3:00.

In addition to the variety of fine teas and foods, guests can expect to be entertained with live music and for dessert, a program entitled, "Manners and Etiquette in the Colonial Era."

The cost of the tea is \$35 per person. Reservations are to be made with Sharon O'Connell at [sharona247@gmail.com](mailto:sharona247@gmail.com) or at 717-870-1634. E-mail reservations are preferred. Seating is limited, so be sure to place your reservation as early as possible. Once your reservation is made and confirmed, send your check made out to EBHPS to Sharon O'Connell, 240 Third St. Hanover, PA 17331.

Submitted by Lucia Hrinyak

## **“The Underground Railroad in the Susquehanna River Region”**

**Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 pm., Red Men’s Hall**

During the decades prior to the Civil War, uncounted numbers of freedom seekers escaping from slavery in Maryland, Virginia, and points south passed through Adams and York counties on their way to the Susquehanna River. Some of them are believed to have passed through East Berlin on their journey. **Come join Scott Mingus, the author of 20 books on the Civil War**, as he discusses the key role of Adams and York counties in the Underground Railroad to assist freedom seekers in reaching the river.

## **“Thaddeus Stevens” portrayed by Ross Hetrick**

**Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., Red Men’s Hall**

Ross will talk about how Thaddeus Stevens helped destroy slavery and created a more equal society. He will detail his various achievements in Gettysburg and Lancaster and will include an incident where his life was threatened when he took possession of a house in East Berlin. The talk will be sprinkled with various Thaddeus Stevens jokes. Ross is the founder and president of the Thaddeus Stevens Society, a non-profit educational group founded in 1999 and dedicated to promoting the legacy of Stevens. He has been a journalist, coffeehouse owner and factory worker over the years. He is now retired and spreading the gospel of Thaddeus Stevens full time.

## **Society Membership**

As a reminder, your membership in the Society is based on a calendar year, and your membership renewal is due by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year unless you pay dues for more than one year at a time. A copy of the 2019 membership form is included in this issue of *The East Berlin Informer*, and a printable membership form is also available on the Society’s website. I am thanking each of you in advance for fully completing your membership form and sending it in with your renewal payment. This helps us continue to keep our membership information up-to-date.

. If you have any questions about your renewal please contact me at [EBHPSMembership@gmail.com](mailto:EBHPSMembership@gmail.com).

Thanks, everyone, for your prompt membership renewals. Mary Titzell

# **Christmas Party at Red Men's Hall**

## **A Fine Tradition**

**Saturday, December 15, 6 p.m.**

Mark your calendars and plan to gather with others who share your interest in preservation as well as the love of good food, interesting conversation, great friends and holiday cheer.

Come at 6 p.m. to socialize before the buffet dinner is served at 6:30. All food is provided by those who attend so please bring a dish to share. (Remember, Society members have hearty appetites so plan for a crowd.) There will be turkey and ham provided by volunteers as well as punch, tea, coffee, and water. Bring wine if you wish and toast the wonderful season ahead.

Anne Geiger and Mary Titzell will be lending their decorating and other talents to make the gathering special, so plan to linger after dinner and enjoy the evening.

**Please step up and help.....we need people to cook turkey and ham, make the punch, work at set up on Dec. 14, and clean up on Dec. 16. Greens are needed for table decorations; please trim to usable size and leave by the back door by Dec. 13. Email to [baj12@verizon.net](mailto:baj12@verizon.net) to sign up.**

**It would be very helpful to leave a clear message at 717-259-0822 by Dec. 12 with names of those planning to attend so that seating can be planned ahead.**

**Come and enjoy!**

*Submitted by Bev Judus*

## **Log House Christmas Craft Show**

**November 23, 24, 25 from 10-4**

We are currently contacting skilled crafters for another successful show. This year there will be new crafts available along with previous items such as soaps, carved powder horns, hooked woolen items and ornaments so please come see how the log House is transformed for this wonderful event.

*Submitted by Jane Fox*

# **Society Elections: November 14**

**7:30 p.m., Red Men's Hall**

This is a call to all to attend this general meeting and take part in choosing the officers and board members who will guide the Society through 2019 and beyond. There are big decisions to be made for the future of the Society and we need everyone to take part, starting with the annual election and then playing an active part in carrying out plans developed to ensure that the Society and its mission will thrive in years ahead.

The Board is made up of 11 members: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer (serving one year terms with no limits) and 7 directors serving two years and limited to 2 consecutive terms. Directors' terms are timed to avoid numerous vacancies in any year.

Laura Ferrara (Chair), Sue Hess, and Sharon O'Connell make up the nominating committee this year. It would be wonderful to hear from some potential candidates who might decide that they would like to be part of the Society's future. You can contact Laura at [lferrara544@gmail.com](mailto:lferrara544@gmail.com) with questions or your interests. **This is your time to make a difference.**

Submitted by Bev Jadus



## **East Berlin Fall Festival**

The EBACC's festival on Saturday, September 8, drew a good crowd in spite of the day long drizzle. The Society opened the log school house to the public and volunteers were happy to answer the many questions visitors asked.

The Society greatly appreciated the spaces provided by the community center to set up a information/ quilt raffle booth and also a funnel cake stand. Both stands had great success, the many volunteers had a good time getting the jobs done and new members joined the Society. What more could we ask?

Submitted by Bev Jadus



## **Funnel Cakes 101: Flipping Technique**

Volunteers get ready: L to R; Bev Jadus, Julie Hull, Wayne Lau, Bill Powell, Jim Davis (Chair)



## **Still Learning.....**

Mariam Bechtel (R) helps first time visitors during the Fall Festival open house.

## **2018 Calendar of Events**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
September 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall

### **Scott Mingus: "The Underground Railroad in the Susquehanna Region"**

October 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 14	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	Gen. Meeting/Election	7:30	Red Men's Hall

### **Ross Hetrick Portrays Thaddeus Stevens**

November 23, 24, 25	Log House Craft Show	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Log House
December 9	House Tour	Noon-5 p.m.	Starts at Red Men's
December 15	Christmas Party	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall