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WE DID IT!!



Michael Hrinyak receiving Giving Spree check from Ralph Serpo, CEO of ACCF

The second year of the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society's participation in the Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree succeeded in raising \$2309.10, **nearly twice** the dollars raised in 2017. But we can do better.

During 2019, look for announcements regarding your opportunity to contribute to another successful year when the Society will set its goals even higher. Please step forward and help make the 2019 Giving Spree a memorable one for EBHPS.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The election of officers and directors was held at the general meeting on November 21. Meet three new officers and two new directors below and save the enclosed board chart for the year.

From President Richard Fox...Thanks for your support. I've been involved with the Society since I married Jane and moved here from Chambers Hill (between Harrisburg and Hershey). As people say, "I'm not from around here", but Jane has a way of getting me involved. That's exactly what I would like to see happen in our Society, that members become more active and involved. I would also ask your assistance in surfacing new people to get involved as well.

This year, with your help, we can improve the overall situation and identify new opportunities and options for our Society.

Submitted by Richard Fox

Vice-President Ray Jenkinson currently lives in Carroll County, MD, adjacent to historic Uniontown. Ray earned business and history degrees from the University of Maryland and attended graduate school at Loyola University of Baltimore. He was employed by the State of Maryland and currently he and his wife are co-owners of Meadowbrook Folk Art. Ray's interests include American and English history, folk art, cooking and historic cooking, gardening, and raising poultry and livestock.

Board Director Debbie Barrick lives in Westminster, MD. She and husband Rick have been members of the Society for seven years and often participated in Colonial Day where she offered her hand sewn wool items and jewelry. She is retired after thirty years from Carroll County Government Human Resources-Benefits. Debbie enjoys cooking, decorating, antiques, crafting, and gardening and belongs to the Hearth Cooking Club.

Board Director Mary Titzell is an active member living in East Berlin and has been Membership Chair for several years. Mary and her husband Dave opened their home for the house tour several years ago and her gift for decorating was clear. Her talents are welcomed for numerous Society events.

A huge THANK YOU! To outgoing board members.....

Michael Hrinyak, President.
Ann Geiger, Vice President.

Carol Carlson, Secretary
Laura Ferrara, Director

Please take a minute to thank those who are stepping down and to help the new board members. Please attend our general meetings and share your ideas to help our historical preservation society.

And A Good Time Was Had By All



The 2018 biennial East Berlin Historical Preservation Society Christmas House Tour is now history, but it won't be soon forgotten. The day dawned cloudy and cool, with not a raindrop to be seen. This was a great comfort to the East Berlin elves as they made ready for the visitors who were expected, putting up signage, starting fires in many hearths, laying out

refreshments and attending to the thousand and one tasks needed for a jolly good time for all.

Six homeowners invited the public into their houses, ensuring that all pertinent facts were carefully recorded for the docents to share with the public. The homes ranged from simple colonial, urban construction to high Victorian, with decorations to match. In addition to the homes proudly on tour, East Berlin's two churches provided refreshments for the weary, and three historic society properties were open for viewing. Red Men's Hall served as the focal point for activities, with ticket sales (including our annual quilt raffle), refreshments, and restrooms. The school house and log house also featured prominently, with several period attired docents sharing bits of East Berlin history. A special treat, for those who made it that far, was the opening of Swigart's Mill, one of the more distinctive buildings owned by the historical society.

In all, over 300 people came, saw, and were enchanted by the charm of our little borough. The Christmas House Tour Committee is grateful for all the time and effort that went into this year's event, from the help and cooperation of homeowners and churches, to the countless hours put in by society volunteers, to the support of ACE Hardware, where tickets for the tour were sold to the public. A total of \$3959 was raised to fund future activities of the EBHPS. And a good time was had by all!



Submitted by Michael Hrinyak

Building Report

If you own an older home you know how needy it can be. What if you had five of them? This is the reality the Society faces in working to carry out its preservation mission. An overview of the buildings' current issues can be daunting:



Swigart's Mill has a widespread infestation of powder post beetles in the flooring and beams and will need to be thoroughly treated. The back porch has serious deterioration (again) and must be repaired, many areas of the interior stucco/plaster are failing (and falling), and the stone foundation has major issues. Richard Fox, Mike Loges, and I recently installed multiple floor jacks in the basement

as a temporary measure to stabilize a critical beam showing beetle damage, cracking, and sagging.

The **Log House** has been professionally assessed and is in need of powder post beetle treatment as well as log and chinking repair and preventive measures to maintain its soundness for many years to come.

Red Men's Hall needs a face lift to brighten the front of the building with mold removal and new paint.

The **Log School House** has received many repairs in recent years including new paint inside and outside and major window restoration in 2018, so it is doing well!

Liberty #1 Engine House is in need of many major repairs. The original windows, sills, and frames have seriously deteriorated as has the rear (original front) door. These will require major rebuilding. The front and side doors also need much work. The bell tower needs to be assessed again.

Submitted by Bill Powell

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“Were There Any Volcanoes In This Area?”

Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Red Men’s Hall, 332 W. King St., East Berlin, PA

Jeri Jones, a local geologist with a specialty in geoarchaeology and the owner of Jones Geological Services in Spring Grove, will answer this and other fascinating questions at the Society’s general meeting in January. Historians with a particular interest in the Civil War can look forward to the answer to another question Jones poses, “Was the Battle of Gettysburg affected by geology?”

Through his PowerPoint program, Jones will also explore this area’s formation and the amazing northern movement of East Berlin over time. He will also highlight mineral resources, fossils, and rock types in the area.

Jeri Jones has recently published a book titled, Isabella and Trent’s Hot Air Balloon Adventure – A Kid’s Book of Pennsylvania Geology. He will have copies available for purchase.

Mike McGough

Wednesday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Red Men’s Hall, 322 W. King St., East Berlin, PA

Mike McGough will lead a discussion of significant personal leadership characteristics and attributes of several notable figures in American history. In addition to being a historical review, attention will also be given to the application of these historic lessons to the challenges and opportunities associated with personal leadership in the 21st century.

Please join us! Interesting speakers and topics as well as fine company and light refreshments...the perfect evening.

Membership Report

Please join me in welcoming our newest members:

From East Berlin: Rosann Pellegrino and William Gont
Jenny and Ryan Carlson
Louise Eisenhart
Shawn and Holly Leppo

Doris Jean Stock, New Oxford, Jessica Eisenhart, Harrisburg

As a reminder, your membership renewals are due by Dec. 31 of each year. A copy of the 2019 membership form was included with the Oct.-Dec. newsletter, another is in this issue, and there is also a printable form on our website at www.ebhpspa.org. Thank you in advance for fully completing your form and sending it with your dues; this helps to keep our membership up-to-date.

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

Submitted by Mary Titzell

Hearth Cooking Guild

On October 28th we met, we cooked, we ate. We aimed for a less ambitious menu so we would have time to visit and enjoy the company of our group. We feasted on a delicious elk stew (thanks to Denny and Kathy Neiman), gumbis, cabbage slaw, potato rolls, ginger cake and apple pie.

On November 3 the Hearth Guild was invited to cook and demonstrate at the Harvest Festival at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Maryland. It was a fun day with many visitors to the kitchen and a very hot fire which felt good on a cool and windy day. We cooked up a storm! We had chicken on a string, sauerbraten, green beans, and a whole pumpkin filled with apples and cranberries. The dessert included ginger cake with lemon sauce and two apple pies.

Submitted by Jane Fox

Education Program Preparing for Spring Visitors

Looking ahead and looking forward to spring is the thought that comes to mind when preparing this report and a busy time it will be for the education program! Groups that usually come to East Berlin in the fall have postponed their field trips until spring. We will be scheduling students from our local Bermudian Springs Elementary School, York Country Day School, Freedom Christian School, and a new group from a private Mennonite School from nearby Wellsville. We look forward to greeting each student, showing them our wonderful buildings, and teaching them early American history.

Volunteers will be called upon to prepare the buildings for visitors, prepare teaching materials, guide students between the buildings keeping them on time, act as docents in each building, and show each one of our visitors a glimpse of East Berlin in its early days. All adult volunteers must have PA state clearances. This is easily obtained on line through the PA State government web site. I will gladly help anyone complete this process.

Submitted by Karen Sheaffer

Log House Christmas Craft Show



November 23, 24, and 25 were very busy, successful, days in the log house. This year we welcomed four new crafters. We had wonderful oak splint baskets, beautiful carved birds, primitive cloth trees, santas and snowmen, wooden spoons and spurtles and cutting boards.

This show takes many hours of searching for quality crafts, advertising, and decorating. We are often asked the hours of “the shop” and we always say it is only three days of the year. This year during the house tour we had a drop- in looking to shop because they forgot something, only to find it was transformed into a house again.



Submitted by Jane Fox

Thank you for your donations!

This has been a difficult year for the EBHPS. To close our funding gap we did something extraordinary, solicited donations from our membership, and you responded very generously. On behalf of your board and officers I want to thank you. Between donations made directly to Red Men’s, either as part of your membership renewal or separately, and during the “Giving Spree” campaign, we have gained some breathing space for the newly elected board to devise strategies to close the gap between our fund raising activities and our expenses. Your generosity came none too soon inasmuch as we have learned that there are some insect related issues with both the mill and the log house. The additional funds will enable us to address these issues sooner, rather than later. This will certainly help in keeping these buildings available to future generations. Again, thank you

Michael Hrinyak , outgoing President.

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Congratulations to the Quilt Raffle Winners for 2018

The annual quilt raffle drawing was held at Red Men's Hall at the conclusion of the house tour. The lucky winners drawn were:

Amanda Hollabaugh, East Berlin, queen size Churn Dash pattern quilt

Pam Lady, pair of hand quilted pillows by Erma Barnhart

Amanda Kroft, VA, decorated redware by Becky Mummert

Christmas Party December 15

Great company, delicious food, full house!



See ebhpspa.org for many more photos.....

EAST BERLIN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

INDIVIDUAL/COUPLE/STUDENT

2019 MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please complete this form, enclose your 2019 dues payable to EBHPS, and mail to: EBHPS Membership Chairman
PO Box 73
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NOTE: EBHPS memberships run from January through December. Membership renewals are due by December 31st of each year. Renewals not received by January 31, 2019 will be removed from the active membership list and will no longer receive *The Berlin Informer*.

Name _____

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Please check one of these categories:

- Individual\$15.00
- Couple \$25.00
- Student (under the age of 21) \$10.00

I would also like to make a contribution in the amount of \$_____ to the (check the appropriate box(es) below):

↑ The **1764 Preservation Fund** (used exclusively for the preservation of the Society's maintained historic buildings).

Amount if split contribution: \$_____

↓ The Society's **General Fund** (used for day-to-day operations of the Society).

Amount if split contribution: \$_____

If no split designation is made, all contributions will be put in the 1764 Preservation Fund.

NOTE: Your additional contribution may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax preparer or accountant.

2019 Calendar of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting Jeri Jones: "Backyard Geology"	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
February 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
March 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting Mike McGough: "Leaders in History"	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
April 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
April 27	Spring Tea	TBA	Red Men's Hall
May 15	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting Bonnie Portzline	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
June 5	Building Cleanup and pot luck	TBA	TBA
June 19	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
July 17	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting Program TBA	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
August 21	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
September ?	EBACC Fall Festival	TBA	
September 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	General Meeting Program TBA	7:30 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
October 16	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
November 20	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
	Gen. Meeting/Election Program TBA	7:30	Red Men's Hall
November 29- Dec. 1	Log House Craft Show	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Log House
December 14	Holiday Dinner	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall
December 18	Board Meeting	6 p.m.	Red Men's Hall