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The Susquehanna Petroglyphs Come Alive!



Bart Stump shared his knowledge of the Susquehanna Petroglyphs on Wednesday, September 21, with a packed house at Red Men's Hall.

The petroglyphs can be found on Big Indian Rock and Little Indian Rock and can be accessed by kayak or canoe on the Conestoga River at Safe Harbor Park, located on River Road in Conestoga. Or, if using a motorized boat, you can launch at the Pequea Creek Campground boat launch at 86 Fox Hollow Road, Pequea.

On these two rocks in the middle of the Susquehanna River are carvings of thunderbirds, alien looking figures that Mr. Stump feels represent shamans (medicine men), footprints of elk, bear, deer and a human footprint- size 9!! Native Americans carved these figures by rock hitting rock. The petroglyphs stand out best at sunrise and sunset or by putting water on them.

So why were the petroglyphs placed on these rocks? They could have been a map of where to find the best hunting places for animals and fish. They could have been used as a calendar. There could be some religious

significance. Mr. Stump said no one has a clear answer to that question so feel free to draw your own conclusions.

*You can access Bart Stump's articles on the Susquehanna Petroglyphs by using Google and typing in his name.

Submitted by Sharon O'Connell

A message from the President...

The holiday season is upon us! We are very excited for the next few months and the direction that EBHPS is headed.

I am thrilled to announce and introduce our newest board member, Julie Hull. She has already made an impact on our society and we are excited for her ideas!

We have had some wonderful speakers at our general meetings, and we opened up the school house, the log house, and Red Men's Hall for the Fall Festival. This allowed our community to walk through and look at all the special things we have to offer as a society.

In the coming months we are partnering with our local library, Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library, to showcase some EBHPS books that will be displayed on the George Kennan shelving. This is another way for us provide the community an opportunity to see the many things we have available for viewing. We are also participating in the next Small Business Saturday for East Berlin when we will open Red Men's Hall for the public and will be hosting the final drawing for the event.

We look forward to this busy season we are entering with the EBHPS. There are too many things to list in the Informer that are happening; be sure to be on the lookout for more details of our upcoming events on our website at ebhpspa.org and Facebook. We hope that we can get everyone involved and close this year out with new growth and community involvement!

Dan Chubb, President

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Membership

Please help me welcome our four newest members to the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society! Paul & Shirleen Hinsche of East Berlin and Steve March & Jan Watt of York became members since our last newsletter printing. We welcome you to our organization, will look for you at our general meetings, and hope you are able to volunteer to help during our society's activities and programs. Thank you joining us!

Thank you to Hanna Furst and Julie Hull for your work on our membership forms. They added a section where members can choose volunteer opportunities from a list of our programs. A wonderful idea! I appreciate your insight and help!

Gift giving season is coming and a gift membership to the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society is a thoughtful and generous gift that shows others you are committed to preserving our local history. Please consider it, or if you wish, make an end-of-year donation to our Society. Our 1764 Preservation Fund is used for the preservation of the Society's historical buildings and our Society's General Fund is used for day-to-day operations. Membership forms are on-line on our web site and include all information needed to complete this.

Thank you,
Karen Sheaffer
Membership Chairperson

Don't miss the final program in a year of great ones!

Tom Davidson presents

“The Lincoln Highway Across Pennsylvania”

Red Men's Hall

Wednesday, November 16

7:30 p.m.

(Also Board of Directors election night)

Financial Report

Here is a little insight into our financial status; our expenses are exceeding our income.

Our income includes membership dues and also donations, which have almost doubled since last year. We have started up our educational program again and this has given us some additional funds. However, our total income is very low. We need ideas and volunteers for some fundraising.

One of our biggest expenses every year is our insurance cost for the buildings, which is almost \$5,000. In addition, our normal expenses to maintain the buildings are slowly eating away at our operating budget. We have been able to save \$400 by changing our auditing firm to an independent auditor, and instead of paying a quarterly trash bill, we changed to a per bag charge, which saved \$324 a year.

One of the goals for the coming year is to work on more fund raising. We need ideas and volunteers to make this happen.

On our wish list, it was suggested that a new computer and printer are needed, and we are looking into a possibility for this.

Hanna Furst, Treasurer

Do You Like to Sew? Would you like to learn to sew?

The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society is in need of volunteers to assist with a beginner's sewing class for ages 6-10. We will be making a very simple dress for a cloth doll. The dresses will either be hand sewn or machine sewn, your choice. (The cost of the class is \$10/child. It includes a cloth doll.)

Future classes may include making a tote bag using a sewing machine, a fabric ornament and a pillowcase doll. We are also willing to offer sewing classes for adults if there is sufficient interest.

If interested in helping, or if you would like to learn to sew, please call the Historical Society at 717-259-0822 or call Hanna Furst at 717-521-4781. Leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you.

Hannelore B. Furst (Hanna)

***** *The Log House Craft Show******

***scheduled for November 25-26 has been
canceled due to unforeseen
circumstances and will return in 2023***

Education Program

Our program hosted sixteen students from York Country Day School, their two teachers, and one chaperone on May 11. And because there were only sixteen attending, we divided them into two groups and rotated between Red Men's Hall and the Log House for the first and second programs and then everyone then met at the Church Schoolhouse for the third program.

Their morning started with an introduction at 9:15 and ended at 12:30. They had packed their lunches and enjoyed them at East Berlin Community Center's playground and picnic tables. The field trip was a great success, and the students went away with a new-found interest in early American life and an appreciation for history. Thank you to those wonderful volunteers who helped us that morning.

We now have an opportunity to host Gettysburg Montessori Charter School! They would like to bring their 3rd and 4th grade students to visit us. This group will include 85 to 90 students, their teachers and adult chaperones. In order to accommodate this large group, we would need to schedule as least two different dates. And to make each visit a success, we need 12 volunteers in place each day, to give these students a memorable experience

Please volunteer to help us make this possible! I will meet with volunteers and show them our program and teach them the simple tasks used with students during the hands-on activities. Background clearances are needed, and I will gladly help you do them on-line! Please consider giving us a hand, sharing our wonderful buildings and artifacts, and teaching our

young visitors history. Call me to volunteer and share this amazing program with future generations of preservationists.

Karen Sheaffer 717-259-6555
Education Program Chairperson

Fall Festival a Success

EBACC's Fall Festival on September 10 was a chance to open several of the Society's buildings to the public and hopefully interest new people in preserving the town's unique history. Volunteers welcomed visitors at Red Men's Hall, the log school house and the log house. Dan Chubb manned a booth at the town park where a display showcased the Society's work. Volunteers at the log house set up a hearth cooking display and met with some very interested guests; we hope to see several become new members.

Christmas Party at Red Men's Hall

Saturday, December 10, 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 **crowd size** dish to share. (All this volunteering through the year means that we have healthy appetites!) Turkey and ham will be arranged in advance, as well as tea, coffee, and water. Bring wine if you wish and toast the wonderful season ahead.

Members 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, work at set up on Dec. 9, and clean up on Dec. 11. Greens are needed for table decorations; please trim to usable size, bag to keep dry, and leave by the back door by Dec. 8. Email to ebhps@comcast.net to sign up.

It would be very helpful to leave a clear message at 717-259-0822 or email to address above by Dec. 8 with names of those planning to attend so that seating can be planned ahead. The more the merrier is even better with a place to sit.

Don't miss the feast.....

EBHPS 2022 Calendar of Events

October 17 Board Meeting 6 p.m. RMH

November 16 General Meeting 7:30 p.m. “

Speaker: Tom Davidson

“The Lincoln Highway Across Pennsylvania”

Election of Executive Board

November 21 Board Meeting 6 p.m. “

November 25-26 Log House Craft Show Log House

*****CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR*****

December 10 Christmas Dinner 6 p.m. RMH

December 19 Board Meeting 6 p.m. “