

The Berlin Informer

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Cast Iron Cook Ware from 1645-1900's

July 16, 2014 - General Meeting Preview

Contributor: Society Member Jane Fox

John Tyler will be our speaker July 16th. John Tyler was educated in Museum Studies and spent 10 years as a curator with the William Penn Museum in Harrisburg, PA specializing in the history of technology, particularly iron making.

A self-taught blacksmith, he left the museum to work at smithing full time. He hammered out household implements and lighting for 30 years while collecting and researching early cast iron, particularly hollowware. He has over 200 examples which illustrate changes over time in form and casting details.

Mr. Tyler has written articles which appeared in *Early American Life* April 1978, the magazine *Antiques*, and *Winterthur Conference Report 1973*. These articles were a precursor for his recently published book, *Early American Cast Iron Hollowware* available from Amazon. We will have a copy at the meeting.

Mr. Tyler has invited members to bring a cast iron item for which they would like more information; (i.e., age, where it was made, and possibly the maker). This will be a very interesting evening, so please plan to attend. □

“From the Highway to the Heavens”

Contributor: Society Member Bev Jadus

All copies of Jerry Mummert’s great collection of essays on growing up in East Berlin have been sold. “From the Highway to the Heavens” was a wonderful gift to the Society from Jerry to mark the town’s 250th anniversary, and the funds raised are greatly appreciated.

Jerry sold a number of copies for the Society in addition to those sold from Red Men’s. He also went out of his way to add personal messages to signed copies, a very special touch. □

Message from Your Board President - Bev Judus

The Historic East Berlin Antique Show and Founder's Day Week have come and gone, leaving a trail of tired volunteers behind. The antique show is always a high energy, demanding event, normally followed by some weeks of calm. Not this time. Closing day May 3 saw volunteers working mightily to get the dealers loaded out of the Community Center while the town's parade formed up nearby. A week of open hours at Red Men's began right when the show ended so that people in town for the celebration could stop in and see what the Society has to offer.

On May 8 the USPS set up their special 250th anniversary cancellation station at the engine house and Society members were on hand to answer questions about the restoration display provided for visitors. On Saturday, May 10, all five of the Society's buildings were open and Charlie Bechtel chaired a Society booth at the Civil War re-enactment site at the North Avenue park, selling Jerry Mummert's book, quilt raffle tickets and more. (Charlie and his volunteers had unscheduled help dismantling the booth when heavy gusts blew away the canopy and some of the contents.)

And then...Karen Sheaffer and her volunteers, who had been helping with all the activities, finished up the last couple school education programs scheduled this spring.

It has been a nonstop, all out, spring season this year. Many people helped and helped over and over again. This is the spirit, enthusiasm and willingness that has set our Society apart. □

A Last Minute Rescue

Contributor: Bev Judus

Many of us have been aware that the brick house just north of Cashman's True Value has sat empty for many months, awaiting the new owner's plans. Rumors were that a dollar store was in the future. During the first week in June, a work trailer and several large pieces of equipment arrived, and Sue Hess alerted me that work was probably about to begin. (Thanks, Sue! It's all in the timing.) I put a note on the trailer asking that the date stone be saved for the Society, and when Bill Powell checked the following morning, the workers agreed. Turned out that several other people had stopped by hoping to get it themselves.

The "stone" is now resting in my van waiting for enough muscle to move it into Red Men's. It is tombstone-shaped and reads "Built by Abraham Trimmer 1836." It is definitely not stone but some kind of conglomerate, made in two unequal pieces, with the writing drawn in before the material hardened. Is there someone out there who has any information about the house (later than 1836?) or what the stone material might be? On another note, not everyone was hoping to get the stone. Several people were very interested in locating a treasured horseradish patch, probably already under the rubble.

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2014 Antique Show a Success!

Contributor: Antique Show Chairman Michael Hrinyak

The East Berlin Historic Preservation Society can chalk up another successful Antique Show for 2014. The show, which is one of the major events sponsored by the Society, saw an increase in attendance over 2013, although the number of dealers was down slightly. Overall, the event generated about the same revenue as last year, which will help us continue our mission and allow us to maintain the properties we manage.

This year's antique show included a number of innovations as the show committee tried to broaden the appeal of the show. For the first time Society members were allowed free admission on Friday and Saturday. There were also gallery talks to enrich the experience and knowledge of show goers. On Friday there was a talk on Chinese ceramics given by Michael Hrinyak and on Saturday Ben Franklin, our own Richard Fox, made an appearance. Both talks were well received. This year's show also included door prizes for those who paid a full admission. Finally, surveys of both dealers and attendees were conducted to highlight what we are doing right and indicate where we might make changes. The show committee hopes to continue these activities in the future and add more features to make this the best small antique show in the country.

Of course none of this is possible without a lot of effort. Thanks to the countless hours of work by the steering committee and the volunteers who helped to set up and take down the show, we have earned some of the very necessary funds needed to maintain the five historic buildings we manage. Special thanks to Peggy and Clair Bange, Mary Kollmar, Bev Jadus, Bill Powell, Michael and Lois Loges, Phil and Lynne Blaker, Patti Hoagley, Lucia Hrinyak, Fran Lorenzo, and Michael Hrinyak, the leadership team that brought it all together. □

2014 Holiday Home Tour

Contributor: Society Member Bob Todd

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS – It's not too early to start thinking about the 2014 Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, December 14. Continuing the 2014 Founders' Day celebrations, this year's walking tour includes 5 beautiful homes on East and West King Streets. Along with the featured homes, EBHPS properties will be open, and the local churches have expressed an interest in being open that afternoon for tours and activities as well. It takes a community of volunteers to have a successful event, and we need you! Will you kindly volunteer on December 14 to act as a docent in one of the tour homes or EBHPS historic buildings? There will be many other volunteer opportunities such as serving refreshments, cookie donations, guides and parking. Please call Bob or Cindy Todd at 292-2303 to let us know your preference, and THANK YOU for your support. □

Education Program

Contributor: Education Chairman Karen Sheaffer

Another school year has come to an end and field trips to our program from area schools have too. However, we are planning a visit from the Summer History Camp sponsored by the Hanover Area Historical Society in July, tentatively scheduled for July 8. They will arrive with around twelve students who are eager to learn early American history.

We received many hand written letters including drawings from students who visited East Berlin this school year. Their comments were heart-felt and give us a sense of a job well done by our volunteers. In fact, several wrote “thank you for volunteering” at the start of their letters. Many students greatly enjoyed making and eating the biscuits at the Log House. Others loved the textile program where they were able to spin and weave. One student wrote that weaving on the loom in the textile program was their “absolute favorite.” And another wrote that they learned the “coolest golden rule ever!” at the Church School House.

Our goal is to impress these young students who will someday be the caretakers of the historical buildings and artifacts in our collection. May they grow up conscious of their surroundings and its history, and also volunteer to teach others to do the same. □

Special Thanks

Contributor: Society Member Bev Jadus

When Charlie Bechtel agreed last year to be the liason between the Society and the borough’s Founder’s Day Committee he most likely had no idea how involved he would be and how many different projects would draw his attention. As the months went by he could often be found gathering facts on many different topics, meeting with other people involved, producing and distributing flyers far and wide, chairing a Society booth, attending committee meetings and MUCH more, and never losing his enthusiasm. Charlie gave it his all, and we truly appreciate his dedication.

Michael Hrinjak stepped forward last year and took over management of the Historic East Berlin Antique Show. All big events need a show chair to survive and many of you know that the world of antiques has been weathering some hard times in recent years...slumping values, fewer young buyers, changing tastes, aging dealers, etc. Michael gathered a committee and together they pulled it off. Attendance was up, many new dealers signed on, and gallery talks were added. The Society is very grateful for Michael’s willingness to take on responsibility for the show and for all the hard work he and his committee contributed. □

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Call for Duty for Colonial Day

Contributor: Bev Jadus

There is a real need for someone to operate one of the Society's Colonial Day food booths in front of Red Men's Hall. The booth usually offers hot dogs, apple dumplings, and beverage (root beer, lemonade, and water). Up until now, sausage sandwiches were included, but we have sold the "sausage rights" to an outside vendor this year. This will make our prep work less complicated. Sloppy joes or some other easy to make item could be included.

The duties of the booth chairman (lead person) for this booth include: planning the menu, ordering and buying the needed provisions, soliciting any additional helpers, and submitting the receipts of purchased items for reimbursement. The booth chairman will need to inform the Colonial Day Committee what tables, chairs, and canopies, are required so that they can be made available on Colonial Day. The booth chairman will also be responsible for the setup, teardown of the booth, and the cleanup of all utensils used. Our treasurer, Bob Todd, will provide startup money for the cash box prior to Colonial Day, and the proceeds will be collected multiple times throughout the event. We always have many people who help with Colonial Day, but we have a great need for volunteers who will take on the responsibility for a booth. Food sales are an important source of income from Colonial Day and we depend on this one-day event to fund many of our buildings' needs throughout the year.

Will you step up to do this important duty? Maybe several of you could work on it together. Those who have run the booth before have kept records that you would find very helpful. Please consider this chance to really help out. The Society is only as successful as people make it. Please give me a call at Society headquarters and leave a message if I am not there. □

Seeking Editor/Publisher for *The Berlin Informer*

The editor/publisher of *The Berlin Informer* has tendered his resignation effective with the issuance of the November 2014 edition of the newsletter. We are seeking a new person to fill this position. If you are interested in this position, please phone Bev Jadus at Society headquarters. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message for Bev.

The incumbent will provide details to anyone interested. The newsletter is printed by Conrad Printing in Hanover. Conrad prints, collates, folds, tabs, addresses, and delivers the newsletter to the post office.

Your duties as editor/publisher are to electronically prepare the document and email it to Conrad in PDF format. Preparation includes obtaining recurring articles electronically from the recurring contributors, proofreading and formatting these articles to fit the newsletter layout, obtaining/writing additional articles of interest to the Society's members and fitting them to the format of the newsletter. □

250th Anniversary Quilt Goes “On the Road”

Contributor: Society Member Bev Jadus

This year’s quilt, featuring all five of the buildings in the Society’s care, will be on display on three summer Saturdays at Nell’s Shurfine; July 12, July 26 and August 16. Stop by between 10 and 2 to get your raffle tickets and have a chance to own this very special edition...truly unique and something to treasure.

Remember that you can order tickets by mail. (1 for \$1, 6 for \$5) Just send a check payable to EBHPS, P.O. Box 73, East Berlin, PA 17316 and include a SASE. Your tickets will be filled out and deposited in the raffle box, and the stubs will be returned to you. □



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The 1764 Preservation Fund

Contributor: Peggy Bange, EBHPS Membership Chairman

As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have received support from the following organizations for 2014. Thanks to all of the contributing organizations. Members, please support these organizations. We increased membership from 7 members in 2013 to 11 members in 2014 and almost doubled the dollar amount of donations. □

2014 - 1764 Preservation Fund Members

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Sites Realty, Inc.

Society Membership

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

Please join me in welcoming the following new members: Jane Dietz (Dover, PA), Carol Uhlik (York, PA), George Hoffman (Thomasville, PA), Kathy Rasmussen (York Springs, PA), David Fitzpatrick (East Berlin, PA), Mary & Dave Titzell (East Berlin, PA), Stephen Jacobs (Lititz, PA), and Michael Ebersole (East Berlin, PA).

As of July 20, we have 249 members in the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society -- which is 12 members more than we had at this time a year ago. Thank you, EBHPS members, for telling your friends and families about our Society and for inviting them to join us – or for giving them gift memberships. □

Red Men's Chair Project

Contributor: Society Member Bev Jadus

Following an appeal in a past issue of The Informer, sixteen new, comfortable, lightweight chairs have been donated for meetings and programs at Red Men's Hall. MANY thanks to: Phil and Lynne Blaker, Greer, Mary Kollmar, Mike and Lois Loges, Philip and Charlotte Lynch, and Karen Sheaffer. Their generosity has made a big difference to those who serve on the board and other committees as well as people who attend the general meetings and programs. It is not too late to donate to this project; just send \$20 per chair to EBHPS, P.O. Box 73, East Berlin, PA 17316. □

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

Hands at the Hearth will gather at Red Men's Hall to plan our next hearth cooking session. We will gather at 1:00 on Sunday, July 13th. Please bring ideas and also any receipt books to share. Hands at the Hearth will then gather Sunday, July 20th at noon at the log house to cook. Stay hydrated!

Below is a receipt (recipe) that Jane used to prepare a sauce to place over the Cornish hens that were made.

Mrs. Tebbs' Celery Sauce (Taken from Hannah Glasse)

makes 2 1/4 cups:

1 1/2 cups diced celery	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 cup cream (I used light cream)	3/4 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup water	2 tablespoons flour
1/8 teaspoon mace	2 tablespoons softened butter
1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg	

Hearth:

1. Combine celery, cream and water in a small saucepan. Cover and set over hot coals. Bring to a simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until celery is very tender, and 20 minutes. Stir in seasonings.
2. Combine butter and flour and stir into sauce. Cook while stirring for about 5 minutes or until sauce begins to bubble and thickens slightly.
3. Pour into sauce boat and use as accompaniment to meat and poultry dishes. □

Colonial Day Membership Renewal Special

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

We will again be having a Colonial Day Membership renewal special!! If you pay your 2015 Membership dues at the EBHPS Information Booth on Colonial Day, you will be issued a voucher for a free funnel cake at the EBHPS Funnel Cake Stand. You will receive one funnel cake voucher per paid member. We will have Membership Forms available at the Information Booth. You may also print a membership form from the Society's website, complete it at home, and bring it to the Information Booth, with your check, on Colonial Day. Come early before we run out of funnel cake mix!!! □