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Historic East Berlin Antique Show Society Members’ Admission Special

The Antique Show Committee has voted to provide the **individual** (not company or organization members) EBHPS members, who are current in their dues, to be given free admittance to the Historic East Berlin Antique Show on May 2 and May 3, 2014. This free admittance **does not apply** to the Preview Night, May 1. If members wish to attend the preview night they will need to pay the regular admission fee or volunteer for one of the duties required to operate the show that evening.

In order to obtain free admission, **you will be required to show government issued photo ID for each person seeking free admission.** Your names and addresses will be compared to the official paid membership list. Free admission will only be granted to named members as they appear in the address section on the cover of the most recent issue of *The Berlin Informer*. If the name is listed as MR and MRS, then those two people will be admitted. If the name says “AND FAMILY,” this will allow for three people from that family to have free admittance. If the name says “Jack and Jane Hill,” then only Jack and Jane Hill will be admitted. You will be admitted for free on either or both days, May 2nd or 3rd.

Please encourage friends and family to attend this fund-raising Society event. □

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

The afternoon of January 12th was spent perusing historic receipts in order to put a hearth cooking plan together for our cooking session on February 2, 2014 at the log house. The chilly February air will be warmed by the hearth and the bustle of members cooking over the embers. We will prepare a rather English meal in February consisting of Cornish Hens, Carrot Pudding, Onion Pie, Onion Soup, and other yummy sides and desserts. If wonderful aromas are wafting through East Berlin, it just might be the hearth cookers at work! Is your stomach growling? Mine is! □

The 1764 Preservation Fund

Contributor: Peggy Bange, EBHPS Membership Chairman

In January, we contacted the seven 2013 Inaugural Members to request that they renew their membership in *The 1764 Preservation Fund* and again solicited approximately seventy additional East Berlin Area businesses asking them to join the *Fund* in support of your society. We also included in the January issue of *The Berlin Informer*, a copy of *1764 Preservation Fund* brochure so that members could directly solicit area companies.

As of the publishing of this newsletter, we have received support from the following organizations with total contributions of \$1900, compared to \$1325 in 2013. Thanks to all of the contributing organizations. Members, please support these organizations. □

2014 - 1764 Preservation Fund Members

Platinum

VFW Post 8896

Gold

Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Silver

ACNB Bank

Aero Energy

East Berlin Beverage Dist., Inc.

East Berlin Community Library

Rick's Custom Baling, LLC

The Road Show Revisited

Contributor: Bev Jadus

You never know what is going to show up at this annual event, but there is always a wide variety and usually items with family connections. This year we heard of early family history near North Platte and among the Sac Fox tribes, saw kitchen items which may have been taken from home to a bride's new household, learned of scary ideas from an old book of "remedies," admired a chunk of Chinese jade large enough to be a doorstop, and saw a British engraving of an early American building with great significance for the picture's owner. We enjoyed an early carved New England box likely signed by an ancestor of the owner and found by chance at an antique show. Michael Hrinayak brought several items to remind us that if you use your eyes, do your research and use your head, you can find some true bargains. But...what about those of us at an auction with no self control?

The group also had a first look at a good collection of early East Berlin pictures which has recently become available. We couldn't identify the ancestor portraits, but the town scenes were of great interest. Thanks to all who contributed and all who shared the evening and to Carol Carlson for the delicious refreshments. □

Society Membership

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

When this issue of *The Berlin Informer* was sent to the printer, we had a total of 227 current members (including life members) for 2014, which is 12 members less than we had in 2013. As we worked to update our membership list in January 2014, we discovered that we had lost approximately 20 members due to death or severe illness or because they had moved out of the area within the last year. However, since January 1st, we have added nine new members! They are **Chris and Sandy Warner (East Berlin, PA), David and Patricia Glenn (Spring Grove, PA), Joan Baker (East Berlin, PA), Jacqueline Ford (Oceanside, CA), Brian Bechtel (Milford, NJ), Justin Bechtel (Union, NJ), and Kay Stitley (Dover, PA).**

As we lose former members, it becomes vitally important to the Society to gain new members to keep our membership numbers strong. Please think about giving a 2014 membership in your Society as a gift. All gift membership recipients will receive a letter informing them of their new membership and acknowledging the donor(s) of the membership. Forms are available on the Society's website or by phoning the Society Office. By the way, four of the new members listed above received gift memberships this year.

Thank you very much for your prompt membership renewals for 2014! □

250th Anniversary of East Berlin, PA

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Saturday May 10, 2014 (continued):

- Reenactment events will be held at the campsite to be set up in the EBBCP located west of the EBACC, between North Avenue and the Conewago Creek. The reenactment events will be held during daylight hours. Details are pending further development and will be announced.
- Plans call for a catering company to serve food at the EBBCP.
- There are tentative plans for the EBACC to also serve food.
- An evening dance is planned under a large tent to be erected in the EBBCP amid the reenactment tents and events.

Sunday May 11, 2014:

- An old fashioned Sunday Morning Church Service will be held in the large tent planned for on site of the EBBCP. Services to be provided by a reenactment provided pastor. You are invited to attend.
- A possible closing event envisions community breakfast (offered for a fee) to be held at the EBACC auditorium. Final plans are still in the development and polishing stage.

Watch for brochures, posters, and advertisements related to the planned Founders Day 250th Anniversary Celebration events during the coming months. □

2013 Log House Events

Contributor: Society Member Jane Fox

Christmas Craft Show

The November 2013 Log House Craft show was a very successful event. Black Friday was a very busy day. We were so busy we would not have stayed warm had it not been for Charles Mark keeping the fire tended. The log house was filled to the brim with quality items (see website for pictures) which included: homemade soap, red ware pottery, fresh wreaths, folk art santas, beautiful woven textiles, wooden candle boxes, brooms, jewelry, framed antique post cards, woolen hooked items, carved ornaments, and the Society's hand dipped candles. Thanks to all who stopped by and supported the show. We are looking forward to seeing you this November. □

Log House Hearth Dinner Raffle

On November 2, 2013 the winners of the Colonial Day Hearth Dinner raffle enjoyed a wonderful candlelight hearth cooked dinner. The dinner was cooked by Linda Ziegler and consisted of a salad, pumpkin soup, roasted pork loin, potato and onion pie, rye bread, corn relish, baked apples, and syllabub for desert. All recipes were authentic to the 1800's. Unfortunately, this will be the last such event, as the raffle has not been profitable enough to continue in future years. □

East Berlin Heirloom Coverlets

Contributor: Society Member Jane Fox and Jenn Oswald

Stay tuned for more information about the sale of East Berlin anniversary coverlets created by Family Heirloom Weavers in Red Lion, PA. The 40" X 38" crib size wool and cotton, dry clean only, jacquard coverlet will honor the 250th anniversary of East Berlin from 1764-2014. A queen size coverlet 76" x 105" will also be available. The society will be taking orders and collecting money from late winter into early spring. The final design and cost is still being determined. The society is looking at either the Eagle or Bird and Bush border. Some of you may remember the house border done in the 1980's. When you place your order you may choose up to three different colors on a white background. Choose from: Cranberry, Williamsburg Blue, Madder Red, Navy, Olive, Light Green, Pine Green, and Rust. Samples and a brochure will be available at our society meetings. Be one of the first to own a commemorative coverlet made by a local weaver and sold by the East Berlin Historical Society. If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing a coverlet you can contact Jane Fox at 873-5335 or Jenn Oswald at 683-5335. □

250th Anniversary of East Berlin, PA

Advanced Focus on May 1 thru May 11, 2014

CONTRIBUTOR: Charles Bechtel, EBHPS Founders Day Committee Member

Early May 2014 will contain a memorable sequence of events. The East Berlin Historical Preservation Society (EBHPS) has scheduled its annual Antique Show to be held at the East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC) on May 1, 2, and 3.

In addition, the following is the current status of the East Berlin Founders Day 250th Anniversary Celebration schedule according to plans that have been developed as of January 22, 2014. Details and final specifics, such as prices for the May 6 and 7 community center dinner and the May 6 and 7 prices for taking the planned tours of portions of the East Berlin National Historic District, will be established during the coming months.

The Founders Day Anniversary Celebration (FDAC) will begin on Saturday May 3, 2014 and continue off and on through Sunday May 11, 2014.

Listed below is the schedule of events as it exists presently. Please understand that some events may be subject to change, and as always, understand that the weather can impact preplanned events. Plan to seek follow-up information during the forthcoming weeks and months prior to the holding of the scheduled events.

Saturday May 3, 2014:

- Parade to begin at 5 p.m. on the West End of West King Street, which will pass by numerous key properties of the East Berlin National Historic District, as it proceeds eastward along West King Street to the stop light, bears right onto Abbottstown Street (Route 194) south to Locust Street, and then eastward on Locust Street to the East Berlin Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Building.
- Opening of the Time Capsule at the VFW
- Plans envision food to be served at a site along Stoner Alley which runs north and south past the VFW building and alongside the East Berlin Fire Company.

Sunday May 4, 2014:

- Assorted Old Time Carnival Games and food at the EBACC
 - Balloon Maker, Face Painters
 - Pony Rides, Dime Pitch, Goldfish Throw
 - Cotton Candy, Candied and Caramel Apples
- The EBACC food concession will be open serving food prepared in the newly modernized kitchen adjacent to the center's auditorium.
- 7 p.m. Community Chorus Concert to be held in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church at 117 West King Street, East Berlin. A freewill offering will be taken to assist in meeting concert expenses.

Monday May 5, 2014: No planned events.

Tuesday May 6, 2014 & Wednesday May 7, 2014:

Dinner and Walking Tours will be scheduled to accommodate participants in both events. The Walking Tours are presently being developed. Due to the one and a half hour planned tour times, plans are still under development for specifics, but in general, the conducted tours, which are being professionally written, are expected to concentrate on the West King Street portion of the National Historic District, where the largest number of key properties are located. Tour participation will consist of a walking tour and will be priced per individual. Reservation locations and prices are still being developed and will be published in the coming months.

- Planned dinners will be served at two seatings for a maximum of forty guests at a sit down dinner served at EBACC, priced individually, and most probably by advanced reservation only. The intent is that tour participants will probably plan to have dinner first at the EBACC, but the two events will be priced individually. Having dinner at the EBACC is an option for tour participants but not mandatory.
- Tours are envisioned to be held at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on the above dates. Current plans are for the dinner seating to be approximately 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours earlier. Stay in touch as final plans are developed on this.

Thursday May 8, 2014:

East Berlin 250th Anniversary Birthday Celebration.

- The EBHPS has negotiated with the East Berlin Post Office to offer a Special Pictorial Cancellation imprint on May 8, 2014. Local Post Office employees have volunteered to handle the cancellations at Liberty #1 Engine House, which is an EBHPS leased building, at Fourth Street and South Avenue in East Berlin. Hours to be announced.
- EBACC Kitchen will be open to serve plated dinners along with a concession baked 250th Birthday Cake. Post dinner music is planned at the EBACC prior to the scheduled approximately 9 p.m. fireworks.
- Fireworks to be held in the East Berlin Borough Community Park (EBBCP) on the north side of West North Avenue (west on North Avenue from the EBACC).
- Historic Presentations are currently under negotiation.
- Family Activities at the EBBCP (specifics still under development)

Friday May 9, 2014: No planned events.

Civil War reenactment participants arrive in East Berlin to set up for the planned May 10, 2104 reenactment events to be held in the Community Park between North Avenue and the Conewago Creek. Activities will include experienced reenactors in uniform plus horses and cannon.

Saturday May 10, 2014:

- Reenactments related to the occupation of East Berlin by Confederate Troops prior to the Battle of Gettysburg, as well as the surrender of the City of York, PA to the Confederate Troops in 1863. Focus will be on happenings in East Berlin.Continued on Page 3

Preservation of Historical Buildings and Old Homes

March 19, 2014 General Meeting Preview

Contributor: Society Member Jane Fox

This program will interest anyone with an older home that plans renovations or additions or who has a love of older architecture. Our speaker, Danielle Keperling, will note the common mistakes to avoid that cause irreversible and costly damage to a building's architectural integrity. Danielle will also point out how to choose a contractor, how to proceed and evaluate your building's needs, and how to plan your renovations.

Historic Renovations was established by Charles Groshong. His life experiences from construction to underground mining and through the trades working as a framer, mason, roofer and carpenter formed his vision of what a design/build renovation company should be providing. Danielle is his daughter and has worked in the construction business since 2001.

Historic Renovations' guiding philosophy is to serve as caretakers of our built history, cherishing and protecting that architecture so it can be handed down to the next generation. The EBHPS shares that same philosophy as we are the caretakers of 5 historic buildings in East Berlin. Don't miss this outstanding program.

Historic Renovations will also have Volume 1 *Preservation Primer* available for purchase after the meeting. □

Please Keep Your Email Address Current

If you have a change in your email address throughout the year, please remember to email us your new address at ebhpsmembership@gmail.com. This way you will be sure to receive important Society information and promotions in a timely manner. □

Oops! We made a publishing mistake.

In the January 2014 issues of The Berlin Informer, we mistakenly listed the incorrect email addresses for several members. What follows are the correct email addresses.

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Red Men's Hall

History of the Red Men

(The following is the third part of a three part article on the IORM.)

Goals of the Red Men

To promote patriotism and the American Way of Life, to provide social activities for the members, and to support various charitable programs. Our activities include:

- Flag Recognition Program — A program to honor those patriotic Americans who display the flag regularly.
- Faith Of Our Fathers Chapel — Chapel erected at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to memorialize the ideals and principles of our founding fathers.
- Annual Pilgrimage To Faith of Our Fathers Chapel — Annual meeting to renew and strengthen our beliefs in the American Way of Life.
- Children with Cognitive, Intellectual, and Developmental Disabilities Program — Support of various projects and programs of the ARC (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens) and Special Olympics.
- Red Men's Day at Arlington National Cemetery — Annual ceremony to honor our unknown soldiers and all brave Americans who have fallen in battle to protect our Freedom.
- Red Men's Week — Week of December 16th, designated as National Red Men's Week, commemorating the Boston Tea Party in 1773.

Charitable Programs

The National Charity project of the Improved Order of Red Men is Alzheimer's research. Since 1991, the Organization has given over two million dollars to the Alzheimer's Association. Alzheimer's disease knows no social or economic boundaries; but it does incline heavily toward older people, affecting seven to nine percent of Americans over the age of 65, yet it strikes those in their 40s and 50s as well. Indeed, some of our own members have been stricken with this dreaded disease. Our members not only give generously, but work with local Alzheimer's Chapters across the nation.

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Message from Board President – Bev Jodus

I cannot think of any better use of this space than to let you know about all the work that is getting done behind the scenes and the enthusiastic volunteers who are making it all happen:

Jane Fox and **Connie Rogers** chaired the Log House Craft Show in late November and it was a great success, earning much needed funds to support our work. Somehow they find just the right mix of items each year so that shoppers arrive long before opening time and sit in the parking lot just waiting for the “OPEN” sign.

Mary Kollmar headed up plans for the annual Christmas at the Mill dinner. Mary is a master of organization and the result was a perfect evening with great food provided by members, the chance to talk with friends, old and new, time to admire the mill by candlelight, and stay late to sit by the fireplace.

In late December a very energetic group arrived at Red Men’s to move furniture, scrub every inch of wall and trim, spackle and sand, prime, and apply two coats of paint before reorganizing the space. Two work days turned into four and even then volunteers were returning on their own to do more. **MANY THANKS to Peggy and Clair Bange, Rich and Carol Carlson, Jane Fox, Michael and Lucia Hrinyak, Mike Loges, Jenn Oswald, Bill Powell, Connie Rogers, and Karen Sheaffer.**

The Historic East Berlin Antique Show committee headed by **Michael Hrinyak** has been busy planning since early December and is now checking in dealer contracts for the May 1-3 event. This is going to be a great show and will run at the same time as the York Show at the fairgrounds, drawing collectors and dealers from many states.

Bob and Cindy Todd and their committee are well into planning a very special house tour for December, 2014. This is a wonderful chance to show people some of the wonderful historic homes to be found in East Berlin and the care their owners have taken to preserve them.

Charlie Bechtel has been very busy as the Society’s representative at Founder’s Day Committee meetings and keeps us informed about plans for the 250th celebration. He is also completing research on properties designated as contributing to the establishment of the National Historic District and is looking into the Society’s preservation history. The results of both projects should be extremely interesting.

Peggy and Clair Bange have done a wonderful job getting 2014 membership renewals and attracting new members as well. *The 1764 Preservation Fund* they started last year is off to a good start again in 2014, all because of their thorough planning.

I have often said that I get my energy from the people around me.

THANK YOU ALL! □

A Big Thank You to Eicholtz Company

The Board would like to extend a very warm “Thank You” to Alan Stock and the Eicholtz Company in New Oxford, PA for their generous donation to the Society of a brand new Kyocera multifunction copier/printer. Our old copier died in January!!!

Alan and his wife Elizabeth, and Alan’s parents, James and Doris Jean, have been long time, loyal members of the Society.

Now Available

From the Highway to the Heavens
East Berlin, PA c. 1950 through the eyes of a boy

Author - Jerry Mummert

Just in time for East Berlin’s 250th anniversary, a wonderful collection of essays on growing up in East Berlin has been published. Jerry has re-edited and revised the very popular articles he wrote for *The Berlin Informer* and has included some never before published. We all know Jerry has a wonderful way with words and we are so grateful to him for donating his work to the Society. Who can resist a title like “The Day the World Came to an End”? Every copy will become a family treasure.

Those of you familiar with Max Darone’s *From Manure to Monoxide* written for the town’s 200th anniversary probably know that copies are highly prized and difficult to find. This new work will become the “must have” memento from the 2014 celebration.

The books are here and ready for sale, so be the first to hold one in your hands! Complete the form below and send with check payable to EBHPS to Society headquarters. **All proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to the Society’s General Fund.** Please do not include shipping if you want to pick up your book at Red Men’s, but include your phone number and Bev Jadus will phone you to make arrangements for pick-up. □

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