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Happy 250th Birthday, East Berlin!

2014 is the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the town. Berlin was founded in 1764 when Prussian immigrant John Frankenberger, a resident of York County PA, purchased 200 acres from Thomas and Richard Penn for 28 pounds, 16 shillings and 7 pence. John Frankenberger named the new community after Berlin in Prussia and on the 8th day of May, 1764, laid out the town into 85 lots, with one main street, four cross streets and five alleys. The lots were approximately 65' wide by 210' deep. Berlin became East Berlin when the post office was established in 1827, in order to distinguish it from another Berlin in Somerset County in the western part of the state.

Historic East Berlin Antique Show – May 1, 2, & 3, 2014

Please remember that 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. The March issue of *The Berlin Informer* explained what credentials you need to present at the door for this free admittance. Please make every effort to attend this event to show your support for the Society and the antiques dealers who pay to attend this Society fundraiser. Please encourage friends and family to attend this fund-raising Society event. A list of dealers is on Page 6. □

Much has Changed in East Berlin in the Last 27 Years

Your editor found the article *Going Back in Time in East Berlin, Pa* at www.philly.com and has spent the past 8 months seeking approval to reprint it in our newsletter. While much has stayed the same in East Berlin in the last 27 years, you will see that much has changed. Please enjoy reading the article on Page 7 of this newsletter.

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Message from Your Board President - Bev Jadus

By the time you read this *Informer*, East Berlin's 250th anniversary celebration will be upon us. Plan to gather your family and friends, join in the many activities the Founder's Day Committee has planned, and make some memories.

Be sure to support the Society's Historic East Berlin Antique Show on May 1-3. You can see a partial dealer list in this issue as well as an idea of what they plan to offer in their booths. We have many fresh faces in this year's show and are very pleased that they have chosen to exhibit here. Come to browse and find something you cannot live without!

The first floor of Red Men's Hall is now fresh and bright and will be ready for the many visitors we hope will come to town this May. In honor of the 250th we have unwrapped the East Berlin 1887 autograph quilt from its acid-free cocoon and will display it where all can search the 400 names written by J. Hamilton Hildebrand. We know that it cost 5 cents to have a name included but do not know for sure what the fundraiser benefited. Is one of your ancestors named?

Did you know that:

- The Society has a bookcase full of works covering the history of York and Adams counties? (Includes some family histories, cemetery records, yearbooks, excellent reference books, etc.)
- EBHPS maintains files with information on many families in the area, including newspaper clippings, research provided by family members, and notes added as new facts become available?
- The entire library of volumes collected and used by the Berlin Improvement Society is located in Red Men's Hall?
- The entire file of Society minutes from its start in 1975 and all issues of the Berlin Informer are available for research?
- Copies of *The News Comet* and *The Weekly Bulletin* are available?
- The old post office interior including service window and individual boxes is located on the second floor?

Stop and have a look! □

East Berlin's 250th Anniversary Celebration Events May 1 – 11, 2014

For a revised listing of the Celebration Events, please go to the East Berlin Borough website www.eastberlinboro.com and click on the Events tab. Then click on the May Events link on the Events page. If you do not have Internet access, please contact the East Berlin Community Library or East Berlin Beverage Distribution, Inc. for event details, as some events are different than the preliminary article in the March issue of the *Informer*. For prices and reservations for the dinners, tours, and the dance, please contact the above organizations at 717-259-9000 & 717-259-0513, respectively. □

2014 Colonial Day Special anniversary Edition Quilt

Contributor: Society Member Carol Carlson

The 2014 East Berlin 250th Anniversary quilt is a wall hanging, 50” by 60”. It was completely designed and stitched by me.

Bev Judas asked me to design a quilt to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of East Berlin. Bev and Mariam Bechtel suggested that the Historical Society’s five buildings be depicted in the quilt, and also requested that the Society’s logo be incorporated as well.

So I designed the quilt; it took many months. I traced the paintings of the log house, school house, fire hall, and the mill that hang in Red Men’s Hall onto wax paper, then pieced and appliquéd the fabrics to depict each building. There was no painting of Red Men’s Hall, so that quilt block is a rendition of my own design. (Bev remarked that Red Men’s Hall never looked so good.) How fortunate that I was able to find architectural fabrics: wood fabric for the log house, stone for the mill, brick for the fire hall, and cracked paint for the school house and the log house., and even roof shingles. I found some of the fabrics at the Quilt Patch in Littlestown; and my husband spotted the stone and the roof fabrics during a trip to the Old Country Store in Intercourse.

Making a logo block proved to be difficult. I give credit to Clair Bange for providing a copy of our logo (that was used for the specialty plates), enlarged, which I ran through my copier onto graph paper so I would have a guide to cross stitch the block.

In addition to the architectural fabrics, I used some fabrics left over from our 2011, 2012, and 2013 quilts. The triangles that appear on many of our posters are represented by “prairie points” around the blocks of the quilt. I then marked the quilt and basted the top, batting, and back together to be quilted by our quilters. □

Please Keep Your Email/Mailing 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. If you do not have access to email, please send a letter with your changes to the Society’s address, attention Membership Chairman. □

Long Rifles

May 21, 2014 General Meeting Preview
Contributor: Society Member Jane Fox

Stan Hollenbaugh, our guest speaker, is East Berlin's own Kentucky rifle maker and specialist. He will be discussing the history of flintlocks. He will also have sample flintlocks on display. The Kentucky rifle is also known as the Pennsylvania rifle. In the 1700-1800s, a gunsmith could produce one rifle in one week and it would cost about \$15.00. Rifles made today cost several thousand dollars. Although there was no gunsmith known to have been directly located in the Borough of East Berlin in the early days, there was an extremely good gunsmith in Abbottstown whose name, by coincidence, was Isaac Berlin. □

Education Report

Contributor: Education Committee Chairman Karen Sheaffer

This spring you will see the sidewalks of East Berlin once again filled with elementary school students from area school districts as they rotate between Red Men's Hall, the Log House, and the Church School House.

Weiglestown Elementary students, from Dover School District, will arrive for tours on April 8 and again on April 15. Their fourth grade students have not been able to join us in several years due to field trip funding. We are excited that they are able to return this year and look forward to showing them life in early America. The hands-on activities that they participate in at each building will hopefully give them a new found appreciation for their ancestors' daily life.

Bermudian Springs' third grade students will return again this Spring and we are holding the dates of May 12, 19, and 28 for them until we have final confirmation.

We are always looking for volunteers to share in the experience. Simple tasks to be done are cleaning the buildings, preparing the supplies needed for their hands-on activities, or walking the students from one building to the next. The rewards from helping include giving area school students an insight to local history and shaping their minds to future preservation. Please leave a message on the Society's answering machine if you are interested in helping. □

Staples of the Past

Contributor: The Cook – A Society Member who Wishes to Remain Anonymous

Buttermilk Pie

1 pint buttermilk	3 eggs	2 ½ cups sugar
1 lemon	½ cup butter	1 tbs flour or cornstarch

Mix sugar, butter, and flour. Add eggs, grated lemon rind, lemon juice, and buttermilk. Fill three unbaked pie shells. Bake at 350° for about 30 minutes. □

The Studebaker Family in East Berlin

Perhaps we all know something about the Studebaker House located at 200 West King Street in East Berlin. Did you know that the house was built in 1790 by David Studebaker? Did you know that David was the son of Clement and Catherine Studebaker? Did you know that David and his brother John constructed wagons from 1790 to 1812? Did you know that Clement owned a farm near East Berlin? Did you know that Clement migrated from Germany in 1736? Have you ever heard of *The 1737 Letter*???? □

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2014 Historic East Berlin Antique Show Dealer List

<u>Dealer</u>	<u>Where From</u>	<u>Antique Categories</u>
Bill and Betty Annable	Oberlin, OH	Rockingham, Staffordshire, glass, Peaseware
Antiques by the Falls-Joe Urbanik	Painesville, OH	18 th early 19 th century furniture. & smalls
Ayscough Antiques	Chadds Ford, PA	Country-farm to folk
Blue Dog Antiques	Stafford Springs, CT	Early items in original surface
Anny Brooks	Lahaska, PA	Country, folk art
Francis Crespo Antiques	Lancaster, PA	Folk art, primitives, art, ant's
Roland Dallaire	Brockway, PA	Furniture, accessories
Lynne Dingsus	Burnside, KY	Early Americana, watercolors, & unique items
Eileen's Antiques	Camp Hill, PA	Country furniture, tinware, stoneware, toys
Dan Freeburg Antiques	Wilcox, PA	Early Amer. country-original paint and surface
Tom Heisey Art and Antiques	Newark, OH	17 th -19 th century country furniture, art, folk
Iron Master's Mansion Antiques	Green Lane, PA	18-19 th century Ceramics, PA iron, redware, baskets, native Amer. pottery, & baskets
Ivy Hill Primitives	Langhorne, PA	Early country ion original pt. or surface
Beverly Judus	East Berlin, PA	18 th – 19 th century furniture & accessories
Keystone Antiques, LLC	Chagrin Falls, OH	Primitives, muzzleloaders
Kevin Kruger Antiques	Grantville, PA	Iron, textiles, sewing, PA folk art
Nancy Noll	Boiling Springs, PA	Early textiles/children's books, photos
The Nosey Crow	Dover, PA	Early American, leather books
Olde Country Antiques	Hightstown, NJ	Early Amer. country/primitives
The Passes	Mechanicsburg, PA	Country, Americana-sewing, textiles, iron, stoneware, fraktur
RSG Antiques	Hanover Twp., PA	Samplers, Americana, folk art
Sandbrook Antiques	Flemington, NJ	Early Americana/primitives
Margaret Schenck Antiques	Ulysses, PA	PA Ger. folk art, small furniture
Carol Schulman	Chester Twp., OH	Early country primitives/folk art
Springhouse Farm Antiques	Lewis Center, OH	Amer. country furniture. and smalls
David and Carol Swope	Canton, OH	Traditional, furniture, decoys, fishing, shore birds
Jackie Walker	Aberdeen, MD	Country, eclectic
Mark Wannemacher	New Oxford, PA	Furniture, accessories
White Horse Mill Antiques	Gap, PA	18 th -19 th century. PA furniture, accessories

The above list is current as of April 1, 2014. More vendors are anticipated to attend.

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News Flash: East Berlin, PA had its Own Newspaper from 1930 to 1952

“The News-Comet”

Contributor: Society Member Lois Loges

In case you haven't heard, East Berlin, PA had its own newspaper called *The News-Comet* from 1930 to 1952. The publisher was New Oxford News Co. and it was a weekly newspaper. Earlier titles were *East Berlin News* and *Biglerville News*, which operated from 1925 to 1930 and before that, the *York Springs Comet*, from 1877 to 1930. Ancestry.com has an online database of *The News-Comet* that is fully searchable for the years 1930-34, 1936-38, and 1942-52, and it shows images of the actual articles. While larger city newspapers contain information about international, national and state news, smaller papers, like *The News-Comet*, contained news about local people and their immediate surroundings. And for you genealogical and history buffs, this could be useful in researching your family trees. So check out ancestry.com for the local papers of your hometowns.

Meanwhile, just for fun, here is an interesting excerpt from *The News Comet* of East Berlin of Feb. 25, 1949:

THE NEWS-COMET, EAST BERLIN, PA., FEBRUARY 25, 1949

<p>Hardware Merchant Says We're Wrong!</p> <p>Glenn C. Cashman, proprietor of Cashman's Hardware Store, in the old Redmen's Hall building, East Berlin, who recently installed a new television set in his store, informs us that, contrary to our report, he is not the first businessman in East</p>	<p>Berlin to install a television set. Glenn declares that two or three got ahead of him with this modern wonder, but nevertheless he is delighted with his set, and so are friends and customers who have gathered at his store to see programs, the first many have seen.</p> <p>PUBLIC SALE</p> <p>Saturday, March 5, 1949</p>	<p>Glenn reports a number have ordered sets to be delivered as soon as he can obtain them.</p> <p>ON PAY DAY—BUY BONDS</p> <p>FOR S. VACANT</p>
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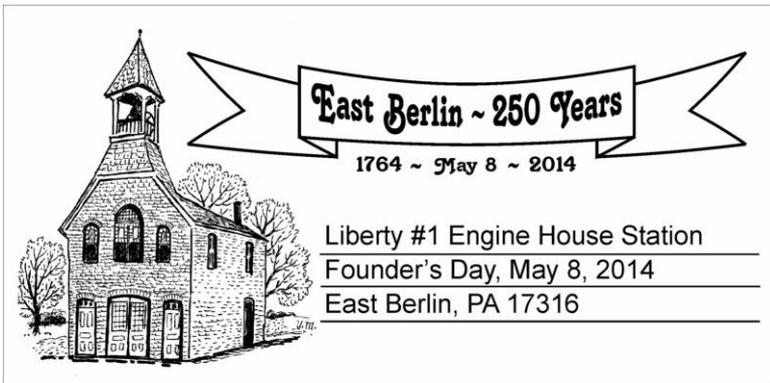
Special East Berlin 250th Anniversary USPS Postmark

Contributor: Bev Jadus

EBHPS is sponsoring a special station of the USPS at the Liberty #1 Engine House on Fourth Street on Founders' Day, May 8, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Society has designed a great postmark to commemorate East Berlin's 250th birthday and we are sure the station will be a busy spot. (See postmark below.)

Customers may bring envelopes, postcards, etc., each with unused 1st class postage applied, with or without an address. Items will be postmarked and returned to the customer; they will not enter the mail system.

The USPS also provides for a mail-back service so that items can be mailed to the post office, cancelled, and returned to the customer. Please check with the East Berlin Post Office for detailed instructions on this service. □



East Berlin Heirloom Coverlets Now Available

Contributors: Society Members Jane Fox and Jenn Oswald

East Berlin anniversary coverlets created by Family Heirloom Weavers in Red Lion, PA will be available for purchase now through early summer. The society will be taking orders and collecting money ahead of time. 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 coverlets will have a house border and you may choose up to three different colors to be placed onto a white background. Crib-size coverlets are \$95.00 + tax for members and \$145.00 + tax for nonmembers. The queen-size coverlets will be sold for \$450.00 + tax to both members and nonmembers. Samples, order forms, and a brochure will be available at our society meetings. In addition, photos, an order form, and other information can be seen on our website link at <http://www.ebhpspa.org/coverlets/>.

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 interest in purchasing a coverlet you can print an order form found on our website or you may call Jenn Oswald at 717-683-5335 or Jane Fox at 717-873-5335. □

Strawberry Festival

Contributor: Society Member Jenn Oswald

What's round, red, ripe and sweet? Are you thinking apple or grape, maybe a plum? What's round, red, ripe, sweet AND wears its 200 seeds on the outside? Did you guess it? A strawberry of course!

Swigert's Mill will once again be the location of our strawberry festival on **Saturday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m.** As a member, you are able to savor society friendships under the June sunshine while dipping into some smooth ice cream with, of course, sweet strawberries on top. Bring a potential new member and allow them to savor the richness of our society friendships.

Please bring: A dish to share, your own place settings, and a lawn chair for each person in your party.

Drinks, hotdogs, rolls, condiments, and ice-cream will be provided by the society.

I'm looking for anyone who would be willing to provide assistance with **cleaning the mill on Friday, June 13th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.** I'm also in need of **9 quarts of strawberries.** Do you grow your own strawberries? Would you be willing to share?

Please call me with any questions or donations of strawberries or time: 717-683-5335.
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250th Anniversary Quilt Raffle Tickets Now Available

Contributors: EBHPS Quilters Mariam Bechtel, Carol Carlson, Bev Judus

By the time you read this, we expect the Special Anniversary Edition Quilt to be complete. You can see it in progress at www.ebhpspa.org. We think it is truly special and know you will, too, because it marks the town's founding and honors the five historical buildings in the Society's care, all rolled into one great presentation!

The raffle will be held on Colonial Day, Saturday, September 13, at 3 p.m. at the Society's information booth. Second prize will be a paint decorated pipe box by Rick Lower; third prize is a hand sculpted holiday figure by Thomas Panetta. Both of these craftsmen are longtime exhibitors at Colonial Day, and their donations are greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets (\$1/ ticket or 6 for \$5) are available by mail. Just send a SASE with a note listing your address, phone number, number of tickets requested and enclosing a check payable to EBHPS. We will fill out and deposit your tickets and return the stubs to you. □

Society Membership

Contributor: Peggy Bange, Membership Chairman

Please join me in welcoming the following new members: Margaret Wise and Thomas Joyce (East Berlin, PA) and George King (Tulsa, OK).

As of March 26, we have 239 members in the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society -- which is 9 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. □

40th Colonial Day Coming Up!

Contributor: Bev Judus

Saturday, September 13, is the big day. Every effort should be made to make this a special event and ALL are needed to make sure it is the best in years. Please call Bev Judus at 259-0822 or 259-7049 to volunteer; contacting and asking people for help is the most difficult part of the planning. □

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. □

2014 - 1764 Preservation Fund Members

Platinum

VFW Post 8896

Gold

Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.
East Berlin Smiles

Silver

ACNB Bank
Aero Energy
East Berlin Beverage Dist., Inc.
East Berlin Community Library
East Berlin Chiropractor
Rick's Custom Baling, LLC

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club

Contributor: Jenn Oswald, Cooking Club Organizer

Hands at the Hearth Cooking Club gathered at the end of March to prepare a rather English meal consisting of Cornish Hens, Carrot Pudding, Onion Pie, Onion Soup, and other yummy sides and desserts. We will gather again in May to cook our third meal at the log house. The group will gather again in the Fall to prepare the final meal for 2014.

If you have any cooking implements to donate or are willing to loan to our group, please contact, Jenn Oswald at 308-0169. We are particularly looking for a dutch kettle and a spider. □

Staples of the Past

Contributor: The Cook – A Society Member who Wishes to Remain Anonymous

Peach Crumble Pie

6 cups sliced, peeled peaches	3 tbs cornstarch	1 cup sugar
½ tsp almond extract	1/8 tsp salt	1 egg beaten

Blend sugar, cornstarch, salt, egg, and extract. Pour over peaches in an unbaked shell.

Topping: ½ cup flour, ½ cup sugar, ½ stick butter. Blend dry ingredients and cut in butter until crumbly. Spread it over the pie.

Bake at 375° until golden brown. □

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