

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Summer / Fall 2017

General Forbes Campaign and the Forbes Road to be Topic of Fall Membership Meeting

The Fulton County Historical Society will hold its Fall Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Fulton County Courthouse. Featured speaker, James Hostetler, will give a Forbes Road presentation that includes General Forbes Campaign and Fort Bedford, the Braddock Road versus the Forbes Road, and interesting aspects of the Forbes Road. This meeting is open to all.

Society Museums Open Fall Festival Weekend

The Historical Society Museum in the Fulton House is featuring baseball memorabilia featuring Fulton County Natives including Jeff Garber memorabilia and collectable ball cards loaned by Bill Spigler, Waynesboro, PA. Other Fulton County natives featured include: Carl Paylor, Allen Henry, Clyde Barnhart, Fred Fore, Donald "Pete" Pepple, Andy Oyler, Marshal Reeder and Bret Elbin. Also on display will be the following newly acquired items: a period costume doll made by Freda Raker, a water jug from Pleasant Run School, Mark Twain Noe prints (Nature's Gold & Brothers of the Brush) and a secure gun case for the collection of Fulton County-made rifles at the Fulton House. Stop by the prominent 1793 limestone Inn along Lincoln Way East in McConnellsburg and appreciate the heritage of our community with Historical Society publications, art prints, maps and other items available for purchase.

Fulton County Historical Society Museum Annex (Old G.C. Murphy Building) is featuring temporary displays of the Fulton County Courthouse and the Underground Railroad in Fulton County. Also on display will be the newly acquired 1900s Sleigh donated by Verde Shue Hockensmith. Photos of 1960's Sagner employees with the opportunity for the public to help identify individuals.

The museums will be open Friday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; & Sun., Oct. 22, 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Please email the society at: Director@fultonhistory.org, or call Debbie Reed at (717) 485-4298.

Museum Annex gets Red Oak Flooring

Historical Society grant writer Deb Reed applied for \$36,000 for new flooring in the old Murphy building. When it wasn't funded, Society volunteers took over. Edie Coleman found a generous local donor who offered 3,000 square feet of kiln-dried red oak seconds. Board member Mark Sheffield hauled load after load to Hicksville Planing Mill and back to McConnellsburg where students doing community service helped stack it. Volunteers put an interlocking floating subfloor with moisture barrier over the original concrete floor before Brad Seville, Kevin Truax, Larry Seville and Kris Sheffield nailed down the oak. This is not only a beautiful floor but a permanent one which can be refinished as needed in the future. At present, we only covered the front third of the museum annex floor. This wouldn't have happened without our crew of volunteers.

Thank you all so much!



High school students Quinton Hill, Katelyn Truax, Richard Weller and Dalton Sheffield unload red oak floor boards under the watchful eye of volunteers Simon Blodgett and Gene Leese.

Barn Quilt Tours Set for Folk Festival

Scattered throughout Fulton County, visitors will find nearly 150 painted quilts mounted on barns, sheds, homes, and businesses along scenic roadways. The project is called the Frontier Barn Quilt Trail of Fulton County. It is meant to highlight Fulton County's history, heritage and rural nature.

Following three successful bus tours during last year's Fulton Fall Folk Festival, the Frontier Barn Quilt Committee is sponsoring two new tours for this year's festival. The tours are set for Friday, October 20. They will go a little further afield, covering Taylor and Wells Townships in the northern end of the county and Thompson, Bethel and Belfast Townships in the south. Once again some barn quilt owners will be greeting the tour at stops, and several historical sites will be included. [See *Tour Itinerary and Sign-up form on separate sheet enclosed with this mailing.*] Pre-registering is greatly encouraged to guarantee a seat.

Barn Quilt Photo Contest

The Frontier Barn Quilt Trail is announcing its first annual Barn Quilt Photo Contest. Embrace your inner artist and canvas Fulton County's barn quilt trails to capture the beauty of the various barn quilts in their rural settings. The photographs will be displayed at this year's Fulton Fall Folk Festival Art Show held in the county library.

Three prizes will be awarded: \$200 First Place, \$150 Second Place, \$100 Third Place. In addition 2' x 2' barn quilts will be awarded to the winners. The contest is open to all amateur photographers and runs through October 6, 2017.

Submissions can be delivered in person to Barn Quilt Photo Contest, Everett Marble and Granite, 107 South 7th St. McConnellsburg, PA 17233 or they can be mailed to Barn Quilt Photo Contest, 114 E. Patterson St., McConnellsburg, PA 17233. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by 10/6/17. All submitted photos become the property of the FBQT and may be used in their web site, Facebook page, advertising, or any other publications.

For entry form see the following page or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/frontierbarnquilttrail/>

More information can be found at www.frontierbarnquilttrail.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/frontierbarnquilttrail/>



Volunteers select the correct size boards while Kris Sheffield and Larry Seville nail them to the underlayment.

New Life Members Welcomed

Deborah Popenoe, Arlington, VA, became life member #276 in April. Her family names of interest include Mann, Jacob (1750) Creek, Price, Beatty, Thomas.

Kimberly Rinker, West Chester, PA, became life member #277 in May. She is the great granddaughter of Helen (Fraker) Rinker from Fort Littleton and granddaughter of Donald Kirk Rinker and Florence Gail (Aller) Rinker, who is from Knobsville. Other family names include Orth and Cromer.

The Life Membership Endowment of the society, now with 277 members, totals \$41,650.

Minutes for FCHS Spring Membership Meeting held on April 29, 2017

The annual Spring Membership Banquet was held in the McConnellsburg Firehall on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Society President Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES: of the Winter Meeting as printed in the Spring Newsletter were approved on a motion by Jim Hedges and Edie Coleman.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Leese explained some facts pertaining to the purchase of the old Murphy building that includes an antique store, two upstairs rental apartments, and an attached restaurant. Application was made for a grant of \$4,000 to set up a museum. \$27,000 from the Schmidt Fund. \$20,000 will be needed for the heating system. \$80,000 will be needed for the roof. 3,000 feet of oak flooring was donated.

SUMMER AUCTION BANQUET: is planned for June 10 at McConnellsburg Fire Hall with all proceeds to go towards the

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

___ \$20 Individual/Family

___ \$250 Individual Life

Please check your renewal date on the front of this mailing's envelope.

Send your name, address, e-mail, and family interest names to the Society address along with your check.

Payment may also be made through the society website.

Murphy building project.

PRESIDENT'S AWARDS: Dick Miller presented the following: Mark Sheffield - Murphy Building; Bonnie Mellott Keefer - Auctions; John B. Nelson - Publications; Rod Refeddo - Murphy Building paneling; Naomi Waite - Librarian; Glenn Cordell - in charge of Murphy Building Restoration, and Esther Miller - wife and assistant to the president.

HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD Tom Duffey for generously donating his time, money, gifts, photos, art, framing, museum inventory, design FCHS book covers, barn quilts, and teaching history for 20 years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Gene Leese nominated the following: President - Dick Miller, for his third term; Vice President - Monica Seville; Secretary - Ken Keebaugh; Directors - Carolyn Hollenshead and Mark Sheffield. A Bonnie Mellott Keefer / Mike Crampton motion passed stipulating that nominations be closed and cast a unanimous ballot.

FULTON HOUSE MUSEUM: Museum Curator, Edie Coleman announced the museum display for the summer of 2017 will be art work by Brian Tucker, baseball memorabilia, and Fulton House artifacts.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dick Miller introduced the evening's featured guest speaker, Butch Seiders, who gave a very interesting talk about nationally renowned Fulton County artist Mark Twain Noe, complete with several prints on display. Seiders pledged to donate a Noe print for the Summer Auction.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

Highlights of FCHS Summer Auction / Banquet Meeting held on June 10, 2017

The FCHS held a Summer Auction Banquet on June 10 at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. Highlights are as follows:

3:30 - Doors opened for Silent Auction bidding to begin

5:30 - 6:00 Winning bids distributed

6:00 - Banquet Meal served

6:30 - Traditional Auction called by Craig Knepper

A profit of over \$5,000 was made from the silent and traditional auctions. All monetary proceeds will be used for the Murphy Building restoration.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Income/Expense for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year (May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017)

Income:

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| Donations (general) | \$727.34 |
| Donations (Frontier Barn Quilt) | 3,726.71 |
| Donations - GC Murphy bldg | 8,704.99 |
| Grants for GC Murphy project | 27,000.00 |
| PA Sales Tax discounts earned | 3.11 |
| Cookbook sales (jail funds) | 66.03 |
| Books, prints & other sales | 2,593.89 |
| Shipping & Handling | 49.77 |
| Dues | 2,425.00 |
| Life membership dues | 1,000.00 |
| Investment div. & int. | 6,531.85 |
| Misc. Revenue | 85.00 |
| Special Events (bus tours, etc.) | 4,936.76 |
| Rent - GC Murphy bldg & apts | 9,500.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$67,350.45 |

Expenses:

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| Special assistance (individuals) | \$3,720.00 |
| Supplies (Barn Quilt) | 2,926.97 |
| Supplies (other) | 846.87 |
| Office Equipment | 172.34 |
| Electronic Transaction Fees | 40.14 |
| Postage & Box Rent | 475.94 |
| Printing & Copying | 588.70 |
| Books, subscriptions, reference | 90.00 |
| Website | 3,200.00 |
| Items for resale | 1,852.12 |
| Rent & other occupancy | 1,565.94 |
| Mowing Big Spring Cemetery | 407.00 |
| GC Murphy expenses - all | 12,366.16 |
| Travel and meeting expenses (bus tours, tea parties & quarterly meetings) | 3,966.92 |
| Insurance (other than GCM bldg) | 877.00 |
| Misc expenses | 892.48 |
| Program expense | 200.34 |
| Business expense (misc.) | 220.00 |

Total Business Expenses \$34,408.92

Net Ordinary Income \$32,941.53

Museum Collection purchases (2,484.00)

Unrealized gain (all accounts) 9,984.57

Net Gain for fiscal year \$40,442.10

Gene Leese, Treasurer

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report

Account Balances at the end of the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year (April 30, 2017)

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| Fulton County Checking | \$1,616.20 |
| PayPal Account | 529.90 |
| Life Member Endowment | 41,400.00 |
| Main Investment Acct. | 60,768.75 |
| Investment Money Market | 11,213.34 |
| Winegardner Invest. Acct. | 30,215.32 |
| Museum Account | 1,422.76 |
| Fulton Co. Hist. Library | 2,268.76 |
| Frontier Barn Quilt Trail Acct. | 4,615.58 |

Total Checking/Savings \$154,050.61

Gene Leese, Treasurer

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Gene Leese, Treasurer 2019

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