



# Solebury Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Solebury Township Historical Society

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Each year, Solebury Township Historical Society hosts numerous events open to the community as a whole. To help fund these events, we rely on the generous contributions of our sponsoring businesses and local organizations. We ask for your consideration to sponsor our current event ***A Perfect Pairing*** on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Your generous participation will focus your message in front of a prime audience and will assist the Society in perpetuating its mission of preserving the history of Solebury Township through various methods of preservation, education, and research. Be part of history by helping preserve it!

For more information and to be a sponsor or purchase tickets, visit our website [www.soleburyhistory.org](http://www.soleburyhistory.org)

We are always looking for old fashioned small desks to add to our collection. If you have one you wish to donate, please e-mail us at: [info@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:info@soleburyhistory.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### *Solebury Township Historical Society*

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Dear Members,

Summer in Solebury brings many memories of the years when my children were young, and we rode bikes along the canal, had ice cream at Dilly's, caught fireflies in the pitch-dark field behind our house and squeezed lemons for ice cold lemonade on a hot day. I can hear their laughter and remember how they could run and explore without having any fear of them getting into trouble because we lived in this perfect little town. When we would go to Nantucket and Cape Cod for a few weeks we would be happy to come home, to cross the Delaware and smell the soft air and feel peaceful to be back home. To live in Solebury is to know that feeling of getting off the highway, crossing the bridge and being in Solebury again.

As president of STHS I feel a responsibility to preserve the history of our town while spreading awareness of how it has remained a historic and naturally beautiful place. In October we are having a fundraiser to raise money for the continued maintenance of the schoolhouse, preserve our archives and offer educational programs to children and adults. We hope you choose to be a sponsor or buy a ticket to attend this fun event and support our bi-annual fundraiser.

We are so excited to have our schoolhouse be awarded The Heritage Conservancy's Register of Historic Places. We thank board member Marnie Newman-Leasure for her research and perseverance to make it happen.

I hope to see all of you at the picnic late this month. It will be held behind the Tinsman's Lumberyard a place called "The Meadow". I'm sure one can find many fireflies there and a perfect way to end the summer.

Best Regards,

*Stephanie Garomon*

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### *History Quiz*

What was Limeport  
originally?

And why was it built?

*Answer on page 7*

## **Volunteer News**

Many Thanks to our volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer please email us at  
info@soleburyhistory.org

The advertisers in the Solebury Chronicle help offset the cost of producing the newsletter. These are local businesses and we urge your patronage. If you would like to advertise in the Chronicle please call 215-297-5091 and leave a message, or email info@soleburyhistory.org to place an ad in the next Solebury Chronicle.

- ◇ Harry S. Truman was the last U.S. President with no college degree.
- ◇ Tablecloths were originally meant to serve as towels with which guests could wipe their hands and faces after dinner.
- ◇ The first telephone book was one page long and had only 50 names in it.



◇ Before clocks, there were candle clocks that when burned, indicated the passage of periods of

time. To set an alarm, you pushed a nail into the desired point and the nail would fall and clank on the metal holder.

- ◇ Clocks made before 1660 had only one hand - an hour hand.



◇ The 'moustache cup' is a tea cup that wields a semicircular ledge around where a Victorian man could sip his tea and rest his waxed moustache

on the ledge. It was invented in the 1860s by Harvey Adams, a British potter, during a time when moustaches (and tea drinking) flourished in Britain.



◇ Who actually invented the fire hydrant? It's not actually known because the patent record

was, ironically, destroyed in a fire at the U.S. Patent Office in 1836. The fire also destroyed many other patent records.

- ◇ Pilgrims did not eat with forks. They only used spoons, knives and their fingers.
- ◇ The life expectancy in 1900 was just 47 years.



◇ The reason why old books have such a distinct smell is because hundreds of organic compounds in the pages break down

over time and release chemicals that smell like almond, vanilla, and grass.

- ◇ February 1865 is the only month in recorded history to not have a full moon.
- ◇ Pennsylvania is the only original colony not bordered by the Atlantic Ocean.

## “Souls of Solebury”

By Laura Kim and the Oral History Committee

Solebury Township Historical Society started the Souls of Solebury series in August 2017. With this project, we aim to capture the history of our township through the stories told by our residents. The series provides snapshots into the vast knowledge, colorful lives and exciting worlds that make up the mosaic of Solebury Township. Check our Facebook page around the first of every month for additional entries.

Do you have a story to share? We'd love to hear it. Send us an e-mail at [oralhistory@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:oralhistory@soleburyhistory.org).



# THE HERITAGE CONSERVANCY HAS DESIGNATED OUR ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE On Its Register of Historic Places

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Members of the Heritage Conservancy's Historical Review Board Committee and the Board of the Solebury Township Historical Society commemorate the addition of Solebury's one room schoolhouse as a Historic Place on the Register of Historic Places. The Heritage Conservancy, which works to preserve noted buildings and sites in Bucks and Montgomery counties, recognized STHS for its work to preserve the 1755 site and 1865 structure located at 3020 North Sugan Rd. Solebury, PA which is open to the public every Wednesday, 3-5 PM or by appointment. Many thanks to Board Member Marnie Newman-Leasure (not in photo below) for all of her research and efforts with the Conservancy so that we could be recognized for this special designation.



**First row:** Stephanie Garomon, Pres., STHS, holding the commemorative plaque. **Second row**, left to right: Denise Blasdale, Toby Hoffman, Melody Hunt; **Third row**, left to right: Ralph Fey, Linda Brinker, Sue-Ann DiVito; **Fourth row**, left to right: Terry McNealy, Nancy Brown, Robert McEwan.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FALL & WINTER 2017-2018 EVENTS

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**August 27 Annual Picnic** behind the Tinsman's Lumberyard "The Meadow"

**September 9 Roll Call** with the Michener Art Museum at the schoolhouse

**October 14 A Perfect Pairing** Bi-Annual Fundraiser Pairing Food and Wine. *Check our website for details.*

**November 12 Annual Meeting and Pot-luck Supper**-Enjoy some entertainment, yummy food, while reviewing 2017, and a preview of what's to come in 2018 and vote on Board Members.

**November 19 Gobble, The History & Lore of Thanksgiving** Join folklorist Darcy Fair at the Schoolhouse from 2-3:30 pm to explore the historical facts, fictions, and traditions of this November holiday. *Free-Light refreshments provided.*

**November 28 #GivingTuesday is November 28** Support The Ned Harrington Scholarship Award to New Hope-Solebury and Solebury School High School Seniors by donating to STHS. Our goal is \$3000.00 Campaign begins November 12, 2017 Check our website or mail check to Drawer 525 Solebury, PA 18963

**January 1, 2018 Annual New Years Day Brunch at Holly Hedge Estate** Check our website for reservations.



### "Gobble"

#### The History and Lore of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving has been described as the most quintessential of American holidays. But the holiday we celebrate has roots that are older and deeper than the Pilgrims and Indians who appear in the American Founding Myth. Join folklorist **Darcy Fair on Sunday, November 19 at the Old Solebury Schoolhouse**, 3020 Sugan Road, New Hope from 2:00-3:30 pm to explore the historical facts, fictions, and traditions of this November holiday. Topics include foodways, home decorations, family time, religious observances, and more. Bring along your own traditions and stories to share and recipes to swap. Families welcome. Refreshments served. If you have questions about the program or wish to register contact [info@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:info@soleburyhistory.org). Please note that seats are limited.

Check our website at [www.soleburyhistory.org](http://www.soleburyhistory.org).

### We are looking for volunteers to help Do you have interest in any of the following areas?

1. General Archiving activities with the team Wednesdays 3 to 5 PM
2. Photo archiving
3. Deed archiving
4. Newsletter
5. Board position openings include Membership, Secretary, Development,

**Students: consider devoting some of your Community Service hours to our non profit Historical Society**

**To volunteer please e-mail: [info@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:info@soleburyhistory.org)**

**or call: Stephanie Garomon 215-595-7402**



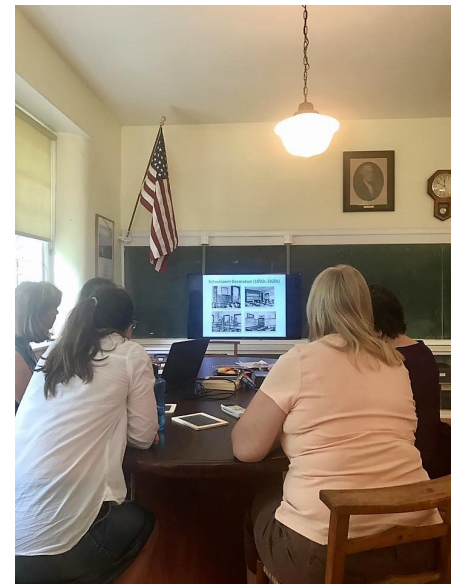
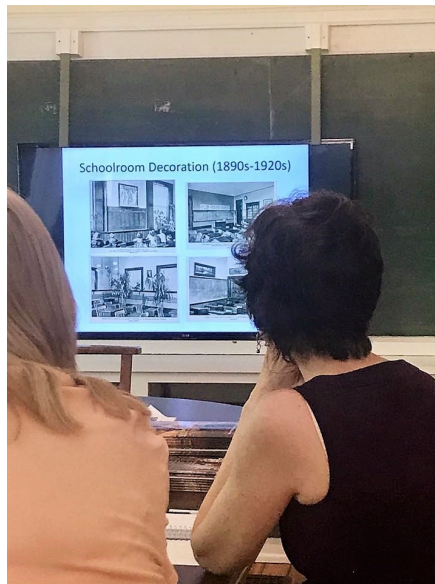
## #Giving Tuesday is November 28th 2017

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One of the most important STHS annual programs is awarding scholarships to New Hope-Solebury High School seniors and Solebury School seniors via the Ned Harrington Scholarship Fund. Each year #GivingTuesday has increasingly become an ideal vehicle to promote our scholarship giving, and raise the funds to make it happen. Check our website in November for more information.

### “Roll Call” in collaboration with the Michener Art Museum

In July we learned about the history of the schoolhouse and school art collections with Adrienne Neszmelyi-Romano director of interpretation and innovation at the James A. Michener Art Museum presentation about School District Art Collections from late 19th early 20th centuries. Hands on activities for children including scavenger hunts, schoolyard games, bell ringing and practicing penmanship on slates. In addition STHS vice president Robert McEwan will present a slide show on one-room schoolhouses. **“Roll Call” will be repeated again on September 9th from 10:30 to 1:00 PM**



## Priscilla Alexandra Waring Estate

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Throughout 2017 STHS has been honored to receive additions to our Waring archives. With the sudden passing of Priscilla Waring, granddaughter of Beulah Hurley Waring and Alston Waring we have been given many archival photo's and items from the Priscilla Alexandra Waring Estate.

Mary C. Combs, Priscilla's dear friend and Executor of her estate carried on Priscilla's wishes to donate to STHS. She drove many of the items to our schoolhouse up from Maryland. One of the items she donated is an Oil Painting named "Beulah Waring of Honey Hollow" by the American landscape painter and member of the art colony at New Hope, John Folinsee. We are grateful to the Estate for being so generous.

For more information on the Waring Collection visit our website, or the schoolhouse on Wednesday's from 3:00—5:00PM

### History Quiz

Answer:

Limeport was a dock along the berm bank of the Delaware Canal just north of Phillips Mill.

It was built to allow the delivery of coal to fire the limekilns in the vicinity and gave its name to the area



If you use facebook please go to Solebury Township Historical Society's page and "like" it. We are trying to increase visibility and recognition. In addition we post upcoming events and our "Souls of Solebury" Series.





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## **SUPPORT STHS WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is our most important source of income. You will soon be receiving a renewal letter for your 2018 Society membership. Upon renewing we will send your acknowledgement letter as your receipt. May we ask you to respond promptly and as generously as possible? Membership is the Society's largest source of income. If you respond to our first request, there will be no need to spend the time and money to send a second or third request.

Thank you for your generosity



The Historical Society is now accepting New Hope-Solebury & Solebury School High School seniors applications for the 2017 Ned Harrington Scholarship Award which will be awarded in May 2017. Please see our website or inquire with your school administration for additional information.

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