STHS Repeats History
A one-night only extravaganza

The Solebury Township Historical Society is “Repeating” our wildly successful dinner fundraiser from 2003 to help us raise money towards our goal of $45,000 needed to cover renovations to our Solebury jewel, the one-room schoolhouse.

Indulge in a wonderful evening of conviviality and great repast in gracious settings. Reserve early and meet us at the barn at Rolling Green Farm at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Enjoy cocktails, meet neighbors and at last discover where and with whom you will be dining. You will then head to one of eleven different homes where you will be the recipient of a gourmet meal prepared by Master Chef Ian Knauer.

Space is limited, so do not miss out. Visit our website to secure your reservations: soleburyhistory.org. Or call organizer John Touhey to arrange to pay by check, 215-297-9799.

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Don’t Miss our Annual Picnic!

Fiesta Mexicana

No reservations necessary  Sunday, August 25, 4-7 p.m.  Suggested donation $5
Home of Linda Kenyon
3015 Sugan Road, New Hope (park in Trinity Church parking lot)

We provide the burgers, sausages, hot dogs, buns, wine, beer, margaritas and music. Please bring your favorite covered dish—it does not need to be a Mexican dish.

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History Quiz
What was the first major road in Solebury Township?
**Presidents Message**

What an exciting, busy year it has been. We are working on so many projects, plans and events that we are constantly busy and loving it. Repairs on the schoolhouse will commence soon, thanks to Robert McEwan; our website is being recreated, thanks to Beth Carrick and Mike Seifried; our Oral History project is being expanded by leaps and bounds, thanks to Jim Brown. Linda Kenyon is working to set up the picnic on August 25 at her house, and Melody Hunt and John Touhey are spearheading the fabulous dinner scheduled for September 21. If you haven’t signed up, you should go to our website as you can now register and pay online.

In October, Jesse Crooks will be giving us another wonderful tour of the Solebury Friends cemetery. We learned so much last year – it was incredible. November brings us to the annual meeting, so if we miss you at any of the previous events, we will definitely hope to see you on November 17.

I think the most exciting news is that that Solebury Township Historical Society was invited to be a part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania’s Small Collections initiative. Joan Fitting and Gwen Davis are moving this project forward.

As always, we can use as much help as our membership can offer. Beyond volunteering for our events, if you have a desire to be involved with the board, please call or email to let us know. We would welcome your help. As we continue to grow so does our need for additional support.

If you know someone that you feel would be a worthy recipient of the Honored Citizen award, please send us the details.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Donneta K. Crane

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**Answer to Do You Know?**

This is the house where Edward Redfield lived from 1898 until his death in 1965. Redfield is one of the most well-known of the PA Impressionists who lived and worked in the New Hope-Solebury area. Congratulations to Sally Drayer and Gail Keim for guessing the right answer within hours or receiving the Chronicle!

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**2013 Scholarship Award**

STHS was proud to select New Hope-Solebury High School Senior Larissa DePamphilis of Solebury to receive our 2013 Ned Harrington Scholarship. Larissa’s high GPA, her solid performance in AP history and her active contributions to several volunteer organizations speak of a very mature young lady who will benefit from the $1000 scholarship. Larissa will unfortunately be “lost” to history in the coming months as she will enroll at The College of New Jersey School of Engineering and specialize in Biomedical Engineering. But we trust her energy will continue to be devoted to good Solebury causes. Well done Larissa!

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Robert McEwan, Larissa DePamphilis, Beth Carrick.
Tour of Revolutionary War Sites in New Hope-Solebury

This past June — 235 years after General George Washington’s army marched through Solebury and crossed the Delaware in New Hope chasing General Sir Henry Clinton’s British Army across New Jersey — members of STHS, New Hope Historical Society and Phillips’ Mill Community Association gathered to learn about the historic locations and stories. June 20 saw a sell-out crowd of more than 100 people at Phillips’ Mill to listen to local historian Terry McNealy and NHHS moderator, Roy Ziegler, talk about the trials and tribulations of Continental Army members surviving and fighting through extreme heat and cold on both the 1778 and 1776 marches. Many local sites from Bogart’s Tavern to the Thompson-Neeley House were discussed, and questions ranging from local taxation to Malta Island were fielded.

Sunday, June 23, witnessed the type of heat wave Washington’s encountered on their march through the area in 1778 (mid 90’s!), but again, a sell-out crowd mounted three trolleys and toured key sites with stops along the way. Fortunately the trolley’s air conditioning systems kept us all in good form as we enjoyed a visit to downtown New Hope and Coryell’s Ferry on a summer Sunday afternoon. It was remarked that this day on a tourist weekend was akin to what the local population in 1778 of about 400 souls survived: a horde of 13,500 troops, with horses and wagons numbering in the hundreds, camping out on what is now ball fields of New Hope-Solebury High School and marching down through the middle of town in preparation for crossing the Delaware River.

Our tour group went on to see a number of sites in Solebury Township that played a role in the Revolutionary War including Rolling Green Farm, the Ingham House property and the Thompson Neeley House.

We look forward to offering more joint programs with these two organizations and perhaps repeating this very popular event next summer.
Improving our Web Site

Because going to our web site is the easiest and most natural way to find out what you want to know about the Society, we are working on improving the site. Webmaster Mike Seifried is currently working on the new design, and members of the Society are helping to gather materials needed for the update. Mike is a freelance website developer based in Doylestown. While he has commercial clients in the Central Bucks area, much of his work is for non-profits, whose goals he supports. After retiring from a career in international marketing, Mike has found time to pursue his dual interests as a website designer and jazz musician, and he invites you to visit his website at tenormannike.com. The Society thanks Mike for his work for us.

Our first change is already visible. As a convenience we are now able to accept payments on line, beginning with reservations for our “STHS Repeats History” dinner in September. If you haven’t already reserved, go to www.soleburyhistory.org and click on Upcoming Events.

For those of you who use the web but have never thought about designing a site, the next time you visit the web think about all of the information that has to be put together to make a site work. For STHS, first we have decided what is important for our members—basic information about us to be put on the home page, directions to the schoolhouse, information about the schoolhouse and its restoration, what is in our research library, information about our Honored Citizens, etc. Now we are writing the material, gathering pictures where appropriate, and finding drawings and graphics. All of the pages must flow and be linked together, if appropriate. So far the document that details all of this is over 100 pages in Microsoft Word and growing.

We hope you will find our new site easy to use and helpful. We expect to have it completed in the fall and will announce when it is ready. In the meantime, our current site will remain available.

New books enhance our Research Library

Many of our members and neighbors have been pleased with the help we have been able to give them in finding information about their properties and their families. However, sometimes these community members give back to us.

David and Marilou Stewart recently donated a complete and bound set of the History of Bucks County by W.W.H. Davis. These books are considered by many to be the foremost source of factual information about the growth of our beautiful county. What history buff hasn’t turned to Davis to look up a name, a place or an event in the course of his/her research? The three volumes are beautifully bound and are a most valuable addition to our research library. Thank you so much, Dave and Marilou.

We also received a most interesting set of bound copies of the periodical American History Illustrated, published by The National Historical Society. These were donated by John F. Hartzel. There are a total of 14 volumes, each containing one year’s editions of the magazine from 1966 to 1979 with articles ranging in subjects from the Civil War to the story of John Jacob Astor. Each article is beautifully illustrated with maps, drawings and old photographs. Even looking at the ads from over 40 years ago is amusing! I guarantee you will love browsing through them. Thank you so much, John.

Come visit us any Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. to see our new additions.

Joan S. Fitting, Archivist

Seeking Nominations for Honored Citizens of Solebury

Do you know of someone who has made important contributions to the Solebury area? If so, please consider nominating that person for our annual Honored Citizens of Solebury award. Each year we give the award to a current citizen and one to a historic figure.

The process is simple. All we need is your name and contact information, the name of the nominee, and a paragraph or two stating why you feel this person is eligible. If you wish, a nomination form is available on our website, soleburyhistory.org.

Nominations should be received by November 1. The awards are presented at our annual New Year’s Brunch on January 1.

SAVE the DATE

Sunday October 27: 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The Great Cemetery Tour of the Solebury Meetinghouse Cemetery Repeats in 2013!

Our thanks go to Jessie Crooks, local historian, for agreeing to lead his informative historical tour of the many famous and forgotten souls resting in The Meetinghouse Cemetery. Last year’s tour was a very well attended success despite Super Storm Sandy descending upon us. The tour is being returned by popular demand. We know Jessie is adding new information to his talk based his research and on the many comments and questions at the initial tour. We look forward to seeing you there with your friends and family.
History Quiz Answer

The first major road in the Township was Lower York Road between Lahaska and New Hope.
The steady return on our fund raising is allowing us to arrange for several much-needed renovations to the schoolhouse. The most urgently needed repair is to replace the roof. Our current roof is asbestos tiles which probably date from the 1950’s. We have lined up our contractors and they should begin work in mid August, weather permitting. Several smaller jobs, including replacing the bulkhead door to the basement, plumbing to allow garden hose access, and electrical updates will follow as we move into fall. As more donations come in, we will have the windows and frames repaired and repainted.

Many thanks to those who have contributed and those who will contribute via our various fund raising efforts. STHS and the community are committed to keeping this historic gem in good repair, looking fine and more secure.

Our fund-raising campaign to finance necessary renovations to our historic one-room schoolhouse has gotten off to a great start thanks to many friends and neighbors who have made contributions. Over $13,000 has been contributed to date and we acknowledge our deepest appreciation to the following:

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Elaine & Malcolm Crooks
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We are grateful for the support of the local business community and encourage you to patronize these fine businesses:

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With Gratitude . . .
Members are the backbone of our organization. We are deeply appreciative of the support of the residents listed below who have renewed their membership or joined the Society since the last newsletter.

Many Thanks . . .
The generosity of so many folks help the Society throughout the year. We greatly appreciate the support of our friends and neighbors:

- **David and Marilou Stewart** for donating a complete bound set of *History of Bucks County* to our research library.
- **John Hartzel** for donating a bound set of the periodical *American History Illustrated* to our research library.
- **Mike Seifried** for donating his expertise to update our website.
- **Dick Carlson** for the use of his barn at Rolling Green Farm for the STHS Repeats History reception.
- **John Touhey** for conceiving of and leading the planning for the STHS Repeats History dinner.

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(Call 215-297-5091 or email soleburyhistory@verizon.net to place your ad in the next *Solebury Chronicle*.)
Upcoming STHS Events

August 25  Summer Picnic: 4-7 p.m.
Home of Linda Kenyon

September 21  STHS Repeats History -
Gala Dinner Party
Get your tickets online at
soleburyhistory.org.

October 27  Solebury Friends Cemetery
Tour: Noon

November 17  Annual Meeting: Pot Luck
supper: 5-8 p.m.

January 1, 2014  NEW YEAR’S BRUNCH
Holly Hedge Estates

STHS members receive invitations to all STHS events.

Do You Know?

This is a street scene in Solebury Township in 1935. What road is this (it’s now paved!) and what is the building in the picture (it’s no longer there)?

Call 215-297-5091 or email your answer to
soleburyhistory@verizon.net. You may win a prize!

Related Community Events

October 19  Trinity House Tour, featuring
historic houses in Solebury
and Upper Makefield
townships. 215-297-5135