



# Solebury Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Solebury Township Historical Society

## 2016 All Americana Picnic by The Events Committee



Host, Jillian McGlone right, with treasurer Vicki Lynn DeHaven, left

### **RAIN DID NOT DAMPEN OUR SPIRITS AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC!**

Thanks to our lovely host Jillian McGlone, the picnic was brought to the inside of her beautiful home where everyone had a great time.

Board members Robert McEwan and Ken Odell greeted guests with raised umbrella's ushering them to the front door where they were welcomed with a glass of wine from Anthony DiVito and the gentle sounds of Darcy Fair playing the harp. Paul Lanctot our volunteer bartender was set up on the screened-in porch where many guests comfortably gathered for the afternoon. Pamela Burrell our volunteer wine expert and Peter Gatto selected the wines for the occasion and as always they do a fabulous job staying on budget while choosing delicious wines. Outside on the expansive deck under a tent, volunteer Chuck Mintzer grilled the meats to perfection as always! Everyone brought delicious side dishes and desserts so the food was plentiful! Sue-Ann DiVito our events chairperson did a superb job pulling the day together despite the weather and with approximately 60 happy guests, we can say the "picnic" was a great success!

Board members Robert McEwan and Ken Odell greeted guests with



Two Board members, Harpist, Darcy Fair, left and Judy Clarke right



Events Chair Sue-Ann DiVito left and Volunteer griller Chuck Mintzer, right

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Please consider a DESK donation! We are looking to increase the number of old fashioned small desks to add to our collection. If you have one you wish to donate, please email us or call Robert McEwan 215-479-4711 who will be happy

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As the days wane after a hot, dry summer, fall is suddenly upon us. There is a nip in the air, the colorful leaves are beginning their fluttering dance to the ground, and bright colored mums and jack o lanterns will soon welcome trick or treaters.

Here at the Historical Society we are planning a busy fall & winter with a lecture on collecting family traditions with Darcy Fair, a Quaker Cemetery Tour with Jesse Crooks, and our annual meeting at the Audubon Barn all in November. (see page 5 for details or our website) Our Annual New Years Day brunch on January 1st at Holly Hedge Estate has become a tradition for many of our members, and their friends and families. Bob Egan will be performing again and we will be announcing the Honored Citizen Award. I hope you mark your calendars and can join us.

The education committee just completed a program with the NH-S first graders. The children were studying one-room school-houses with their teachers before taking a walk over to our building where they worked on several projects including cursive writing with ink and quill, creating a school bell

with a flower pot, beads and yarn and playing old time games. Thank you to the teachers, volunteers and Elaine Crooks who played our School Marm! The children always have a good time while learning about Solebury history.

As 2016 comes to an end STHS is already planning exciting events for 2017. Consider volunteering a little of your time. We can always use your help.

Best Regards,

*Stephanie Garomon*  
215-595-7402

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### *History Quiz*

What was the original name of the 1758 building, known as "a house of public entertainment" located at the intersection of River & Cuttalousa Roads, & much more recently owned by impressionist artist William Taylor and still lived in by his descendants?

*Answer on page 6*

## DO YOU LIKE SCRAPBOOKING?

We are looking for someone to keep up our scrapbook? It's a job that can easily be done from home or at the schoolhouse.

For more details please call: Judy Clarke 215-862-5522

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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.

## NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHERS' STUDY SOLEBURY

On May 26th Marnie Leasure, Education Chairperson, set up a program for NHSHS History teachers to fulfill their "192nd" day learning obligations. This year STHS offered to review our oral histories with emphasis on each of the eight collection categories. STHS' Robert McEwan and Beth Carrick lead the discussions which were animated by listening to the Oral Histories and viewing some of our collection videos, including a canal video and Malcolm Crooks video by NHSHS graduate Chase Asplundh. Of keen interest were the economic aspects of the Township through the late 19th and early 20th century along with the insights into the war's impact on our local citizens. The teachers and STHS hope to extend this oral history dialogue to high school history students who are interested in doing their own oral histories as part of their course requirements.



Photo: *History Department Chair Jon G., Fred Achenbach, Katlin Keiper, Kevin Nord, and STHS' Beth Carrick and Robert McEwan in Fred's classroom .*

### With Heartfelt Thanks!

In 2015 the Solebury Township Historical Society was proudly awarded a \$2,225.00 grant from the **Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts, Philadelphia, PA (CCAHA)** following their on-site visit to evaluate and develop a report on how we can maintain our archive material in the Schoolhouse. The CCAHA report provided needed guidance for us to preserve the archives, and with their report suggestions, CCAHA accepted our grant proposal requesting funds for the purchase of a security alarm system including a close circuit video cameras at the Schoolhouse.

STHS' Archive Committee is chaired by Judy Clarke. Judy and her committee member Marilyn Lanctot have contributed endless volunteer hours and expertise to review and organize thousands of historic papers and artifacts that would be destroyed if there should be a catastrophic hazard to the Schoolhouse; i.e. fire, theft, or a weather related threat. Our archives includes books, property documentation, school records, maps and many other donated collections. In 2016 STHS received half of the \$2,225.00 grant (\$1,112.50) from CCAHA with the agreement that STHS would provide the remaining half with a matching gifts(s). We solicited our current membership list and were very successful to obtain the matching gift goal within 28 days from 14 STHS members! The Board was astounded and overwhelmed by the immediate generous response to our matching gift request. The Solebury Township Historical Society members are truly a treasure!

With heartfelt thanks from The STHS Board of Directors.

### Raab Foundation Gift

Solebury Township Historical Society recently received a generous donation in the amount of \$500 from the **Norman Raab Foundation -- as directed by its trustee, Stephen F. Raab**, the 2015 Honored Citizens of Solebury Award recipient. We sincerely thank the Raab Foundation for its continued support in helping to promote our increasing number of events, the preservation of historic artifacts, and the maintenance of the Schoolhouse that we share with STHS members and all the residents in the Solebury community.



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## Come visit the schoolhouse

The schoolhouse is open to welcome visitors on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Or by appointment. Plan to stop in for a visit.



*A little rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits.*

## The George Bramhall Donated Paintings Are Sold

The George Bramhall paintings have been sold. Thank you to the generous, lucky buyers and to Jean and Michael Fowler who donated the paintings to raise money for the Society. STHS partnered with the New Hope Historical Society's weekend art sale to make the two final sales. Many thanks to the organizers, Pearl and Chuck Mintzer, for their cooperation and win/win effort for both societies.



## NOVEMBER 2016 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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**November 12 Quaker Cemetery Tour 1-3pm** Local historian Jesse Crooks will lead us through the fascinating stories of those buried at Solebury Meeting Cemetery, which opened in 1809. Free admission, Rain or Shine

**November 13 Annual Meeting 5-8pm** at the Audubon Barn: Bring a covered dish - #GivingTuesday begins

**November 17 Program: Collecting Family Traditions 7-8:30pm** Every family has traditions -- stories, songs, sayings, events, recipes, and artifacts (usually known as heirlooms). Those traditions can be funny, sad or poignant, inspiring, heartbreaking, or even annoying. But when they are grouped together and retold to family members and friends, usually at a family gathering of some sort, such as Thanksgiving Dinner, those traditions help to preserve, tell, continue the story of our family by reflecting our past in our present, and connecting older and younger generations. With that in mind the STHS invites everyone to join folklorist and Oral History co-chair Darcy Fair at the Old School House on Thursday November 17 from 7:00-8:30 for an interactive discussion and workshop for families about family traditions and how to identify, collect, preserve, and transmit them. We all look forward to an interesting discussion. Free admission, donations welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

**November 29 #GivingTuesday**

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

### STHS Joins the Global #GivingTuesday Movement

**#GIVINGTUESDAY™**

**November 29, 2016**

**The Ned Harrington Scholarships** One of our annual programs is awarding scholarships to New Hope-Solebury High School students and Solebury School students who look to further their education.

We have selected #Giving Tuesday as an ideal vehicle to promote our scholarship giving and raise the funds to make it happen. Our 2015 effort raised \$2,500 and we hope to raise the same this year.

For the second year in a row **James Seward of Bowman's Tavern** in New Hope, **Robert Huxley of The Haley Foundation** have agreed to match donated funds to help us reach our scholarship goal. They are joined by the people of **Rockwood Wealth Management** in Solebury. We welcome others to be matching partners and are asking members to participate at any amount level. All of the money we raise will go to the Scholarship.

A global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Occurring this year on November 29, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. *To donate, please visit our website: [www.soleburyhistory.org](http://www.soleburyhistory.org) or mail to PO Box 525 Solebury, Pa 18963*

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

1. Maintain the STHS Scrap Book
2. General Archiving activities with the team Wednesdays 3 to 5 PM
3. Photo archiving
4. Deed archiving
5. Web site work
6. Social Media
7. Board position openings include Membership, Secretary and 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





On September 17th on a beautiful day the Events Committee set up a booth at the 2nd annual Solebury Day at Laurel Park. This year we decided to

Thank you Mel!!

Thank you to the board and volunteers who helped with set-up and break-down and those who sat the shifts. Thanks to the township supervisors for stopping by and Kevin Morrissey who helped hang our raffle sign. It was a fun day for residents to get together and celebrate Solebury Township.

hold a raffle for a Solebury Township Historical Society throw. The winner of the throw was Nancy Lawson (photo right). Congratulations Nancy and thanks to all who stopped by and participated in the raffle.

Melody Hunt designed an adorable coloring book of schoolhouse notables. We gave out several of them along with packs of crayons to the youngsters who stopped by the booth. We managed to divert a few toddler meltdowns with the fun handout!



## Schoolhouse Stories Needed

The Oral History and Education Committees are working together to create a Schoolhouse Program for the Kindergarten classes at the Lower Elementary School and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STHS's one room schoolhouse headquarters has been part of Solebury's educational lives for over 250 years. If walls could talk it would have lots of stories to tell us about the children who learned there during that time. Walls, alas, cannot talk, but people can, and there are many in our community who attended classes there, or who's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, friend, neighbor, et al attended classes in our schoolhouse. If you have stories to tell of your experiences, or a relative's experiences as a student in our schoolhouse and would be willing to sit down for a recorded interview WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! Please contact Oral History Co-Chair Darcy Fair at [darcyfair@comcast.net](mailto:darcyfair@comcast.net) or [info@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:info@soleburyhistory.org). Looking forward to hearing your stories!



## The War Memorial in front of the Schoolhouse had a facelift

Many thanks to the Shiel family from Boy Scout Troop 34 for offering to plant pachysandra and clean up the war memorial. It looks great!

**Thank you, Patty Shiel, Caleb Shiel, & Matthew Shiel**

## History Quiz

**Answer:**

Hard Times Tavern

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Historical Society will begin 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.



## Meet Our Newest Board Member

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**Ken Odell** of Odell Painting, is a new business member and board member of STHS. Ken is a “hometown boy,” raised in the house that stands just off the intersection of Aquetong and Lower York roads and is a graduate of the Solebury School. While he pursued a degree in psychology at the New School in NYC, a summer job as a painter’s apprentice changed the course of his life. “I loved working with my hands and having the responsibility of being a kind of steward to older and needy homes,” he says. In 1987, he started his own business, Ken Odell Painting, and in 2011 he re-branded as Odell Painting, having taken on more employees and broadening his service area. Ken lists some of the finest homes in our county as “jobs well done.” When he’s not working, Ken likes hiking and camping, and drawing. He has two grown daughters, Mattea and Kaia, and shares his not-so-empty nest in Ferndale with his wife, Carla, a beautiful old gray marble cat named Eve, and a crazy-cute Bichon named Darian. Ken is currently on the Events Committee.

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Thank you for your generosity

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Nov 13: 5-8:00 p.m. 2016 Annual Meeting. Bring a covered dish

Nov 17: 7-8:30 Program presented by Darcy Fair, Phd at the Schoolhouse. Free. Light refreshments.

Nov. 29 #GivingTuesday

Jan 1, 2017 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. New Year's Day Brunch at Holly Hedge Estate

Visit [www.soleburyhistory.org](http://www.soleburyhistory.org) closer to the dates for more details.