



# Solebury Chronicle

The Newsletter of the Solebury Township Historical Society

## Solebury Township Historical Society

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## Happenings from the President

Since our last newsletter, the board of directors has been diligently and meticulously revising the STHS strategic plan to create a structure to carry us into the future.

As we grow, new committees have been added (Development to focus on Membership, Sponsorship, and Grants) and/or consolidated (the Heritage Committee now groups Archives, Oral History, and Education under it) to reflect the diversity of activities offered to our community.

The most pressing need is to recruit a Chairperson for Development and Chair for Membership so that STHS expands membership, obtains funding for its various events whilst providing recognition to the businesses who do so, and prepares successful grant applications to build the Society's infrastructure. If you know such an individual then please refer them to STHS for discussions.

Over the past three months, activities included:

- Established the dates for the STHS summer picnic and kick-off for our fund-raiser—Perfect Pairings—later this year;
- STHS booth at Carversville Day;
- Award of Ned Harrington Scholarships to two young women from the New Hope-Solebury School District;
- Ongoing work of Aquetong Spring Park with Solebury Township;
- Oral History and Souls of Solebury: continues to grow AND if you know someone or hear a story to be shared, let us know;
- Archives: (a huge project!) To maintain and preserve the growing number of archival material, STHS needs to purchase a scanner and new computer to scan, store and save items for easy access. One grant applications for \$5,000 has been turned down so we appeal to our members to present your ideas for additional sources of funding.



## Future Events

Visit our website and Facebook for future events:

- Summer Picnic at Tinsman Brothers Lumberyard on Saturday, September 7th, at 4 p.m.
- Lenape Walking Purchase Healing Journey on September 21st
- STHS & Library Genealogy Workshops from September 21st to October 12th
- “Perfect Pairings” Wine and Food Event on October 12th

For details, please click [Here](#) or visit [soleburyhistory.org/events/](http://soleburyhistory.org/events/)

- Annual Meeting on November 12th
- #GivingTuesday scholarship funds December 3rd

As we continue to grow, we would appreciate your ideas for walks, talks, events, etc. Please contact us at [info@soleburyhistory.org](mailto:info@soleburyhistory.org) Many thanks to ALL members for preserving Solebury Township the treasure it is!

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## Save The Date—Saturday, September 7, 2019



Did you know that Tinsman Bros., Inc is the oldest lumberyard still in operation in the USA?

Founded in 1785, the historic Lumberville landmark has doggedly weathered floods, hurricanes, countless wars, economic crises and political upheavals. Today Tinsman is known for its quality building materials and exceptional service. Bill and Tom Tinsman are the fifth generation to carry on the family business and Will Tinsman is proud to be of the sixth generation to take a leadership role in the company.

The Tinsmans are pleased to once again host the Solebury Township Historical Society (STHS) annual picnic. This wonderful community event will be held behind the lower lumberyard, behind the original mill in a location known by the locals as “The Meadow”. The Paunacussing Creek runs

along the meadow and the Delaware River is a short stroll away. Members are invited to bring horseshoes, croquet and other lawn games as well as showing off your antique cars!

STHS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, wine and port-o-potties. We kindly ask that you bring a dish to share along with a \$10 donation to help cover costs.

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm (rain date Sunday, September 8)

### Archive Question

Can anyone identify the exact location of this event in Carversville that occurred in 1955? - see Archives, Page 5



## Carversville Day

By Wendy Appleton

The STHS booth offered the public a chance to find out a bit of history about the Solebury Township property they own or live on. The map in the photo displays a current Township map showing parcels, with an overlay showing the 41 tracts, circa 1784, described in Eastburn Reeder's book "Early Settlers of Solebury, PA"; and we had a copy of the book at the booth.



Visitors pointed out where they live, and we showed them which 1784 tract applied to their home. They had the chance to read the part of the book about that tract, if they wished, and to take handouts with the tract map and a list of the 1784 property owners with them. Many people who visited our booth lived in Tract 26 (Randall Blackshaw Tract), Tract 20 (Upper Pike Tract), or Tract 19 (The Mine Tract), all of which are in and around Carversville, at the northern end of Solebury Township bordering Plumstead Township.

The booth also offered the opportunity for people to ring several of our schoolhouse bells, get a Carversville Grange-embossed signature souvenir, get information about the upcoming Perfect Pairing event, learn a bit about the Impression-Sips events (we showed them the Redfield painting of "The Brook at Carversville" as a sample), or purchase one of our coverlets with scenes throughout the Township.

Several dozen people visited the booth, and many had stories to tell about their houses or lives in the Township. Quite a few of them said that they hoped to visit the schoolhouse soon.



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**In Memoriam** It is with deep sadness that we say goodbye to an amazing soul that did so much for our community. Thank you Malcolm for your dedication and commitment to Solebury.

Malcolm Crooks was a conservationist who devoted his life and professional career to the protection of natural resources at the local, regional and national levels. He was a pioneer in land preservation in Pennsylvania, being the first landowner in Solebury to protect his 70-acre family farm. He has served on Solebury's first Planning Commission, the Land Preservation Committee, and helped establish the Honey Hollow Watershed Association and the Aquetong Watershed Association. An excerpt from "Souls of Solebury" describes an early battle:

In the late 1960s, the Philadelphia Electric Company [now PECO] and the Highway Department decided to put a 4-lane parkway through the center of Solebury, with a high tension power line that would run parallel to it. Some of us [in the community] took great exception to that, and this became the beginnings of the Honey Hollow Watershed Association. We became very active in opposing the routing of this [construction]. We couldn't oppose the need for electricity or a highway, but we didn't want it to go through the middle of the Honey Hollow Watershed, which was being used for environmental education at the time. We mounted a campaign and tried to get money. We were, at one time, over \$7,000 in debt and we didn't know how we were going to pay it off!

Listen to how Malcolm and other local conservationists were able to win the battle and preserve the rural beauty of Solebury at [soleburyhistory.org/malcolm-crooks](http://soleburyhistory.org/malcolm-crooks)



# Heritage: Walking Purchase Healing Journey

By Darcy Fair

Lenape Nation's upcoming event, Walking Purchase Healing Journey is scheduled on September 21, 2019 which will involve the Bachman Players of Easton, a group that does historical theatre. The Lenape Nation will be at the Buckingham Friends Meeting Peace Fair that day in support of the friendship treaty Darcy Fair, Heritage Chair, signed last summer at the River Sojourn.



Map of the Lenape Nation

## ABOUT THE LENAPE NATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of Lenape history and culture. Created to join together the members of the Lenape Nation and anyone else interested in continuing the development of the language and culture of the Lenape people, the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania is active in the revival of tradition and community. We encourage partnerships among people and organizations in order to foster cultural, historical, and environmental education and preservation. Please see [lenape-nation.org](http://lenape-nation.org)

## WHO ARE THE LENAPE?

The Lenape people are the original inhabitants of Delaware, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Southern New York. For over 10,000 years they have been the caretakers of these lands and of The River of Human Beings, more commonly known as the Delaware River. The Lenape were the first tribe to sign a treaty with the United States and the first tribe to have land set aside for them in New Jersey.

Over a period of 250 years, many Lenape people were removed and dispersed throughout the country. Some took refuge with other tribes. A large number of Lenape families remained in their homelands and continue the traditions of their ancestors up to our present day. Today the Lenape people from all over Turtle Island (North America) are revitalizing their communities.

Many place names in Pennsylvania are derived from the Lenape Language, such as Manyunk, Conshohocken, and Neshaminy...to mention only a few. In the city of Philadelphia stands a statue of Chief Tamanend, a revered leader among the Lenape, who signed many treaties with William Penn. The history of the Lenape is truly the history of Pennsylvania.



Kick-off for Perfect Pairings 2019

## Heritage: Archives

By Judy Clarke

The Archive Committee often receives letters and photographs asking if STHS can help identify certain events and locations. Often we can through research, but for others we rely on you, our members, for your deep knowledge of past events in Solesbury. An example is this photograph and the accompanying letter that we've researched to no avail, which reads as follows

Greetings

Jan 28, 2018

My wife Penny Naugle has been a chaplain at Rock Hill (the official title is "The Community at Rock Hill (near Sellersville, Bucks County)").

Over time she got to know a resident Henry Carey who lived for quite a while near Carversville.

We both really appreciate Carversville and often take a walk through the village towards the river in the spring or summer.

The picture is of the 1954<sup>5</sup> flood but I don't know exactly where the photo was taken and therefore what area of Carversville it shows.

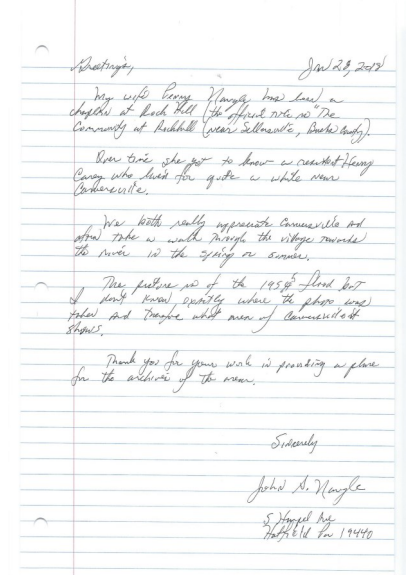
Thank you for your work in providing a place for the archives of the area.

Sincerely,

John S. Naugle

5 Hempel Ave

Hatfield, PA 19440



So if any of our members can shed some light on this then we'll inform John of your findings.

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Summertime, and the livin' is easy  
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high  
Oh, your daddy's rich and your ma is good-lookin'  
So hush, little baby, don't you cry

One of these mornings you're gonna rise up singing  
And you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky  
But till that morning, there ain't nothin' can harm you  
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Songwriters: Du Bose Heyward / George Gershwin / Ira Gershwin

<https://youtu.be/XivELBdxVRM>

## Heritage: Education

By Marnie Neuman-Leasure

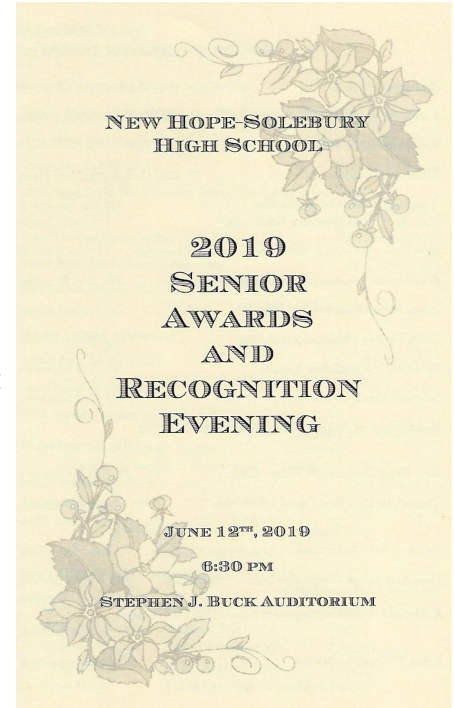
Marnie deputized Robert Ainey to present the Ned Harrington Solebury Township Historical Society scholarships to two worthy students of the New Hope-Solebury High School . In his remarks upon awarding the scholarships, Robert gave credit to the man for whom these scholarships are presented.

Ned Harrington, who passed away in 2009 at age 89, was a long time Carversville resident. After moving to Solebury Township in 1948, Ned was a congenial and productive member of the Carversville Christian Church, the Paunacussing Watershed Association and the Solebury Township Historical Society.

As the Society's resident historian, he played a strong role in qualifying Carversville for historic designation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Ned not only researched more than 400 old Solebury houses and their histories, but he also left behind a wealth of historical writings on many topics in the township.



It is in Ned's name that STHS provides these two scholarship awards of \$1,000 each to Maryna Chuma and Zoe Palau. Women rock!



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

1. Membership
2. Fundraising
3. Authors/Artists/Historians
4. Open Board positions, as they occur

**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: Charlotte Zanidakis 215-297-5091**



## Meet Our President



Charlotte Cooney Zanidakis grew up in Titusville, Hopewell Township, NJ near Baldpate Mountain -- just across the Delaware River. Growing up so close to Washington Crossing, she always had an interest in early American history and visiting historic communities.

Originally schooled in a one-room schoolhouse in Harbourton, NJ, she earned her undergraduate degree from Rider University followed by a master's degree in higher education from Drexel University, Charlotte then worked for 32 years at Princeton University administering academic programs.

Charlotte and her husband, Ted, admired the Solebury Township area so much, they settled here twenty years ago and continue to appreciate all that the area has to offer.

Upon retirement she then came full circle to another one-room schoolhouse on Sугan Road -- volunteering for the Solebury Township Historical Society. After serving on various committees since 2014, Charlotte was recently elected President of the historical society. In addition to her contribution to STHS, Charlotte also has served on the Land Preservation Committee.

As she said upon becoming our President, "It has been a wonderful opportunity to 'give back' to the community and to work with such outstanding volunteers, members, and residents dedicated to preserving this wonderful area".

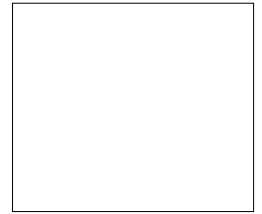
Charlotte's goal for STHS is to continue the mission and vision established by its original founders and contribute to the growth of new members, establish solid plans for the next five years, and launch even more exciting events.

## Support our Business Members

| Stewards  | Protectors  | Guardians   |
|---|---|---|
| Addison Wolfe Real Estate<br>550 Union Square Dr<br>New Hope, PA 18938<br>215-862-5500        | Bank of Princeton<br>10 Bridge Street<br>Lambertville, NJ 08530<br>609 397 0333                     | Bucks County Herald<br>PO Box 685<br>Lahaska, PA 18931<br>215 794 1096                        |
| Crews Surveying, LLC<br>PO Box 360<br>New Hope, PA 18938<br>215-766-2477                      | First National Bank of Newtown<br>408 Old York Rd<br>New Hope, PA 18938-1818<br>215-862-2600        | George Nakashima Woodworker, S.A.<br>1847 Aquetong Road<br>New Hope, PA 18938<br>215 862 2272 |
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| Tinsman Brothers, Inc.<br>6632 Old Carversville Road<br>Lumberville, PA 18933<br>215 297 5100 | HollyHedge Estates<br>6987 Upper York Road<br>New Hope, PA 18938<br>215 862 3136                    |   |
|   | Rago Arts and Auctions<br>333 North Main Street<br>Lambertville, NJ 08530<br>609 397 9374           |   |



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## Support STHS with your Membership

Membership is our most important source of income. You should have received a renewal letter for your 2019 Society membership.

May we ask you to respond promptly and as generously as possible?

Membership is the Society's largest source of income so we rely on your support.

Thank you for your generosity

## Upcoming events

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| Sep 7           | Summer picnic                           |
| Sep 21          | Lenape Walking Purchase Healing Journey |
| Sep 21 - Oct 12 | STHS & Library Genealogy Workshops      |
| Oct 12          | Perfect Pairings                        |
| Nov 12          | Annual Meeting                          |
| Dec 3           | #GivingTuesday                          |
| Jan 1           | New Years Brunch                        |

Visit **[soleburyhistory.org](http://soleburyhistory.org)** closer to the dates for more details and the purchase of tickets.