

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY
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SIXTH ANNUAL
STRAWBERRY FEST



Sunday, June 5th
Noon to 4:00 PM
At the Mansion

Imagine this....You are sitting on the verdant lawn under the beautiful canopy of the 400 year old oak tree listening to toe tapping, finger snapping music while enjoying a fresh luscious strawberry dessert. Wanna be there????

You can be a participant and have this as your memory of the annual Strawberry Festival. Mark your calendar now.

As always we have a menu that will please. Hot dogs with or without sauerkraut and bratwurst sausage with fried onions and/or peppers. Drinks to quench your thirst and most important of all are the desserts! *Strawberry cheesecake, strawberry shortcake, strawberry milkshakes and strawberry sundaes!*

Music will be provided by the band *From the Well*. They are an American Celtic folk band. They use a variety of instruments to create a musical mixture of medleys and arrangements that delight all who hear them.

Your attendance and donation are very important to us and help to fund the ongoing restoration of the Haldeman Mansion.

Elaine Jackson, Chair



We hope to see you there!



CONOYTOWN EDUCATION DAY

Saturday - May 21, 2011

Take a step back to 1718 when the land, upon which the mansion was built was a bustling Native American village. Conoytown was one of the largest trade villages on the Susquehanna River. See native peoples and traders dressed as they did 300 years ago. Watch arrow heads and moccasins being made, see tomahawks fly through the air, try grinding corn with a rock and learn how pottery was made. Experience all this and much more with hands on activities depicting what life was like in an Indian village in the eighteenth century. The cost is \$3.00 per adult, children 16 and under are free. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds will benefit the roof fund.

Tina Mark, Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar now! Tell your friends & neighbors.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY OF THE FUN!

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

VICTORIAN HIGH TEA

Saturday - August 6, 2011

TAVERN DINNER

Saturday - September 17, 2011

APPLE FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday - October 9, 2011

KRISTKINDTLE MART

Saturday - November 12, 2011

OPEN HOUSE

The Mansion is open every Sunday
from May 1st through October 16th
from 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Come visit the Mansion!

Bring your friends and share the peaceful setting with them.
Encourage others to support the preservations and restoration of the
historic Haldeman Mansion.

A knowledgeable volunteer will be on hand to provide information
about the mansion and the Haldeman Family.



This Place Matters

by Judy Kay Bard

The weekend we first visited Lancaster County, for my husband's interview to become head librarian at Elizabethtown College, we drove the countryside and found a sign for the Haldeman Mansion Strawberry Festival. (If I told you the year, you might calculate my age.) We dropped in, loved the strawberries, and gazed at the lovely, ruined rooms with so much history and family love.

Nels got the job; we moved here; and raising teens took time and energy. Boys grown, and Elaine Jackson now Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society president, asked me to help with some restoration projects. Of course I accepted—who can turn down Elaine?

Spending time in those stately rooms, savoring the high ceilings, huge windows, and lovingly contrived architectural amenities makes the painting, and growing friendships that go with it, specially pleasant.

Next, word went round that the calendar for Sunday afternoon guides had space for more volunteer guides. Of course I took a few of those times. Sitting on that gracious lawn, watching the river, hearing birds in that spectacular oak, contemplating those huge lawn terraces lovingly created for Samuel's momma, Frances Haldeman, and thinking of generations of children frolicking in creek, woods, and meadows brings serenity that restores whatever frazzled mind one may have brought.

And the delight of sharing history with visitors, tying Native American, Galbreath, and Haldeman history into our national story, and the world's development regularly brings personal delight and the added fun of visitors' stories to enrich the lore.

Sadly, life isn't all roses. Elaine and the Board have all sorts of ideas. Once they commissioned me to make chowder for a banquet. I, the Kansas girl?? Had to make two pots and foist them on my family to ensure that I could truly do it. Then had to get an enormous kettle to the mansion, in colonial garb (flowing skirt that we now lack training to wear for housewifely duties).

Happily, I lived through that fine. Joyously, I read/tell Christmas stories to children during our annual Kristkindle fair. Maybe, I've done other things for Haldeman events. Baked, for sure; made gift baskets; served; sold, picked up brindlesticks... The group is so good, so willing to further preservation of the mansion, that joining their projects means just "doin' what comes naturally."

You come join us. You'll share the fun and savor the successes.
Judy Kay Bard



A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....



You may not have been with the HMPS since its inception in 1967. Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the condition of the mansion around the time the HMPS was formed. As you can see we have come a long way since

then, but we still have a long way to go. With **your help**, the day will come when the Haldeman Mansion has been fully restored to its former glory!

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!





2011 HMPS PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

This report is from April, 2010 to May, 2011. This is my fifth year as president and my twelfth year on the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society. I plan to step down at the end of this term which will be April, 2012. I have been totally committed to this organization and worked long hours and weeks for each event I chaired. I am now ready to be a helper.

This past year was very busy. Three new events were added to the events calendar. The Victorian High Tea was held in August and chaired by Tina Mark who patiently showed us how to make the tea sandwiches and how to present the food. We had 28 guests, a full room of people. The second new event was the Tavern Dinner, which was held in September. Gail Yurkovic chaired this event (it was her first time as chair). It, too, was well attended. I understand that the guests stayed on to enjoy the atmosphere and the company of their friends. What a great evening it was.

These two events were both limited to the number of people who could attend. Both will be on the schedule again this year. All profits of these events go to the roof fund. The third new event was the Paranormal Tours conducted by Douglas Mc Reynolds and his friend Pat. It had a \$1,300 profit for the mansion.

The three outdoor events had Mother Nature on their side. All three were well attended. The Fall Festival brought in the biggest crowd ever. It continues to draw attendees with the Martin Family musicians. Conoytown, with Tina Mark, as chair, was fun for families and educational for all. The Strawberry Festival was also a cheerful day for the people enjoying the scenery while eating great strawberry desserts. Both the Strawberry Festival and the Fall Festival were chaired by Elaine Jackson.

Gina Mariani's Haunted House brought in \$980 profit for the mansion. This was their best one yet. In November we had Kristkindtle Mart with a nice variety of vendors. Jody Stuart chaired this using her experience from her past two years. It, too, was a success.

On Labor Day weekend we had a storm with very strong winds that knocked down two trees in front of the mansion, facing the river. Thankfully the trees fell towards the river. We called Charlie Heinaman, who came and helped with the cleanup.

Work was done in the kitchen area. Patching and painting the walls and ceiling is underway but is not yet completed. Some repairs were made to the kitchen floor by Jeremy Hess. He also checked the rest of the floor and told us that it will eventually need to be repaired. This part of the mansion doesn't have a basement. Also a new refrigerator was purchased to replace the old one that wasn't getting very cold.

We worked with Eugene Aleci to put a temporary rubber roof over the present cedar shingle roof. The rubber roof was installed in March by John Hughes and has a 3-year guarantee. This will give us some time to raise the money for a new roof. The roof fund has over \$8,000 in it. None of this money was used for the rubber roof. Keep saving and giving your money to help raise more money for this needed fund.

With Keith Shearer's suggestion, money was raised by several members to get the 1896 Worcester Dictionary restored. The contributors were Judy Kay Bard, Elaine Jackson, Karen Schatz, Keith Shearer, Kyle Shearer and Doris Sites. The dictionary will be on display during the summer open houses and events.

Letters were sent out in January to renew memberships and get new members. We had a good response with 100 responses. We have 309 members units on our membership list. Some are volunteers who donate time and some are businesses who support us. I would like to see the members units grow to 400 within the next year. If you haven't sent in your dues or donated to the roof fund, please help save the mansion.

In January, we received Judy Kay Bard's resignation from the board due to the loss of her husband and the frequent trips to care for her mother who lives in Florida. In April, we received two more letters from Gail Yurkovic and Karen Schatz. Both of these ladies are very busy and have difficulty attending board meetings. We are thankful for their contributions to the board. Now we need to find new members to replace them. We have two who have said that they are interested. They are Kyle Shearer and Dale Good.

We are getting ready for two events that will happen soon. Conoy Education Day is Saturday, May 21 with Tina Mark, as chair. The second event, the Strawberry Festival, is Sunday, June 5, 2009, with Elaine Jackson as the chair. We have two other events this summer: Victorian Tea will be Saturday, August 6 with Tina Mark as Chair. Tavern Dinner will be Saturday, September 17. The last two events need reservations and are events to raise needed money for the roof.

We have items that were not completed and need to be finished.

- 1) The Bicentennial Committee to plan events for 2012 and for Samuel Haldeman's 200th birthday.
- 2) Cutting down the maple tree and removing the stumps. This is located behind the Summer House. Charles Heinaman was awarded this job in September of 2010 at the cost of \$420.00
- 3) Written Contracts for Halloween Haunted House and the Ghost Hunters.
- 4) Web Site needs: This is being done by Julie Kemper-Kunkle.
- 5) Complete the painting of the windows in the Carriage House.
- 6) Finish painting the windows in the Haldeman Mansion.
- 7) Finish repairing and painting walls in the kitchen.

Another job that took six weeks to complete was repairing, plastering, sanding and painting the Carriage House Apartment. My husband and I were there every day working to get the rooms ready for a new tenant. Other volunteers who helped to make the apartment beautiful were Sally Williams, Ellen Rhodes, Keith Shearer, Kyle Shearer, Judy Kay Bard and Darl Williams. The electrical work was completed by Wilco, Inc. Wilbur Brubaker gave us a big break in the costs by paying the workers and only charging us for materials. The apartment is now rented by two people who really like the location.

Ask me about the mystery of the Tombstone later. I will be glad to share it with you.

My goals are to complete the items not done and to raise more money for the Roof Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine K. Jackson

Spring Cleanup Day Saturday, April 9, 2011

I arrived first and Keith Shearer came shortly afterwards. We started loading items on my truck for Conoy Twp-Cleanup Days. Jody Stuart showed up with donuts to treat us. Then Sally Williams, Ellen Rhodes and Tina Marks arrived. We filled my truck and Jody's station wagon taking the first two loads to the area at N Second St and Route 441. Ellen and Tina took an inventory of our supplies for the events. Sally cleaned the downstairs of the mansion. Kyle Shearer arrived with his truck and another load was put in it and in my truck. These were also taken to Cleanup Days. Judy Kay Bard arrived and picked up sticks putting them on the cement slab by the Carriage house. Later she finished sweeping the first floor of the carriage house. Donna White came next and helped with sticks. Then my granddaughter, Ashley Gobble, her brother, James Gobble, and her boyfriend, Aaron Horst arrived and also helped to pick up sticks. We finished cleaning up the grounds and the mansion. Now there's a new pile of brush to burn. The mansion is ready for Our Annual Meeting, and the Carriage House looks uncluttered and clean.

A BIG THANK YOU - To our GREAT VOLUNTEERS!

Elaine K Jackson

Recycle Your Materials

If you have materials left over from a project, the Haldeman Mansion may need them. Examples are nails, plywood, finished wood trim, pieces of finished wood, dry wall, plaster, masking tape, markers, poster board, etc. Write down your items and mail the list to Bill Hess, 277 Stone Mill Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Put your name, address and phone number with the list. He will contact you when the Haldeman Mansion needs the item(s).

GOODBYE TO BOARD MEMBERS

We wish to thank Judy, Karen and Gail for the dedication and hard work that they have given the HMPS. We will miss them and wish them the best.

I'm not sure what year I joined, it has been at least 3 years. The reasons I am leaving the board are completely personal, as life changes so does our responsibilities and at this time I don't feel I have the time to devote to the Mansion. I will still be involved with the Mansion and help at any events I can, I just don't have the time to devote to meetings and planning. I feel the Mansion is a wonderful piece of our heritage and deserves the best we can give it. I look forward to seeing it "come back to life" and thank all those who do such a great job in taking care of her.

Karen Schatz

I am fortunate to have served on the Board of Directors since the spring of 2009. I am leaving the board because of demands involving family, work and traveling. I am sorry to say goodbye to such a great group of people and feel privileged that I had the opportunity to work with them. I have learned a great deal and hope that my input into various issues was of value. My continued involvement with events and care for the mansion and it's property will continue to be personally rewarding and supportive of the board in it's grand mission.

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed all events at the Mansion including "Into the Streets", clean-up days, and festivals, my most memorable experience was the Tavern Dinner, held September 11, 2010. It was a great evening...the food was well presented and delicious, the entertainment was exceptional, and all who attended were highly satisfied. The volunteers even had a great time although they worked diligently to make sure it was a spotless event. Who could ask for more??? I look forward to chairing the next Tavern Dinner on September 17, 2011!

I would like to shout "Three cheers" to all individuals involved in one way or another with the preservation of the Mansion as it is a collective but necessary and rewarding endeavor. Every effort, no matter how small, should not go unnoticed. We cannot lose this lovely slice of history so close to home.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors.
Gail Yurkovic

Judy Kay Bard also was our corresponding secretary for the Haldeman Board. She recently resigned from the board so she could help take care of her mother in Florida. She plans to spend alternate months there and still will continue to support the mansion the months she is here. We wish her the best and will miss her on our board!

Nathan Kenyon has been awarded a Life Membership for the outstanding service he has rendered HMPS.

Nathan Kenyon joined HMPS as a kid in 2005 and attacked the tasks with enthusiasm. When we had a fund raiser, he was there. He came on the Board, the youngest member we had and did press releases for the society. A website was conspicuous in its absence and he developed it and remained Webmaster until his restricted time forced him to stop. He and his father, Allen, have taken care of the costs the whole time.

As soon as he was old enough he joined Londonderry Volunteer Fire Company as a volunteer EMT. Earning his EMT certification in 2008 he continues taking courses in Emergency Medicine. Londonderry's EMT had 83 runs last year and he was on 62 of them! In addition, Nathan is Recording Secretary of the fire company, is studying communications at HAAC and has little time for anything else!

We miss his presence at fund raisers, and hope that in the future he will again be able to spend time at the Mansion.

TEMPORARY ROOF



In our announcement last month about the temporary roof, we omitted mentioning **Community**



Heritage Partners as the historic

preservation architectural firm providing the consultation on the roof.

We particularly regret this since **Eugene L. Aleci, RA, AIA, AICP** has been a friend and supporter of HMPS since our first large project in 1976. We are grateful for the many hours of service, advice and phone calls he has donated to us over the years.

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Once the software has been installed on your computer, select "Haldeman" as the charity of choice and you will be on your way to **supporting the HMPS without any extra effort**. The search engine is powered by Google so you will get the same results.



Check it out and see how easy it is. Make GOOD SEARCH your one and only search engine! Share the link with your family and friends. Everyone can help support the HMPS one penny at a time!

Just TRY it YOU will LIKE it!

NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2011

Name _____	Circle Your Amount
Address _____	Contributing \$ 15
_____	Family \$ 25
_____	Supporting \$ 30
_____	Sustaining \$ 50
Telephone _____	Benefactor \$ 100
_____	Patron \$ 500
Email _____	Corporate \$1,000
_____	Roof Fund _____

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Volunteers are the life blood of this organization and we need all who can help in maintaining and restoring this beautiful property full of history. Please express your area of interest.

I am willing to:

Serve on an event committee _____ Help at events _____

Donate food items for events _____ Help paint _____

Carpentry Repairs _____ Do other repairs _____ Help with cleaning inside _____

Clean up yard (Pick up sticks, etc.) _____ Help edit or write for newsletter _____

Do research & help do exhibits _____ Help write grant requests _____

Serve as Volunteer contact (call volunteers to schedule hours) _____

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WEBSITE

www.haldemanmansion.org

The restoration of the website is in the works and it should be fully functioning soon! We will notify you by email when it is back on the web.

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