

2010 Spring Sampler Lecture

On Wednesday, April 21st, we will have another look at the fascinating history all around us. Return the form on the back and join us!

A History: Development of Built Environment, West Marlborough Township

by Mark Myers

West Marlborough Township displays three historic periods roughly coinciding with the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. The 18th century was a period of Quaker settlement. The 19th century was a period of the progressive Pennsylvania farming movement replacing the previous focus on small scale grain farming by intensive animal husbandry and dairy with the expansive building cycle characteristic of that time. And the 20th century was period of transition from an agrarian rural economy moving to a mixture of specialized agriculture businesses such as mushrooms, roses, dairy, chicken hatchery, apple orchards, cattle grazing and finishing. By the middle of 20th century, the importance of equestrian sports and horse breeding and training grew to become the predominate use of the land.

Wednesday, April 21st
6pm Reception 7pm Lecture

\$35 per person

Collection News

Thanks to a grant from the Stuart Huston Foundation, we are beginning a project to computerize the items in the Hall's collection. We have acquired a dedicated computer and software that will allow us to catalog and centralize all this information, and we're very grateful for this dedicated project funding.

Fundraising Success

Thanks to our wonderful donors, 2009 was our most successful fundraising year ever, exceeding our \$20,000 goal! We also had a wonderful response to our annual fundraising event, the Christmas Reception. We are grateful that so many of you considered the Hall generously in your giving plans.

Historic Encampment Returns in the Fall

For the third year, the 4th Continental Light Dragoons will hold a weekend encampment at the Hall. Look for details in our Fall newsletter about their programs – and save time for a visit. It's a remarkable site to see these costumed colonial re-enactors and their horses on the Hall's grounds.

Save the Date

Our annual Christmas Reception, the Hall's major fundraiser, will be held this year on Sunday, December 5th. Put the date on your calendar now and join us for a festive holiday afternoon.

Watch for Primitive Hall at Winterthur

In 2011, Winterthur will be mounting an exciting exhibition exploring the history of Southeastern Pennsylvania furniture. A companion book will also be published. We are pleased to announce that several items from our collection will be featured in this major show. In the fall, we'll send you more news on the exhibition and Primitive Hall's involvement!

Improvements

Thanks to our successful fundraising this year, we were able to make some much-needed improvements in several areas. There being no rain gutters on the Hall for historical accuracy, a carefully pitched brick walkway has been reworked around the foundation directing the rainwater to a new underground drainage system. After all the recent rains, we can report the system is working very well! Another improvement has been the completion of a new cedar shake roof on the tenant cottage.

Acquisitions

This year, thanks to the work of our Curatorial Committee, we were able to permanently acquire three of our important wainscot chairs. They were previously on long-term loan, but they have now been donated to the Hall's collection.

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