

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2009 4TH ISSUE

230 LOCUST GROVE ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502



2nd Annual KRISTKINDTLE MART



**Sunday
December 6, 2009
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Take part in a traditional Kristkindle (Christ child) Mart while helping to preserve a piece of history. Modeled after the outdoor Christmas markets in Germany, this event will feature local artists and craftsmen displaying a variety of unique and unusual hand-made gifts. Choose from items crafted locally, including jewelry, candles, shirts and totes, photography and more. Or bid on the perfect gift with our silent auction.

In addition to the artistic items, you will be able to enjoy hearty soups, chili, or freshly baked desserts and pastries, topped off with a cup of steaming hot cocoa or mulled cider, so bring your appetite as well.

Bring your holiday spirit and recapture some of the childhood magic of the season. This year's Kristkindle Mart promises to be bigger, better (and hopefully warmer) than last year's – so mark it on your calendar and plan on spending the day with us!

The Haldeman Mansion is located at 230 Locust Grove Road Bainbridge, PA 17502. For more information, visit our website at www.haldemanmansion.org.

Chairman - Jody Stuart

Our fifth annual Fall Festival was held Sunday, October 11, 2009 at the Haldeman Mansion with Apple Harvest theme.

The weather was perfect, the day was cool and we had a great group of visitors who enjoyed all the activities and food.

The entertainment of the day was provided by the Martin Family, who played their Celtic music. Their daughters danced providing lively and fast Irish Dancing action. Bainbridge native, David Cronic, and his group called the Shuey Lights, played blue grass music. The music from both groups was enjoyed by all the attendees.

The Apple Dessert contest had 13 entries. The winners this year are:

1. First Place - Sabine Shearer with her German Apple Cake
2. Second Place - Judy Kay Bard with her Norwegian Apple Cake
3. Third Place - Heather Williams with her Apple Dumplings.

Hearth cooking in the 1740's Summer Kitchen included chicken cooked on a string, cooked sausage with apples and cakes all done on the hearth by Jim Leonard, Pam Groff and Vada Clemens. Observers were able to sample all of this delicious food.

Darl Williams made cider with his apple press and provided tasty samples to all. Mrs Goodpaster, of the 4-H group provided a demonstration of weaving with wool. A new demonstration this year was provided by Sally Williams. She brought a quilting frame complete with the quilt topping. Anyone could add stitches to the quilt since it's a beginners' quilt. Ken Shearer provided lively games for the children.

The day was a success. After the expenses were paid we made about \$3,000.00. Credits for a successful day go to the volunteers, sponsors, and the committee.

Apple Harvest Fall Fest
Thank you All for Supporting us.

Monetary Contributions:

Elizabethtown Area Animal Hospital- Dr. DeLaney, Dr. Miles Newman Saranna Miller, Ken Brosey, and Steve & Mary Ann Mohr

Help with food and other expenses:

*Giant Food Store - Elizabethtown
Giant's Food Store - Middletown
Weis Market - Elizabethtown
Darrenkamp's - Elizabethtown
Sam's Club, Al Sollenberger - apples for different events
Red Hill Farm (Ernie & Bernie) - apples for dumplings
Karen Schatz - apple dumplings
Gail Yurkovic - apple sauce
Jody Stuart, Elaine Jackson, and Tina Mark - baked beans
Herman Zeager - corn for soup
Conoy Township - Porta Pottie
Richard & Joyce Kroh - pork preparation
Norma Bair - cooking chicken for soup*

All who donated desserts

Prizes for the Apple Dessert Contest:

Dutch Apple Theatre, Brownstone Restaurant in Middletown, and Hershey Theatre

Prizes for Apple peeling Contest- Karen Schatz

Gifts for Judges- HMPS Apple Cookbook and note cards

Silent Auction Items and Gift Certificates:

Brandt's - 2 thermometers

Jody Stuart - Boyd's Bear, apple sign, large candle, autumn chimes, etc.

Elaine Jackson - teapot, fabric apples, pot mitts, apple painting, ceramic apple, four apple cups, apple apron and hot pad, 7 piece kitchen set, apple tin with candy, apple tin basket, apple candy dish, 3 piece kitchen set, apple welcome signs, autumn note cards, ceramic bear, etc.

Rachel Jackson - two candles

Charlaine Gibble - set with 2 quart baking and serving dish and 6 cup muffin dish, apple containers with lids, 2 matching Fall decorations, soup tureen with individual dishes, etc.

Doris Sites - 2 Gift Certificates for a Pedicure

Gail Yurkovic - candle with wine, Halloween party treats, etc.

Betty Lou Evans - 2 eggs with her art work

Nancy Landis - Fratur Art

Gerry Kershner - Booklet, "Lancaster Landmarks"

Allen Kenyon - PA Dutch teapot

Tina Mark - apple basket with ingredients for an apple pie

Car Mic - Tire Repair Kit, two license plates, cargo net, etc.

Nissley's Winery - two bottles of wine

Wes Gerber - four mums

Masonic Village - gift basket

Sally Williams - movie basket

Advanced Auto, Fulton Opera House, MoviEtown, B & G Lumber, Depot Deli & Eatery, Flavors, Bube's Brewery, Curves in Mount Joy and Elizabethtown, Muellers' Flower Shop, the Black Gryphon, Fisher Auto Parts, Bube's Brewery Country Meadow's Restaurant, Mount Gretna Music, and anyone we may have missed.

Volunteers:

Norma Bair, Judy Kay Bard, James Buescher, Joan Campbell, Gina Mariani, Joyce Droege, Martene Firestone, Sally & Darl Williams, Ashley Gobble, Trudy Guttschall, Jim Leonard, Pam Groff, Vada Clemons, Elaine & Chuck Jackson, Rachel Jackson, John Mark, Tina & Dana Mark, Clark Merrifield, Crystal and Cody Martin, & friend, Alma Rehner, Louise Reichart, Ellen Rhoads, Doris Fogey, Mike Sauble, Keith & Kyle Shearer, Mandi Shearer, Doris Sites, Jody Stuart, Donna White, Heather Williams, Arlene Wilson, Gail Yurkovic, Karen Schatz, 4-H members and Mrs. Goodpaster and any who were missed.

All who brought desserts and those who entered the apple dessert contest.

Special Events Committee: Elaine Jackson, Chairperson

Karen Schatz, Jody Stuart, Donna White, Keith Shearer, Doris Sites, Norma Bair, Tina Mark, and Gail Yurkovic



John J Heine, Signals Officer of The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and some of his group presented a check to The Haldeman Mansion on Sunday, October 11, 2009, \$50.00 FOR THE ROOF FUND in appreciation Of **Neil Hobbins and James Meisenbach** who, with a group of Civil War Re-enactors, marched from Millersville to Wrightsville and on to the Haldeman Mansion in Bainbridge this summer. John Heine also gave a personal check of \$23.50 for the 23.5 miles the group marched. All proceeds are for the Roofing Fund.

Photos taken by Jody Stuart





This Place Matters



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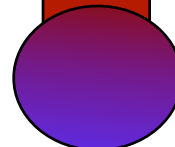
This photo was taken for submission to the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Haldeman Mansion information will be submitted and should be available for viewing online at the Preservation website. The National Trust for Historic Preservation helps people protect, enhance and enjoy the places that matter to them.

Roof Fund

\$60,000

The roof fund is growing! The balance shown in the last newsletter was at \$1,150. **You can now buy a shingle for the roof! Each shingle that you purchase sells for just \$1.00.** Please consider buying shingles. We think they would make a nice holiday gift! Including the shingle sales at Pig Iron Day and the Fall Festival plus other donations we now have a total in the **Roof Fund** of \$1,523.77.

You can help by making a special Tax Deductible donation to the HMPS Roof Fund. Send your check to: HMPS, Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502. Help us fill the coffer with your special donations and turn the tube from red to blue!





This Place Matters

Part 2: 1934 To 1950

Let me give you a picture of how the village looked when we first moved there.

Coming from Bainbridge, we go down a steep walled grade. On the left side, there was some kind of living quarters which had already been torn down. There was a railroad overpass. Next, on the left side, was a large red building which was a distillery. This was later demolished, but the foundation is being used as a patio. The house on the right was occupied by Harry and Eva Poole. Where the garage is now sitting, there was an access road to the railroad and the river. After crossing the bridge, on the left, there was a large stone mill. There was just enough space for a driveway between the creek and the mill. If you

look up stream to the rear of the distillery and mill, there was a steel railroad bridge. This railroad spur followed the creek to some kind of quarry which the Baker Co. operated. This area was called #6. There were two dwellings at # 6. The Charles Nauss family lived there many years. As kids, we liked to sit in the yard of the mansion and watch the trains cross this bridge. At one time there was a dam in this area made for the mill, but that had washed away before our time. There are still remnants of the dam in the creek. The large building on the right of the bridge and the mansion driveway was a tobacco warehouse. It was painted yellow until recent years.

John and Thelma (Hixon) Bair lived in the next house on the right. This house was much smaller than today. The mailboxes for the village were fastened to a steel pipe railing in front of Bairs house. There as an approach to the mansion that cut across in front of the house and met with the existing drive just below the stone posts.

John and Edith (Hixon) Huggins lived in the next house on the left. The Vernon Hixon family lived on the farm. This farm house still had siding over the logs and the whole area had a neater and more spic and span appearance. There as a gravel road that went around the farm house and passed the two tobacco sheds to the #6 quarry.

Now let's check out the grounds and garage (carriage house).

The driveway was always a problem. In the summer when there were heavy rains, it would wash out and become impassable. In the winter, we had snow to shovel. We also spread ashes over the snow if it wasn't too deep.

Now to the posts! They never did light. The glass globes were broken before we moved there. Today one will notice that one cap is not square with the base. This happened when a young friend of a neighbor struck it while driving.

Next, the plants and shrubbery on both sides of the driveway! A large private hedge ran along the left side from the posts to within 20 feet of the garage. On the far side of the hedge was a large rock garden with a fish pond in the center. After we removed the rocks, this became the vegetable garden. The fish pond was still there when we moved away. Now it is the parking lot. I might mention, "When Mrs. Hoffman moved to Mount

Gretna, she made an agreement with the Baker Co. that whenever she wanted, she could come back to collect small plants and top soil." So several times over the summer months, her chauffeur would come and collect small plants and top soil. She always seemed rather nice. Starting at the post on the right side, there would have been a driveway along the side of the warehouse. Next there was a cluster of about 4 mid-sized pine trees. At the top of the hill, there were a cluster of shrubbery and mid-sized trees, then a large blue spruce tree. There was a driveway that ran from the corner of the house to the front porch, facing the river. In the corner of the two driveways was a large weeping-type mulberry bush.

Continuing along the driveway, the area between the house and the garage was a good place to play ball. My brother Harry was a great baseball fan, so whenever he was around, we would usually have a game going. We never had a real bat, so we used a pick handle and any ball we could find. We also had to close the shutters, or we would break out the windows, which happened quite often.

There as a sandstone stepping stone coming off the back porch. This was used to help in mounting the horse or stepping into a carriage.

The driveway continued to form a circular courtyard in front of the garage. There were two swinging gates leading to the fields. The rest of the courtyard was encircled by a row of Rose of Sharon shrubbery, which we kept trimmed to a reasonable size.

The appearance of the garage was much the same as today. Going inside, there was a laundry room with a hot water furnace and laundry tubs. We never tried to use this room for laundry. We used this room to dry potatoes before taking them to the bin in the basement of the Mansion. We usually had a barrel of homemade vinegar in this room. There was room in the garage for three cars. There was a cistern of water with a pitcher pump. The pump needed to be primed every time it was used.

To enter the upstairs, we had to go up steps and through a trap door. The first room was unfinished and it was used for storage. We dried the field corn here after being harvested. The other room was a finished chauffeur's living quarters. Over the years my brothers and my grandmother lived here.

Across from the garage was the outhouse. It was very primitive and as constructed of oak boards. When the boards dried out, they left large cracks. Later this outhouse was replaced by a new "modern" model which had a concrete floor and a ventilating system.

Beyond the garage was another building for the animals. We usually had chickens, two hogs, a couple of rabbits, and some wild pigeons caught at the Hixon farm.

(To be continued in next newsletter)

Loman McCurdy was born September 4, 1930
and entered into rest September 29, 2009



COMMUNITY DAYS

The mansion and grounds received a lot of help this summer year! We are grateful to the Milton Hershey School, United Way and Elizabethtown College along with board members Jody Stuart, Judy Kay Bard, Keith Shearer, Gail Yurkovic, Tina Mark and Elaine Jackson. We accomplished scraping of the woodwork, painting, weeding, carrying doors, shutters, and lumber to the attic, and even pulling up floor boards!



On Saturday, **August 22, 2009**, we had our largest group of enthusiastic workers doing community day service in memory of their founder, Milton Hershey. There were



about 30 Milton Hershey girls and their leaders, who eagerly painted the doors of the carriage house, started painting the pink woodwork inside the mansion, pulled weeds in the yard, and carried doors,



Photos taken by Kathy & Eric Sheerer

shutters, and other items stored in the "study" on the second floor to the attic.

A great group of girls and leaders!

Day of Caring, with United Way, was Saturday, **September 12, 2009**. The volunteer Solutions Team included

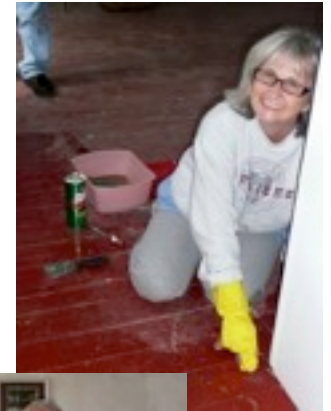


Joan Donahue, Ashley Dixon, Tom Dixon, Lori Dixon, and Jerry Donahue. They worked

with passion cleaning the floor of the pink room and removing floor boards in the room with brochures and other displays.



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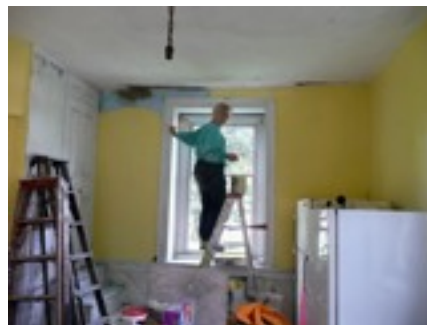
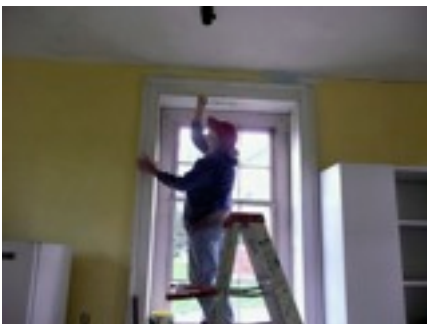


We appreciate their hard work!

Our third community day, Saturday, **October 24, 2009**, was with Elizabethtown College, Into the Streets program. Five young ladies helped with work in the mansion. Included were Alison Cohen, Emily Deede, Kristen Blome, Brittany Zacharcenkob, Linh Van, and Kira Blome. The work they did included scraping the woodwork in our kitchen and removing the rest of the floor boards from the room with brochures and other displays. They said that they love coming to work at the mansion and we are to make sure to get them again on their next work day.

We do appreciate all the work accomplished by these groups. We hope to see them again. If you or someone you know wants to help by volunteering, we can find work for you. Contact me at 717-426-3794. Or email me elainejkjackson@comcast.net.

Elaine Jackson



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SPECIAL FALL CLEAN UP PREPARING FOR HARVEST FEST

Jody Stuart and Karen Schatz decorated the windows and museum. Jody Stuart, Judy Kay Bard, Ellen Rhoads, Tina Mark, Gina Mariani and Elaine Jackson painted and cleaned the mansion.



Donations to the Haldeman Mansion

At our Fall Festival, we had two wonderful visitors from Maine. Louis and Mary Dorogi donated two chairs and a bookcase. Mary had inherited them



from her grandmother, Mary Hough Haldeman of Marietta (she married John Patterson Schock). Professor Samuel Haldeman was her grandfather. He lived in Marietta, too and Mary Hough Haldeman visited him frequently. She was fortunate enough to inherit from him as



well as his children's belongings when they passed away.

The bookcase was full of old books which will be on display during open house in the summer.

We say, "Thank you for this great gift to the mansion, Mary and Louis."

Good Search & Good Shopper

If you install these tools on your computer, each web search or web purchase that is made helps provide additional funding to the Mansion. For additional details see the 3rd quarter newsletter of 2008 on the HMPS website.

Have you signed up for UPromise?

This program is a simple method to help fund a college education and contributes to the Mansion's Scholarship Fund! For complete details refer to the newsletter from the 1st quarter of 2009 on the HMPS website.

Do you have an E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Help save the our resources by electing to receive your copy of the newsletter by email. If you don't have email, we will continue to mail the newsletter to you!

If you have & can receive the newsletter by email, please contact Elaine Jackson at:

ElaineKJackson@comcast.net

and provide her with your current email address.

Thank you for

YOUR SUPPORT!

Web Site Enhancements

Nathan Kenyon our webmaster has busy keeping our website up to date. If you haven't visited the site recently, here's the link:

www.haldemanmansion.org

eBay Giving

You can make a donation to the Mansion whenever you sell something on eBay or donate it to the Mansion & we will sell it with the proceeds going to the Mansion. For more information about this program, please refer to the 1st quarter newsletter of 2009 on the HMPS website.

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Circle your amount

Contributing \$ 15

Family \$ 25

Supporting \$ 30

Sustaining \$ 50

Benefactor \$ 100

Patron \$ 500

Corporate \$1000

Roof Fund \$ _____

Donations made to the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, Inc are tax deductible under section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Service. The official registration and financial information of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

We would like to suggest that when you renew your dues you consider a special donation for the roof. We need to raise about \$60,000.00 to replace the roof.

RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

**HMPS
P O BOX 417
BAINBRIDGE PA 17502**

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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