

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

May - June 2002

From President Art Young:

My first year as your President will conclude with our Annual Meeting and Barbeque on May 16th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers, Vice President Barbara Muhlfelder, Recording Secretary Barbara Herbert, Corresponding Secretary Susan Leath and Treasurer Ralph Vanwoert, for all of their support during the last 12 months. I would also like to thank Board of Trustees Chairman Parker Mathusa and all of the Trustees for their support.

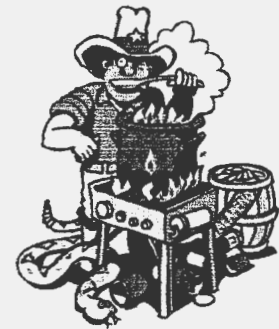
A special thanks to all of the Committee Chairman, Phyllis and Ted Howell for our wonderful Herb Garden, Charles Crangle for agreeing to be our Historian, Lois Dillon - Historic Resources and helping me with so much of our Association background, Rita Hoffman for her tracking of Membership, Susan Leath as our Museum Registrar, Ann VanDervort and Marion Davis for their ever fresh and new Museum Display, Sheila Giordano for finding people willing to serve, Martha Teumim who restarted our Newsletter and also got us some Publicity, John Scharff and Peter McGinty for Building, Grounds, and setting up our meeting room, Edwin Uhl on work with Ralph on Endowment, Frank Herbert who worked with Ralph on the Audit, and special thanks to Parker Mathusa for his work in updating our By-Laws and his wise counsel.

Also, thank you Betty VanOostenbrugge for your countless hours at the Museum, taking

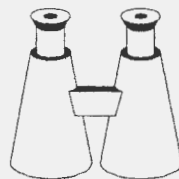
care of the mail and lining up people for both Reception and after Meeting Refreshments and also thank all of you that volunteered to provide the refreshments.

We had excellent programs at all of our meeting this year due to the hard work of Program and Yearbook Chairman Howard Gmelch. Thank you Howard for another year of outstanding speakers and for the promptness in getting out our Yearbook.

Thank you one and all for making this year run so smoothly.



Annual Barbecue
Thursday May 16th
5:00 pm
\$17.00 per person
Call Barbara Muhlfelder
by May 10th 439 - 0342
(Annual meeting 7:30)



iSpy (It's a secret!)

Bethlehem Public Library Youth Services staff and Bethlehem students have been photographing and documenting historical sites in the town of Bethlehem with the help and advice of many of our association members.

Identifying *potential* sites was easy; the difficulty lay in narrowing these down to 12 to 15. Since the project is a mystery game of identification, the sites will not be revealed in this newsletter.

The Bethlehem Public Library project will replicate the iSpy project completed last year by the Mohawk Valley Library Association. To see the results of their project go to the website: www.mvla.org/ispy

Spring speakers were varied and interesting

Our thanks to Detective Richard Powell and BHA member Marion Davis who were the speakers at our two spring meetings.

In his speech in March on "Police Relationship in the Early 1600's with the Dutch and Indians", Detective Powell underscored our Dutch heritage and how it has impacted our legal system.

On an unusually balmy night in April, Marion Davis spoke to us of "Costumes, through the Ages". Members and family modelled costumes which represented more than 100 years of women's fashion (1850's to 1960's), including those donated to our museum by Mrs. Merrick and Judy Lamprecht.

New Museum Acquisitions

Several new displays will be part of our museum starting in June of this year.

Marion Davis and Ann VanDervort will be working on displays of the costumes recently given to us by Judy Lamprecht, Edna Strumpf has generously donated a collection of her own nurse's uniforms and accessories from World War II, and artifacts will be coming in from the Parker-Winne Farmhouse site on Creble Road.

HELP WANTED: The museum will be open June-August on Sunday afternoons from 2-4. Hosts and hostesses are needed to fill some time slots. Please call BettyVanOostenbrugge at 767-9919 if you can volunteer for this pleasant and easy task.

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