

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
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230 LOCUST GROVE ROAD  
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502



*You*  
*are invited to attend the*  
*5th Annual*  
*APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL*

*Sunday, October 11, 2009*  
*Noon to 4:00 pm*  
*at the Haldeman Mansion*

The Martin Family Celtic Band will be providing the lively music. Sample the delicious fare that will be prepared in the 1740's hearth in the Summer House. Bring your favorite apple dessert for the celebrity judges to select the "best apple desserts"\*\*. Try your hand at the apple peeling contest. Visit with Johnny Appleseed as he strolls about the grounds of the mansion. Come and celebrate the fall harvest of the apples, enjoy the wonderful food, the fellowship of other HMPS supporters and of course, the beautiful setting of the Mansion along the river.

*You do not want*  
*to miss this*  
*annual event!*



\*\*Entries for the dessert contest are to be delivered to the Mansion on either Saturday evening, Oct 10th between 6:00 and 8:00 pm OR Sunday morning, Oct 11th between 8:00 and 10:00 am.

# 2009 5th Annual Strawberry Festival

The day was beautiful and we had a record number of attendees for our 5th annual Strawberry Festival that was held on Sunday, June the 7th. The food was delicious and it was very difficult to decide which of the different types of strawberry dessert to choose. The musical entertainment provided by the Old Timers and the acoustic guitar duo, Dwayne and Eric was enjoyable and relaxing. Many volunteers helped to make this a successful day. We needed ice cream dippers, a cashier, food servers, a tour guide, setup and cleanup people, parking attendants and more. The volunteers who helped included Michael Sauble, Rachel Jackson, Karen Schatz, Arlene Wilson, Vada Clemens, Louise Mulhellen, Gail Yurkovic, Ellen Rhoads, Donna White, Doris Sites, Trudy & Roy Guttshall, Norma Bair, Charles Jackson, the Boy Scouts, Joyce Droege, Connie Ginder, Heather Williams, Keith Shearer, Jane Lenox and Jen Rohrer, our photographer.

Sponsors contributed to make this a profitable day. Some donated food items, gift certificates, money and items for the silent auction. Our list includes Dennis Mohr, Kervin Hoffer, Alethia White, Hummer's Meats, Sam's Club, Gingrich's IGA, Bainbridge Uni Mart, Sheetz's, Brewer's Bottling Co., Conoy Township, Karns, Giants, Weis, Country Store, Turkey Hill, The Brownstone Restaurant, Hennigan's Restaurant, Hostetter's Hardware, Mick's All American Pub, Mount Joy Family Restaurant, Mosby's Pub, Simplee Seafood, River Road Produce and Brandt's Supplies. Short cakes were donated by Judy Kay Bard, Norma Bair and members of Tina Mark's church. Cheesecakes were donated by Karen Schatz and Kathy Waltz. Jody Stuart donated bears and food items. Gail Yurkovic and Elaine Jackson donated several items to the Silent Auction. After subtracting the expenses the profits included \$2474.00 and \$250.00 for roof donation.

The committee includes Elaine Jackson, Chair and members: Donna White, Norma Bair, Karen Schatz, Gail Yurkovic, Doris Sites, Keith Shearer, and Ellen Rhoads.

We are looking forward to next year and hope to see

**YOU**

at the 6th Annual Strawberry Festival!



# Strawberry Fest 2009





## Conoytown Education Day

On Saturday, May 30, the Haldeman Mansion looked like a Native American village. There were many activities being demonstrated that were related to native american life in the 18th century. These included:

- \* production of arrowheads
- \* grinding corn with a rock
- \* making moccasins from leather
- \* creating dream catchers
- \* listening to storytellers.

Inside the mansion, Paul Nevin, from York County, provided a video presentation about the petroglyphs, the rock engravings, made by Native Americans.

Venison stew with corn bread and other tasty treats were served by members of the Special Events Committee. It was another successful and enjoyable day at the Mansion.

This event was chaired by Tina Mark.

## Summer Arts and Craft Show

The Haldeman Mansion hosted it's first Summer Arts at the Mansion event on Saturday, August 1st, with over two dozen vendors participating. Local artists displayed their talents with a wide variety of craftwork, including original oil paintings, weaving, soaps, jewelry and handmade furniture. Pam Potts, of Cloverleaf Alpacas, was kind enough to bring two of her alpacas. They were a huge hit, and Pam promised to bring them again next year.

Kyle Shearer, brother of board member Keith Shearer, manned the grill for the event, turning out hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwursts for everyone to enjoy. Kyle's efforts were outstanding, doing the hottest



\$60,000

## Roof Fund

The Preservation Marchers and the Strawberry Festival have put \$650. into the roof fund for a total of \$1,150. 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!

job on a very hot day, and he deserves a lot of credit, as do all of the board members and volunteers who pulled together to make the event possible.

As with any fledgling event, there was room for improvement. I would like to urge anyone who attended the Summer Arts at the Mansion to e-mail me with suggestions that will help improve our event next year. My e-mail is [jodystuart@verizon.net](mailto:jodystuart@verizon.net). Please use "Summer Arts at the Mansion" as your subject line.

## Pot Luck Dinner

The Pot Luck Dinner held on July 12 was enjoyed by the twelve or more who came. It was a day full of conversation and all who attended had a most pleasant day. It was agreed, by the group to have the event again next year. Maybe YOU can attend. It was a wonderful way to learn more about your fellow HMPS members and to become more connected to the Haldeman Mansion.

## Happy Birthday Sam!



Jody Stuart brought a birthday cake to the board meeting on August 12th to celebrate Sam's birthday. The woman who decorated the cake was so surprised she had to call the other employees in the bakery over to see a cake celebrating a 197th birthday! Way to go Sam. Let's have a big party for your 200th!



# This Place Matters

## Part 1 Growing Up At the Haldeman Mansion from 1934 To 1950

By Loman McCurdy

Whenever I am in the Bainbridge area, I always make it a point to drive on the Locust Grove Road past the old mansion and reminisce. The other day I happened to think that 75 years had passed since we moved there in late spring or early summer of 1934. I asked myself, "What has or has not changed?". It saddens me to realize that very little is the same as 1934. Yes, the stone posts and driveway up the hill are much the same. The carriage house (We called it the garage.) looks the same. The old oak tree is still there, as is the ginkgo tree in the lower yard. Also the large holly tree on the lower is still there. Other than this small list, I see nothing that has not changed to the building or the lawn and gardens.

There is constant change everywhere. Probably, there was a daily change which we did not realize. For this article, I will think of the changes as events that happened and not be too critical. I might mention that for the sixteen years, from 1934 to 1950, this mansion was always called the "Hoffman Mansion" for the more recent Hoffman Era. Regardless of what it is called, to the McCurdy Family, it was always referred to as "The Mansion".

I would like to mention that all I write here is from my memory. The dates, names, and remarks have not been verified.

By the early 1930's, the J. E. Baker Company at Billmeyer had acquired the Hoffman Estate which consisted of the entire village. This included land halfway to Bainbridge and to Stackstown and beyond. By this time my oldest siblings, Edna and Freeman, had moved away from home. My brothers, Harry, Jr. and George, were teenagers. Also, the depression was still raging, and if you had a job, you were lucky to work more than one or two days a week. The Baker Co. made a deal with my father to move from Bainbridge to the mansion to maintain the grounds rent-free. We had no car, so we used one of Baker's trucks to move our belongings. One might ask, "How in the world could you live in the country like that without a car? We were given soft coal for the large furnace at no cost, but we had to haul the coal home ourselves.

I do not know how we had the field plowed and ready to plant. There was a man, in Bainbridge, named Paul "Squirrely" Smith who had two mules and did this type of work. Also, during this period, farmers would do this work as a trade-off or they were kind enough to lend their horses. The Baker Co. had a stable full of horses which we could borrow. It was one of these ways that the field was plowed. We always raised all of our vegetables, and my mother did a lot of canning for the winter. We, also, raised almost an acre of field corn. The portion of corn which we did not use was sold to the people who lived in the village of Billmeyer.

Imagine this! We had many vendors that came to our door. We had an ice truck twice a week, several meat trucks a week, several bakeries, and a clerk from the Company would come to take orders and deliver groceries in a day or so. You could have your milk or eggs delivered. Usually, we bought raw milk from the Hixons who lived on the farm. We always raised chickens for our eggs. If the hens did not lay, we would have them for Sunday dinner. We raised two hogs which we butchered in late fall or early winter. We also made a large kettle of apple butter in the fall. Most of the apple butter was packed in one or two gallon crocks and stored for the winter months.

(To be continued next month)

## THE PRESERVATION MARCHERS

On Saturday and Sunday, June 27 - 28 a group of civil war re-enactors supported the Haldeman Mansion in their Preservation March. They left Millersville on Saturday and arrived in Wrightsville later that day. They were able to attend the celebration for the anniversary of the "burning of the bridge" in Wrightsville. After spending the night in Wrightsville they proceeded on Sunday morning into Columbia and then onto Bainbridge along Route 441 arriving at the Mansion at 1:15 PM. They marched into Bainbridge with the music provided by their drummer. They were met at the Mansion by members of HMPS.



This group of twelve, all history buffs, especially enjoy Civil War re-enactments. Two of the group are still students and are attending Millersville University while the eldest is almost 53 years old. Most of the members are in their twenties. The group is under the leadership of James Meisenbach and Neil Hobbins. The project they have chosen to help support is the mansion. The Marcher's sponsors were asked to pledge \$1.00 for every mile walked. The total distance they logged over the two day period was 24 miles.



The Marchers are very proud of their clothing. The authentic Civil War era pants and shirts were handmade by their members. One could admire the neat stitching and their ability to make their own patterns from pictures. They all wore the leather shoes styled after shoes of the same period. These were not the shoes one would want to take a long walk in. In fact, band aids were used to help with the blisters that developed.



Upon arrival at the mansion, the exhausted men removed those shoes, unrolled their blankets and relaxed on the lawn. One of the HMPS members, Jeff Williams, brought his grill and hot dogs for the Marchers. Baked potatoes were also donated and the Marchers were treated to desserts (chocolate cake, cheese cake and ice cream sundaes).



This great group of men plan to return in September for a weekend of painting and making some repairs to the mansion. The mansion is in need of a new roof, and we need to raise a lot of money to get this project started. The Preservation Marchers raised \$400.00 towards this endeavor. If you, the reader, would like to support this worthy project, please send a check made out to **Preservation March - Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society** and mail it to HMPS, PO Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502. In the memo line mark Roof Fund.



For additional information about the Preservation Marchers you can contact Neil at 856-981-8825 or James at 717-449-4199.

We want to thank this group of men for taking on this incredible walk and donating the proceeds to the Haldeman Mansion.





## **SPECIAL FALL CLEAN UP**

Let's get the Mansion & grounds in tip-top shape for the **APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, October 10, 2009 from 8:30am to noon**

## **OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

**The mansion will be open every Sunday  
until October 18  
Hours 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

## **KRISTKINDTLE MART**

Sunday

December 6, 2009  
Chairman: Jody Stuart

Noon to 4 pm

On Sunday December 6, The Haldeman Mansion will hold its second annual Kristkindtle Mart. Modeled after the outdoor Christmas markets in Germany, this event will feature local artists and craftsmen displaying a variety of unique, hand-made gifts, homemade soups, breads and pastries will be offered, so bring your appetite. This year's Kristkindtle 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.

### **Have you signed up for UPromise?**

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

### **eBay Giving Works**

You can make a donation to the Mansion whenever you sell something on eBay. If you don't want the hassle of listing the item for sale, donate it to the Mansion. We will sell it for you with the proceeds going to the Mansion. If you need additional information about this program, please refer to the 1st quarter newsletter of 2009 on the HMPS website. This program is tax deductible and you can easily help to save the Mansion with your donation!

### **Do you have an E-MAIL ADDRESS?**

HMPS is going green! 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 received this newsletter by mail and can receive it by email, please contact Elaine Jackson at:

[ElaineKJackson@comcast.net](mailto:ElaineKJackson@comcast.net)

and provide her with your email address. The next issue of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society Quarterly Newsletter should appear in your inbox.

Thank you for

**YOUR SUPPORT!**

### **Web Site Enhancements**

Nathan Kenyon has been busy updating the HMPS website. If you haven't visited the site recently, here's the link:

[www.haldemanmansion.org](http://www.haldemanmansion.org)

Check out the latest improvements! You can find copies of past newsletters, a calendar of upcoming events, photos and even a forum.

### **Good Search & Good Shopper**

Have you installed these nifty tools on your computer? They are free and easy to use plus each web search or purchase we make, helps provide additional funding to the Mansion. For additional details see the 3rd quarter newsletter of 2008 on the HMPS website.



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## Circle your amount

Contributing \$ 15

Family \$ 25

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

