

HMPS

Quarterly Newsletter

2014 4th Issue

Haldeman Mansion

Preservation Society

230 Locust Grove Road

Bainbridge, PA 17502



Mark your Calendars for the 6th Annual Kristkindle Mart!

Saturday, November 8, from 8 AM to 4 PM at the Bainbridge Fire Hall (34 South 2nd Street)

A nice variety of arts and crafts include: cuckoo clocks, butterflies, angels, doll clothes, sport sofa mascots, jewelry, It Works Products, Rainbow Rag Dolls, wreathes, plastic canvas, handmade soaps, salves, kitchen towels, knitted hats scarves and mittens, wood stands, crocheted items, bird-houses, some antiques, photo prints, kits for kids, art prints, vintage ornaments, flower pots with antique paper on them, wood cut-outs, gem and marble jewelry, pampered chef, and metalwork, etc.

Come for breakfast (muffins and a drink) and stay for lunch (hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst with beans, apple sauce and chips or a hot bowl of chili or chicken corn soup). Plus, there will be homemade desserts, hot tea, coffee, hot chocolate, water and sodas.

Anytime is a good time to eat. The food stand will be open the entire day. There will be a silent auction of vender's donations. Artspress will have a ceramic for you to paint. Kids and adults can make cards for our soldiers. Invite your friends to come and shop for Christmas. Support our Town of Bainbridge!

Contact Elaine Jackson at [717 426-3794](tel:7174263794). Money made at this event goes to the Roof Fund. Come to support our local venders and the mansion at the same time.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

At our October Board Meeting, we voted in two new directors.

They are Jennifer Chastain and Kent Heim. Jennifer is a native to Lancaster County and has spent the last decade living in Washington D.C. with her husband, David and daughter, Ava who now attends Kindergarten. Mrs. Chastain attended Elizabethtown College while she worked as an assistant for a local optometrist. After moving to Washington D.C., Jen enjoyed shopping for working women. Now she is a stay-at-home mom. Jennifer has an interest in old homes and the history that surrounds them. Other interests include interior design, cooking, and art.



Kent Heim was also born and raised in Lancaster County. He now lives in Mount Joy. He lives with his wife, Melissa, and two sons. Kent owns and operates a dental laboratory in Lancaster. He and his family belong to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Joy. He loves old structures and the history of them. "From the moment I stepped into the Haldeman Mansion, it was like taking a walk through a piece of history frozen in time," stated Heim. His goal is to support HMPS in as many ways as he can to restore this mansion and its grounds so it can remain a snapshot to the past for generations to come.

They are replacing Norma Bair, a founding board member. who gave many years to this building and would like to see it restored during the time she is here on this earth. Norma held several offices during her time on the board. She was president several years and most recently, Norma was our treasurer. She always helped at the events too. Norma is retiring because it is more difficult for her to drive at night. She deserves a well earned retirement. I am sure that you will see her at our events. Also the second person to go off the board is Judy Kay Bard, who was one wonderful tour guide and volunteered at all the events as a tour guide. She most recently served as our corresponding secretary. Judy Kay is now doing mission work for The Native Americans in New Mexico as a librarian.

Written by Elaine Jackson

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Daily Good

www.goodsearch.com

Every time you use Good Search as your search engine the Haldeman Mansion gets a penny. Go to www.goodsearch.com . This will get you in. Instructions will be given to you. Type in Haldeman for your charity choice. Every time you buy, the HMPS gets a donation. Try it. An easy way to support the mansion without spending a penny.

The Extra Ordinary Give

Extraordinary Things Can Happen When We All Pitch-In



The birthplace of Professor Samuel Steman Haldeman, an internationally recognized naturalist, philologist and linguist. He "epitomized the early 19th Century generation of scholars, who advanced American science and letters to a position of true cultural independence from Europe." (Sorenson)

This November 21st go the EXTRA mile for the Haldeman Mansion. On that that day, the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society is participating in the Third Annual "Extraordinary Give", Lancaster County's Largest Day of Giving. For 24-hours only, visit ExtraGive.org, make a donation (min. \$25) and every dollar you donate will be stretched by \$250,000 from the Lancaster County Community Foundation and their presenting sponsors. PLUS, there's an additional \$50,000 in prizes we can win just from your donation!

We ask you to contribute on this day for not only the preservation of the mansion and its grounds at Locust Grove, on the banks of the Susquehanna River and Conoy Creek, but, also, for the preservation of the iconic Native American, Colonial, Early American and Scientific Heritages they embody.

Funds generated will go towards the mansion's restoration. Our all-volunteer organization has raised over \$2,000 this past year. A new roof is a within-reach first priority. An underground thermal heating system is in place waiting for the next step of installing equipment within the mansion to bring its temperature and humidity under control.

How the Extraordinary Give works:

1. On Nov 21 from midnight to 11:59 pm visit ExtraGive.org from your computer, smart phone or other device.
2. Choose Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society.
3. Make an online tax-deductible donation (minimum \$25) to our organization.

Although donations may be made anytime on Nov 21st, we encourage you to make your donations during Midnight Madness from Midnight until 3 a.m. or during the Fulton Bank Rush Hour from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m. During these times the computer will randomly choose 5 people who will have an additional \$1,000 added to their donation. This will occur at other times during the day, but we are trying to maximize our chances of having our donors chosen for the prizes to be awarded.

Please mark your calendar - Tell your friends - Support our efforts. For more information call Elaine 717-426-3794 or Dale at 717-426-2099.

2014 Apple Fall Fest

The Apple Fall Festival could not been on a more beautiful day. The weather was grand, the music- with "Sweet November" superb, the kids- happy, the desserts- delectable, the hearth cooking - delicious, Darl William's apple cider- fresh, Groff's bratwurst- tasty, Turkey Hills new Green Tea- thirst quenching and Sollenberger's pumpkins went home with smiles made by the kids. We raised over \$2000. Wow!



THANKS to all the volunteers: Gina Mariana and Angela Tantenal- Judges of the Apple Dessert Contest, Tom D'Aura and the boyscouts who parked the cars, Norma Bair, Ken Beard, Debbie Bowan, Ellen Rhoads, Roslyn Hurley, Cathy Popp, Mike Sauble, Rachel Jackson, Charles Jackson, Richard Keeseey, Jim & Mimi Stauffer, Joanne Myers, Vada Clemens, Louise Reichert, Ken & Peggy Shaffer, Keith Shearer, Kyle Shearer, Louise Marshall, Diane Myers, Dawn & Joe Hudak and two sons- Shawn and Colin, Lora Shirey, Ken & Missy Heim, Joe & Linda Bowers, Dale Good, The Ruby Family- Greg, Nikki, Hannah and Tyler, Jennifer Chastain, Darl Williams & sons, Mike and Ben, Tina & Dana Mark, Jim & Diane Leonard, Don Muston (Johnny Appleseed) and Elaine Jackson.

Big Thank You to:

1. Our silent auction items and gift certificates were donated by Warburtons, Wes Gerbers, Hostetters, B&G, Nissleys, Babbos, Doris Sites, Judy Kay Bard, and Elaine Jackson.
2. Our gift certificate and food donated by Giants, Turkey Hill, Roslyn Hurley, Ellen Rhoads, Elaine Jackson, Tina Mark, Sherrie Moyer, and Ken Heim Many members donated the desserts. [I hope I did not miss anyone]- They include Cathy Popp, Jean Moyer, Faye Burke, Leroy Guttshall, Louise Reichert, Louise Marshall, Doris Fogie, Tina Mark, Marty Reisinger, Elaine Jackson and others.
3. Pumpkins donated by Al Sollenberger
4. All the apples donated by Masonic Village.
5. The apple dumplings made by Cathy Popp, Elaine Jackson, Ellen Rhoads, and Vada Clemens with extra help from Chuck Jackson.
6. The Falmouth United Methodist Church for letting us use their kitchen.
7. Jeneva and Artspress
8. Our musicians- Josh & Elizabeth Tindall and Josh Duma. They always are the best!

The winners of the Dessert Contest are 1st Place- Louise Reichert, 2nd Place- Jean Moyer and 3rd place Dawn Hudak. One long apple peeler winner 1st place is Alice Haldeman with a 41 inch peel. Congratulations to all you fine ladies. It was a fun day. I wish more could have come! I apologize if I missed any names.

Written by Elaine Jackson

2014 Apple Fall Fest Cont.



Apple Fall Fest photos contributed by A&A Photography: facebook.com/aahorst

Wishes for the Haldeman Mansion

Please help us! Items may be used.

- Gas grill in decent shape (not rusted) for grilling at events
- More volunteers to do tours
- More volunteers to help at events
- Chairs for the different events
- Ninja food processor
- Large cutting board
- Large crock pot (5-6 quart size)



The 1st annual Para-unity conference



The 1st annual Para-unity conference was held at The Haldeman Mansion on Saturday, October 18th. Although it was a windy and chilly day, the weather held out and the turnout was incredible for a first time event. We estimated about 200 visitors stopped by to attend the lectures; mingle with our guest speakers and browse our vender tables. We had visitors from as far as Boston, Mass. as well as many

locals who had never heard of the mansion prior to this event. The guests were able to attend different lectures, ranging from paranormal experiences, equipment usage and spiritual explanations as well as purchase jewelry, get autographed books from some of our guest speakers, get hypnotized, have a psychic reading, a reiki healing and enjoy an array of food and desserts.

We want to thank our guest speakers: Bill Bean (Deliverance Minister and author), Dave Juliano (Owner of The Ghost Hunters Store in New Jersey) Bob Christopher (Ghost Detectives TV show), GERALYN St. Joseph (Psychic medium), Mike Herman (Forensic Paranormal Researcher and author), The R.I.P. Files group who showed the trailer to their upcoming show that was filmed at the mansion and our own Dale Good who presented his power point history of the mansion to a packed room. A special thanks to Dave Juliano's group and Bob Christopher's group who stayed to lead over 50 people who signed up to participate in our nighttime investigation and also to Elaine Jackson, Keith Shearer and Kyle Shearer who graciously volunteered to help cook and serve the food.

The event profited a little over \$1,900 for the mansion and most of the vendors and guest speakers have already requested spots for our next year's event. We are very pleased with the turnout and it gives us something to build on for next year.

Written by Lora Shirey

The 1st annual Para-unity conference Cont.



Paris Haldeman & His California Gold Rush

Installment 3

Oct 28, 1849

Reading's Dry Diggings (CA)

Letter from Paris Haldeman to one of his brothers (age 18)

Reading Diggings Oct.28th 1849

Dear Brother,

We are now located in Reading's Dry diggings two hundred miles north of Sacramento City near the Sacramento River, we will winter here although the diggings are now poor, there has been so many here that the creek bottoms have completely torn up and it is difficult to find ten feet square to dig on. I do not think the average amount made by the miners exceed five dollars per day, many do not make sufficient to pay their boarding, some may strike a pocket and take out two or three hundred dollars in a few hours. The largest amount that has been taken out in a day here was three hundred and eighty five dollars. The creek runs through canon's have a great fall and are very rocky, the mode of digging is to get down on the base rock in the bed of the stream (now dry) which lays from one to six feet below the surface in the crevices or pockets you get out the gold with a spoon or a knife, it is very coarse (one lump was taken out a short time ago of two and half pounds). You may work for days and not see the color as it is termed or you may strike a lead and take out a great deal in a short time. The sand and gravel in the creeks pays but very little to wash as it only contains a few particles of gold. We expect to wash the earth out of the small vanes where the vanes commence which may pay very well. There is a great deal of sickness, three fourths of the people have been and are sick and many have died, they are greatly discouraged with the prospect, most every one that makes sufficient slopes for home, and the rest intend doing the same as soon as they made enough, ten to one wish they had never seen the d****d country. Companies which come from Oregon put right back, saying they can do better there, common labor being five dollars per day and every thing cheaper. Very few who have settled in Oregon ever think of returning to the states, the country is beautiful and climate delightful and healthy. A great many have been out prospecting or hunting new diggings, but none have been found, I among the rest have been in one of these excursions for eight days, we went mounted, provisions and well armed on account of the indians which are very bad, the second day we were out we were surrounded by about a hundred who lay in ambush for us as we passed between a creek and the mountain side, they raised a yell but we retreated to open ground and made ready for fight, their chief came forth to make peace with us, finding we were prepared for them, which we did making him a few presents, and soon left changing our course. They are great rascals and will kill and steal from the whites. They never attack only when they have the advantage. These indians are well built and very strong, they are nearly all naked, live on roots, acorns, fish and some game which they kill with their bows and arrows, their only weapons we call them diggers. We found no gold after all our trouble. I have worked but two days here on the mines, the first day I raised the color and the second I took out four dollars and this is sunday. I wanted to work all winter make or not make, I may strike a lead if I am lucky. The country is so crowded that I fear the lower mines are torn up so much that little is to be made.

The reason of our coming up so high was the report of the mines being so very rich, but by the time we arrived here, we only saw what had been. There will but few winter here and the chance will be better

for us. We all work in our own bank, There are few of us in the mess Henry, Guy Haines, Peter son of Marsiella & myself, Herm left us on the road and got into these diggings some time before us. He struck a lead and took out four hundred and fifty dollars in a few days, since that he had not been able to raise the color. He has given up mining swearing never to try it again, and has left for Sacramento city to dentist. Henry is going home as soon as he can make sufficient to take him. I expected to make five thousand but the chance looks rather dull unless I can dig out a little capital here this winter. If you see any fair prospect for me in the states write and I shall return home immediately. We are all tired of the dogs life we have lead since we left the states. I shall be indeed glad when I am on my road home. If a person would come into the mines well dressed, he would be a perfect show, the ragged devils would stare at him with perfect surprise. Sunday is holly day here for some others work in the mines, we have preaching which I do not think does much good, as gambling & fiddle playing goes on all day, nearly everyone gambles in this country the mexicans and Californians could not live without playing monte, I do not think I shall take such a degree of interest in the game.

The only thing this country affords are beautiful horses, which are here in any quantity. The spaniards are the greatest horsemen I ever seen, the Californian saddle, are the best in the world for both horse and rider, it is scarcely possible to be thrown out of it, they laugh at american saddles. The bridle bitts are clumsily made but very severe the horse must obey the slightest pull on the rein. The spurs are of immense size the wheels from two to four inches in diameter, they are used to excite the horse, also to enable the rider to maintain his seat in lassoing wild cattle. It is a perfect show to see a California vaquero with his horse trappings, his sarape and blanket. The most beautiful sight is to see them lasso wild cattle, which the valley is covered with, beef which was formerly worth nothing is now worth from 25 to 30 cts. per pound. The prices in the mines for flour and pork is 1\$ per lb. sugar & dried fruit, onions & 2\$ per lb. these prices have been reduced, so many leaving who sell out.

Tell brother Samuel that I saw but very few insects on the road, and since I am in California I have not seen a bug I suppose there will be plenty in the spring. There are any quantity of lizards here, and I saw thousands on the planes but my alcohol has nearly all evaporated not being properly sealed and I could not collect them.

I am very anxious to hear from home I have sent to San Francisco by a gentleman for our letters if there be any. I hope you are all living and in good health, I have heard of the cholera being so bad in the states, that I am anxious to know it did not reach you, hundreds died on the planes with it, we were fortunate enough to keep ahead of it.

Give my love to all at Chiques, the Grove, Columbia, Harrisburg, & the rest of my friends.

Write immediately & direct to Sacramento city. I send this down by a friend.

Your Affectionate Bro

Paris Haldeman



This Place Matters

Please consider submitting an ***“This Place Matters”*** article for publication in the newsletter of why The Haldeman Mansion matters to YOU. Send it to the editor at: hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com

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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 _____

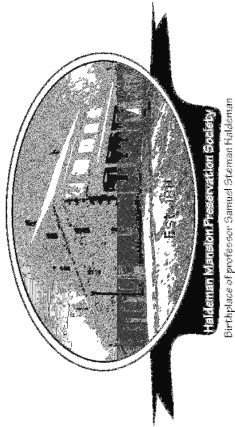
Carpentry Repairs ____ Do other repairs ____ Help with cleaning inside ____

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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