

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER  
2011 1ST ISSUE  
230 LOCUST GROVE ROAD  
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502



## ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, May 1st

2:00 PM

At the Mansion

All members of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. You can hear the about the successes that have helped our cause as caretakers of the Mansion for the past year from President Elaine. She will share the plans for the upcoming year.

We are also pleased to present Mr. Reeves Gohring as our speaker. A life long native of Lancaster County he participates in living histories throughout the state of Pennsylvania. He will be portraying the trader, Peter Bezallion who owned a trading post at Conoytown. Mr. Gohring is very knowledgeable of the time period from the late 1600's to the 1700's.

Your attendance is important, please put the date on your calendar.

**We hope to see you there!**

# KRISTKINDTLE MART



It may have been a chilly day back in November when the doors to the 3rd annual Kristkindle Mart opened for business but the cold did not discourage those who came to the event. The vendors displayed a nice variety of goods for the shoppers. The food and beverages sustained both those buying and selling. We were even treated to a visit from Santa Klaus!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar now! Tell your friends & neighbors.

**YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS ANY OF THE FUN!**

More information regarding times, details and the chairpersons will be in the next newsletter.

### CLEAN UP DAY

APRIL 9, 2011 8:30 AM

We need volunteers to help clean out the first floor of the carriage house, to pick up sticks, or dust the mansion. All volunteers are welcome. Come in your work clothes!

### ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 1, 2011  
2:00 PM

### CONOYTOWN EDUCATION DAYS

MAY 21, 2011  
10 AM to 4 PM

### STRAWBERRY FEST

JUNE 5, 2011  
NOON TO 4:00 PM

HIGH TEA  
AUGUST 6, 2011

TAVERN DINNER  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

APPLE  
FALL FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 9, 2011

KRISTKINDTLE  
MART  
NOVEMBER 12, 2011

## OPEN HOUSE

The Mansion will be open every Sunday  
from May 1st through October 16th for visitors  
from 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Come visit the Mansion! You can stroll the beautiful grounds, sit and watch the river flow by or tour inside the mansion. See first hand the improvements the wonderful volunteers have made in preserving Sam's house. Bring your friends and share the peaceful setting with them.

We want to **THANK** the volunteers who greet our visitors and share their knowledge and excitement about the Haldeman Mansion.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** is being extended to Allen Kenyon and his son Nathan Kenyon for the years of work on the Haldeman Mansion website. To think Nathan was only 14 when he began work on the website! You may have noticed the site has been out of commission, but plans are in the works to restore the website. **Thank you**, Allen and Nathan for all the work and support you have given the HMPS! It truly has been appreciated.



# This Place Matters

by Tina Mark

This Place Matters to the native people. The land on which the Haldeman Mansion was built has been the home of Native Americans for thousands of years. It was originally the site of a Prehistoric Native American settlement (a late woodland culture Susquehannocks) roughly between the years 1500 and 1550 A.D. Archaeological excavations made on the north side of the present Mansion, conducted by W. Fred Kinsey III (director emeritus of the North Museum, Lancaster, PA) and Jeffrey R. Graybill (1971) uncovered evidence of a former double-walled stockade, two burials, storage pits and a midden. This property had been intermittently occupied for more than five hundred years.

More than a century later, a second Native American Settlement, known as Conoy Town (1718 to 1743) was established on the same property. It served as a kind of refuge for small bands of natives who had become displaced from their original homelands to the south due to the Indian Wars. State Archaeologist, Barry C. Kent has excavated portions of the Conoy Town settlement and established a well-documented record of its former existence (Kent 2001; also see Landis, 1933)

Nearby, a small trading post, founded and operated by French trader, Peter Bezaillon, exchanged goods with other colonial towns located farther east. What was once known as "Old Peter's Road" ran from Conoy Town to Moor's Mill, in Downingtown, Chester Co, PA. (Ellis & Evans, 1883, p. 748). Bezaillon's trading post was dismantled, following his death in 1742.

Now once again the grounds come alive with Native Peoples as they come together here in May to share their life ways during Conoytown Education Day.



## A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....

You may not have been with the HMPS since its inception in 1967. Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the condition of the mansion around the time the HMPS was formed. As you can see we have come a long way since then, but we



still have a long way to go. With **your help**, the day will come when the Haldeman Mansion has been fully restored to its former glory!

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**



## CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The HMPS is seeking applicants for board memberships to serve beginning in June. We need your names for the Annual Meeting, May 1, 2011. We are looking for individuals who are committed to our mission. If you have experience in fundraising, communications, grant writing, or can volunteer to help at our events or with the extra things like painting, cleaning, carpentry then we **NEED YOU**. Everyone has talents. Members of the board meet monthly.

For information about roles and responsibilities, contact Elaine Jackson [elainekjackson@comcast.net](mailto:elainekjackson@comcast.net) or call 717 426-3794.

## TEMPORARY ROOF

The next time you are at the mansion, look up at the roof! We have installed a rubber membrane to protect the mansion's roof from further deterioration while we continue to raise the money for the new roof. This has a 3 year guarantee and this will give us time to raise the funds needed for the actual replacement roof. This was installed by John Hughes.

You can still purchase shingles, make a donation in memory or honor of someone or give a separate donation when you pay your annual dues!



# DUGOUT CANOE PROJECT

A 1590 engraving by Theodore De Bry, *The Manner of Making Their Boates*, after a John White painting, illustrates prehistoric technique for log canoes.

Brown University Library



The **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** (PHMC) has given permission to Tina Marks to create a dugout canoe. The dugout starts as a log which is then painstakingly hollowed out using a cycle of controlled burning and then scraping and chopping the softened wood out of the center. There have been approximately 20 dugout canoes found in bogs and lakes in the area surrounding the Poconos. These dugouts were too heavy to be transported from one waterway to another. They were stored in the water as they would dry out and crack if removed from the water.

In a precise recreation of crafting a dugout, members of the Bureau of Historic Preservation (BHP) have created three of these canoes during the past ten years. One of the last craft that was made was constructed at Fort Hunter outside of Harrisburg, PA. The project ended with a four hour voyage on the Susquehanna River from Fort Hunter to City Island in 2005.

We applaud Tina for taking on this project. This dugout is not something that will be made on a Saturday afternoon. Any help that you can provide will be most welcome. Contact Tina at 717.371.3755 or by email at: [conoyindian3@yahoo.com](mailto:conoyindian3@yahoo.com) to learn how you can help with the project.

## CARRIAGE HOUSE APARTMENT



In preparation for the new tenants to move into the carriage house, Elaine and Charles Jackson have spent the past five weeks repairing, sanding, plastering and painting the interior. They did a lot of the work with help from volunteers: Sally Williams, Ellen Rhoads, Judy Kay Bard, Keith Shearer, Kyle

Shearer. They were very helpful in getting the apartment ready for the rental. The four broken windows were repaired and the new storm windows were installed by Darl Williams.

There are **two things that still need done.** The second floor windows need painted and the rain spouts need to be installed. If you want to donate your time or money for these jobs, call Elaine Jackson at 426-3794.

### **Thank you all for helping.**

The carriage house is truly a unique apartment with a large kitchen, a nice size living room, a roomy bath and one bedroom with a

large closet. Living next door to the Haldeman Mansion is special and ideal for one or two persons.

Judy Kay Bard has this to say about the updates to the apartment:

*I want to take this public time to say how gorgeous the apartment is. Ceilings, walls, and floors--even kitchen items--stand shining and beautiful. Each one received hours of careful, skillful work at Elaine's hands. Those who worked with her enjoyed the accomplishment and companionship. She's created a gem!*

*Country setting with view of river. Roomy Carriage House Apartment, 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA with one bedroom includes appliances, Monthly rent is \$600 plus utilities (heat and electric). It has been completely updated and has been freshly painted – Just move in. Call 717 426-3794 to set an appointment for viewing.*



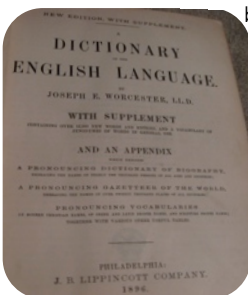
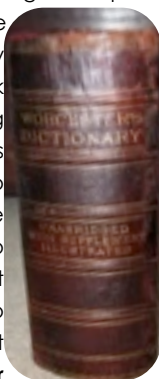


## RESTORATION COMPLETED!



The 1896 Worcester's dictionary was in very poor condition before it was restored. Samuel S. Haldeman was credited in this dictionary which is why we at HMPS wanted to have the dictionary restored. Both the front and back binding and spine were completely off. Amazingly all of the pages were still together. Elaine and I took it to Water Street Bindery in Lancaster, PA. They reattached the spine to both front and back bindings while keeping the dictionary looking old to keep its integrity. The dictionary looks great and is completely intact. I would like to thank all those who donated money to have the dictionary restored. I also would like to thank Water Street Bindery for doing a great job on the dictionary. Next time you come to the mansion you will have to take a look at the dictionary

**Keith Shearer**



## DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS?

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail and you have an email address, you can help us save the planet, by saving trees and the paper that comes from the trees by electing to receive your copy of this newsletter by email.

Contact the newsletter editor at: [hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com) and provide us with your email address. The next issue of the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society Quarterly Newsletter will appear in your inbox rather than your mailbox.



The online instructions are very easy to follow! Once the software has been installed on your computer, select "Haldeman" as the charity of choice and you will be on your way to **supporting the HMPS without any extra effort.**



Our family uses it at home and at work each and every time we need to search the web for information.

Julie Kemper-Kunkle

# NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010-2011

Name_____	Circle Your Amount
	Contributing \$ 15
Address_____	Family \$ 25
	Supporting \$ 30
	Sustaining \$ 50
	Benefactor \$ 100
Telephone_____	Patron \$ 500
	Corporate \$1,000
Email_____	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.

## RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

HMPS  
PO 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)\_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU GET THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL  
YOU CAN PRINT THIS PAGE TO PAY YOUR DUES

# **HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.**

2010 - 2011

## **OFFICERS**

President	Elaine Jackson	717.426.3794
Vice President	Kenneth Beard	717.367.0248
Corresponding Secretary	Keith Shearer	717.419.0208
Recording Secretary	Tina Mark	717.426.2166
Treasurer	Norma J Bair	717.292.6463

## **DIRECTORS**

Douglas McReynolds  
Jody Stuart  
Ray Kunkle  
Gail Yurkovic  
Karen Schatz

## **WEBSITE**

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

The restoration of the website is in the works  
and it should be fully functioning soon!

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Julie Kemper-Kunkle  
717.848.3461  
[hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:hmpsnewsletter@gmail.com)



Reminiscence of Professor Samuel Shuman Haldematt (1812 - 1889)  
HALDEMATT MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY, INC.  
PO BOX 417  
BARNBRIDGE, PENNSYLVANIA 17592

ADDRESS SERVICES REQUESTED

NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
LANCASTER, PA  
PERMIT NO. 601