

History in the making



The Parry Mansion

The Newsletter of the New Hope Historical Society

Ben Meadows elected president of Historical Society

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- NEW GARDEN PHOTO CONTEST ANNOUNCED FOR ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

At the annual meeting on November 17, the Historical Society elected Ben Meadows president. He is a native of Georgia and graduate of the University of North Alabama. Ben's wife, Carolyn was a teacher in the New Hope-Solebury School District for many years. They have a son and a daughter.

Ben retired from the Union Carbide Company where his career spanned thirty-five years requiring him and his family to reside in many parts of the country. He smiles when he notes that his seventh relocation brought him to Bucks County where he and his family have lived for more than thirty-two years. He is a realtor with Prudential



Ben Meadows

Fox and Roach Realtors in New Hope.

Prior to his election, Mr. Meadows had served on the historical society's board of directors over the past three years. He is an Elder at the Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and an active member in the James A. Michener Museum, Friends of the Delaware Canal and Riverside Symphonia. "By our presence here tonight,"

he reminded the members, "we all share a common bond as it relates to the historical society, and to serve our nonprofit organizations as a way to give back to the community."

"This organization has been blessed over the past few years with individuals giving leadership as the driving force that makes the difference. I promise that I will do my best to continue and advance the mission and goals of this great organization." Also at the meeting Robert Goodwin, Jan Michael and Bryce Sanders were re-elected vice presidents. Barry Ziff was elected treasurer. About 120 members attended the annual meeting and dinner.

**The New Hope
Historical Society**

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- Lynn Stoner*
- Patricia Whitman
- George Yarnall
- Roy Ziegler

* Emeritus

Deborah Lang
Executive Director

The New Hope Historical Society was founded in 1958. Its headquarters is located in the Parry Mansion on 45 S. Main Street in New Hope. For information: 215-862-5652 newhopehs@verizon.net or www.newhopehistoricalsociety.org

From the Executive Director

If the newsletter seems more alive to you these days it is due to the tireless efforts of our new editor, Roy Ziegler. Roy answered my plea for help in the last newsletter and, despite his extremely busy schedule, he has added the task of writing, editing and publishing the "History in the Making" to his repertoire for our membership. He is such a talented writer, and I just can't thank him enough!



Deborah Lang

In other news, our lovely Parry Mansion participated in the 2011 Winter Festival by providing mini-tours of the Mansion January 29th and 30th. Roy Ziegler and Barry Ziff also conducted a special walking tour of New Hope, which highlighted the history of the Playhouse, and were granted special permission to enter the Playhouse for a portion of their talk. It was a crisp day, but quite well attended. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a docent for 2011, please be sure to give me a call. We are very interested in growing our staff of docents for the Parry Mansion. Roy and Barry are also anxious to share their walking tour program with others. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to your community, enhance your knowledge of local history, and make interesting new friends.

Our website is looking better every day thanks to Marilyn Bullock of Bullock Marketing and Design. We recently added exciting new information about our upcoming Garden Tour in June (yes, warm weather will be here someday, though it may be difficult to believe right about now!) and we will be updating the website as new information becomes available. Please visit us at www.newhopehs.org and send us your feedback! Once again, thank you for all your comments and kind words. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces at the annual dinner and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

JOIN TODAY; HELP US MAKE HISTORY

Yes, I would like to become a member of the New Hope Historical Society!

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THANK YOU

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!



Leslie Crilley is a Registered Client Service Associate for UBS Financial Services in Newtown, Pennsylvania specializing in all operational and administrative functions. Prior to joining UBS she was vice president and client service manager for institutionally sized corporate accounts at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers and Black Rock. She graduated cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in Speech Communications and Spanish, and holds Series 7 and 66 licenses.

Ralph Fey, A.I.A., founded the firm of Ralph Curtis Fey Architects, based in Doylestown, Pennsylvania in 1996. He was Director of Design and Facility Planning for QVC in West Chester and spearheaded the development of their new corporate headquarters. Educated in London and Vienna, Ralph went on to receive a degree from Syracuse University School of Architecture. He was recruited by the Hillier Group of Princeton, NJ to bridge the disciplines of architecture and interior design. He was the Director of Design.

Thomas J. Smyth is a hospitality educator currently working with Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, in Brooklyn, New York. Before joining the college he was an Assistant Professor at New York City Technical College in the Department of Hospitality Management. Prior to that he was the Executive Chef and District Chef Manager for the British catering firm Trusthouse Forte/Gardner Merchant, now Sodexo Marriott. Since 2006, he is Inn Keeper/Chef/Educator for The Cottage in New Hope. cooking and baking classes.

Barry Ziff is a long time resident of New Hope and has been a perennial volunteer for many New Hope organizations. He is currently a member of the New Hope Borough Planning Commission and New Hope Borough Revitalization Committee. He has previously served on the board of directors of the New Hope Historical Society where he also had been interim Executive Director. Mr. Ziff was treasurer of the New Hope Partners in Progress Group until 2005. He is employed at the New Hope Visitors Center.

Holiday “Spirited” Tea packed the house

It has become a holiday kick-off tradition in New Hope. Members and friends of the New Hope Historical Society gather at the Parry Mansion to bring on the spirit of the holiday season. More than one hundred and forty folks opened the season with carols and songs led by Bob Egan. They sampled a wide variety of delicious hors d’oeuvres prepared by Historical Society members. A wine bar complemented the food. For decades the “spirited” tea has been the focal point of the celebration. Members take turns “spiriting” the tea with brandy using tea cups that had originally been donated to the Society during a fundraiser in 1973 to renovate the Parry Mansion.



Sallie Ziff serves tea to Sylvia Walsh and Bill Winters



Members gather to sing holiday carols with Bob Egan

Historical Society president, Ben Meadows, was pleased to note the exuberance of the crowd at the tea. “This event has become the keynote holiday party in New Hope, and its popularity continues to grow. We are making plans now to expand the space available for the “Spirited” Tea next year to provide greater comfort for our members and guests,” said Mr. Meadows.

Mark your calendar for December 4, 2011!

President’s Message

As I had expressed to you at our annual meeting, I am pleased and honored to be president of the New Hope Historical Society. One of these obvious honors lies in the fact that this is a leadership position among leaders. That has been reinforced to me as I have seen so many of you offer support to the Society by your overwhelming participation and attendance at our events and by your willingness to continue as well as to increase your financial giving. The last two months have gone by quickly with many wonderful events happening at the Society. The annual dinner was very well attended, and honored our own, Dee Rosenwald. Just a few weeks later we presented the second annual Dickens Dinner under the direction of Chef Thom Smyth and Robert Goodwin. What a marvelous evening that was! Our annual Holiday “Spirited” Tea packed the Parry Mansion. This was my first experience as president to meet and greet so many old friends and get acquainted with so many new ones. Then, the popular Victorian Christmas Celebration offered tours of the Mansion and a Walking Tour of Historic New Hope followed by refreshments in our colonial kitchen. As you can see, we have been busy, and it has been a lot of fun. I ask each of you to join us in sharing your talents and time in whatever capacity you choose. One of my objectives is to get more of our members involved both in planning and executing our events. Check out our schedule on our website at www.newhopehistoricalsociety.org. We need extra hands in supporting our ongoing activities.

My Best to you and your families.

Ben Meadows

MARSHA BROWN'S RESTAURANT WAS AN ELEGANT SETTING FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



Dee Rosenwald prepares to cut her 90th birthday cake

Dee Rosenwald celebrated her 90th birthday with the enthusiasm and vigor of a person half her age. More than one hundred members and guests of the New Hope Historical Society put the finishing touches on the celebration on Wednesday evening, November 17, at Marsha Brown's elegant restaurant in New Hope.

New Hope's Mayor, Larry Keller, a long-time friend, recounted some amusing stories about Dee's most fascinating and colorful life. She served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II as a receptionist for General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and sat directly behind General Charles DeGaulle at the victory ceremonies in Paris. She has lunched with Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. Ms. Rosenwald's varied career with the *New Yorker* magazine and with British Travel Services preceded her extensive volunteer work with the New Hope Historical Society. Her late husband, Robert, was a renowned sculptor and painter. Dee's talent as an artist is another of her amazing qualities.

Dee Rosenwald's vivacity was clearly evident when, even though the celebration ended late Wednesday evening, she was up and out early the next morning for the New Hope Park and Recreation Board's coach tour to the Lehigh Valley that departed from New Hope at 8:30 AM.

Sponsors Needed for "Ecstasy of Spring" 18th Annual Garden Tour

Our annual garden tour, which has grown into a colossal production and community event, is being held on Saturday, June 4th with six private Bucks County gardens being featured. The garden tour is the major fundraiser for the Society. This year proceeds are earmarked for pointing the Parry Mansion Museum. Estimates for the job range from \$40,000 to over \$100,000, yikes!

The garden tour could not be possible without sponsorships from local businesses and friends of the Society. There are five levels of giving beginning at \$300 and we give back to our sponsors in a very big way, including comp tickets to the tour and an invitation to our garden party were sponsors are honored. Please contact me at 215-297-0101 to receive sponsorship information and learn about the benefits of being a contributor. Your involvement is needed and greatly appreciated. Pictured in the photograph on the right are formal gardens that will be included in the 2011 tour.



The committee has been working since last summer to line up this year's roster of majestic gardens. They will leave you breathless. Imagine 32 acres that are in constant motion, being cultivated and developed under the discerning eye of a well-groomed local horticulturist. Or a contemporary home designed by architect James Polshek of Clinton Library and Rose Center for Earth & Space fame, whose owners are inviting us inside for a peek as well as into their gardens and greenhouse built to accommodate people and plants. Our garden tour Web pages are up thanks to Marilyn Bullock who manages the site. Please visit www.newhopehs.org and click on the white clematis to learn more about the tour and to see our sponsors to date. Order tickets online while you're still making angels in the snow and save yourself \$5 while dreaming of the ecstasy of spring.

Susan Sandor

BENJAMIN PARRY DAY WILL FEATURE DISCUSSION, BOOK-SIGNING AND RECEPTION ON MARCH 6

On Sunday, March 6 at 4 PM, the New Hope Historical Society will celebrate Benjamin Parry Day in a very special way. The event will be sponsored by Society board member, Roy Ziegler, who has recently completed a new book about the Parry family. The work is entitled, "The Parrys of Philadelphia and New Hope" and was published by iUniverse Publishers. The book has received the Editor's Choice award from the publisher, a kind of good housekeeping seal of approval that the book demonstrates high quality and is recommended by the editors. It is a story about the first dynamic period of America's history during one hundred years from the end of the American Revolutionary War to the end of the Civil War.

The Industrial Revolution was creating thousands of jobs and cities were growing at alarming rates.



Philadelphia was on its way to becoming the first great American city, and smaller communities like New Hope were providing the bricks and mortar and food supply that nourished its growth. Benjamin Parry, who dominated the New Hope community for half a century, was one of the hundreds of early American entrepreneurs whose energy and ingenuity helped lay the foundation for the nation's greatness.

Benjamin's son, Oliver, led the westward expansion of Philadelphia by spearheading the creation and development of the city's Spring Garden district.

Roy will present a discussion about the book at the Parry Mansion and will be signing books after the talk. A wine and cheese reception and dessert will follow the presentation and book-signing.

DICKENS DINNER WAS AN ELEGANT AFFAIR

When Chef, Thom Smyth, plans and executes a twelve-course dinner and the wines are selected by Bryce Sanders, the dinner guests are bound to be pleased. Starting with Artisanal Smoke Salmon Tartare Cornet with Crème Fraiche with Moët & Chandon Imperial, Eperrnay, France, followed by Lobster Roll, then on to Mushroom Ragout wit Poached Duck Egg complemented with Louis Jadot 2006 Beaune Premier Cru, France, it was clear that the evening would be a memorable one. Le Chataigne-Chestnut Foam with celery & smoked lardon & Foie Gras coupled with Chateau d'Arche, Sauternes, 1988, was followed by a brilliant grilled sea bass with sweet parsnips, spinach and saffron-vanilla sauce and a crisp Chablis Premier Cru 2008, Vallon. Roasted sweet breads with applewood smoked bacon and



braised endive with black truffle sauce and a Puligny Montrachet Les Foliatieres 2003, Santenay, France set the stage for a dry aged New York strip steak with sauce Bordelaise accompanied by French beans and Mange Tout with hazelnut and orange. Roasted butternut squash with smoky eggplant and pomegranate molasses, fennel, cherry tomato and crumble gratin perfectly matched with a Chateau Greysac 2005, Medoc, France led up to the crescendo: blue stilton cheese with a Dow's 1983 Port, Portugal, Buche de Noel and Grand Marnier soufflé! Not surprisingly, Robert Facchina and his guests greeted Chef Smyth with a rousing standing ovation. The Dickens Dinner was won at the Garden Party last June. Another dinner auction will be held at the June 13, 2011 Garden Party.

Historical Society announces photo contest

Attention, camera bugs: Beginning February 1, you can enter your favorite photos of gardens, flowers and landscapes in the New Hope Historical Society's first annual garden photo contest. In conjunction with the 18th Annual Garden Tour, the competition will offer a number of prizes. The first place winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate for New Hope Photo, a photography book, two tickets for the annual garden tour and a limited edition crystal pearl clematis bracelet. The total value of the package is \$225. The second place prize includes the book, two tickets for the tour and the bracelet. The book and tickets will be awarded to the third place winner.



Entry fees for the contest are \$15 for one photo; \$25 for up to four photos and \$50 for up to ten photos submitted. Payment must be received prior to the photo submission by PayPal at www.newhopehs.org. Click on Garden Photo Contest. Checks may be mailed to the New Hope Historical Society at P.O. Box 41, New Hope, PA 18938.

Submit photos to gardenphotocontest@comcast.net. Contestants must be the sole author of any photos entered. Entries must be received by May 1, 2011. Photos may be shot in any format, but must be submitted digitally by e-mail as a jpg attachment no larger than 5" x 7" at 72 dpi. No more than five photos may be submitted per e-mail submission.

Lynn Stoner receives Society's first Distinguished Service Award

The New Hope Historical Society has presented its first Distinguished Service Award to Lynn Stoner. Ms. Stoner has been an active member of the Historical Society for decades and was the founder of the Society's annual speaker series, "Mondays at the Mansion." In presenting the award, Edwin Hild, outgoing president, said, "Lynn has always been there when we needed her and she and her husband, Bob, have been active in many committees and events over the years. I am truly honored to be able to present the Historical Society's first Distinguished Service Award to Lynn." In accepting the award Lynn noted that it has been a pleasure working with the Historical Society members over the years and concluded by saying, "I'm not going anywhere; I will continue to be part of this wonderful organization." Lynn will continue to serve on the board as Director Emeritus.



Lynn Stoner

Historical Society scholarship winner excels at Boston University

Miles Harrison Greene was the winner of the New Hope Historical Society's 2009 Francis Curley Scholarship, and was a popular docent at the Parry Mansion for two years. Miles is a sophomore at Boston University and is interested in pursuing a career in law. Miles earned a 4.0 average in his courses in the second semester this year. We are all so proud of Miles and we wish him continued success in his studies.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Business Renewal

A. T. Chadwick
Blue Raccoon Nelson
& Nicholas Bewsey

First National Bank of Newtown-
John T. Parry

New Business

UPS - David Child

Member Renewal

Betty Benton
Joe & Marian Chiesa
Thomas & Margaret Copenhaver
Ruth Curley
Ralph Curtis & Holly Fey
Adele Gamble
Eugene & Wendy Gladston
Richard & Shirley Gould
Bruce & Pat Hamilton
Joyce M. Hannisch
Kathryn Hausman & Jim Hill
Adolph & Patty Herst
Randolph P. Hill
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Ben & Carolyn Meadows
David S. Newhart
Rev. Gerardo Ramirez-Miller
Donald P. Schroeder & Patricia E. Ivey
James Searing & Gail Goodman
Lisa Kristin Soren
Kevin Sutak
Carolyn R. (Parry) Tilford
Hildegard Wachtel & Ingrid Funke



Welcome New Members

Lynell Antonelli
Robert Berman & Valerie Ehrlich
Sherrie Binder
Chris & Ellen Bollenbacher
Lawrence P. Booth
Brittany Boyle & Pat Trauger
Tony & Marie Carrini
Grace & Tim Cass
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Gildo DiNunzio
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Cheryl & Jim Duffy
Donna Muchnicki Hurwitz
Ellen & Phil Johnson
Denton L. Kanouff
Gilbert Lorah
Jeffrey MacDonell
Peter & Camille Mancuso
George Morgan
Trish & Joe Morwald
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Murphy
Amy & Axel Olsen
Dene & Sheila Taylor
Mark & Jackie Turner

New Benjamin Parry Circle

Robert N. Wilson

New Lifetime Membership

News and Notes

Rest in Peace, Tally Weathington

The New Hope Historical Society mourns the passing of our dear friend, Talman, Tally, Weathington, on December 27, 2010, in New York City after a brief illness. We will miss his cheerful, booming voice at our Parry Mansion events and his beautiful smile and hearty laugh. Tally always lighted up a room when he entered it, and we will feel his presence at every sing-a-long we will have in the future. Tally is shown on the photo with Eleanor Miller as he boomed out "Happy Birthday, Benjamin," in 2008. Bob Egan hosted a wonderful memorial tribute to Tally at the Ramada Inn of New Hope in January. We will all miss you, Tally!



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN A BIG SUCCESS

I'd like to express my gratitude to the Board and all the members who so readily gave to this year's Annual Giving. As you may recall, we designated that the money raised this year would start a Maintenance Reserve Fund. I'm happy to say that the account was opened with over \$11,000.00. This gives us a cushion for unannounced large maintenance needs that so often arise with historic properties. As an example, the Mansion is in dire need of stone repointing, which is a costly repair. We have applied for a grant, but in case that does not come through, we will have to address how to get the funds. Having this newly created Reserve, will at least give us a start for projects of this nature. Thank you for responding in such a generous way!

Jan Michael, Development Committee Chair

WILL YOU HELP?

The Historical Society is known for its well attended, and well produced events. To make them profitable, we need your help as a Sponsor! By sponsoring an event, either personally or as a business, you will benefit from newspaper releases, photo "ops", newsletter publicity, acknowledgement in invitations, and the goodwill that follows a very successful event.

Please consider the following sponsor opportunities:

March—BENJAMIN PARRY DAY—A day of activities to salute our historic forbearer's birthday including Champagne and cake--\$1500.00

April—SPEAKER SERIES—A great draw for the public and members, featuring diverse and enthralling presentations encompassing a variety of educational disciplines--\$1000.00

December—SPIRITED TEA—An exuberant welcome to the Holiday Season with spirited drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and lively music--\$2000.00

Please call Jan Michael at 215 297-8321

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March 6	4 PM	Benjamin Parry Day
April 4	5 PM	Speaker Series Begins
May 28	Noon	New Hope History Day
June 4	11 AM	18th Annual Garden Tour