22nd Annual Garden Tour will present spectacular Bucks County gardens seen through the eyes of a child


Shown above is a group of Sponsors and Annual Garden Tour Committee Members gathered at the Parry Mansion to unfurl the 22nd Annual NHHS Garden Tour Banner on April 17.

We thank our Master Gardeners for 2015 for their generous support in making our 22nd Annual Garden Tour another great success:

John Bisignano and Alexandra Storm
Bountiful Acres
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Although we had less snow than last year, this winter saw the lowest temperatures in quite some time. I remember shivering at my desk in the mansion wondering how the Parry family possibly survived even harsher winters without electricity and other comforts.

Now that spring has finally arrived we have the opportunity to get out and clean up from the winter’s wrath. Hugh Marshall’s crews, as always were quick to perform another impeccable cleanup of our property just in time for the “Monday’s at the Mansion” speaker series! Thank you Hugh!

Another wonderful indication that spring is here the return of birds to our area. Although I am not an avid birder I noticed that the local population of Bald Eagles with their nests full of Eaglets is now visible in our area. I personally had an eagle experience with a glimpse of an eaglet just across the river from Lumberville. What a sight! Please do take a moment to see for yourself. (Just south of Greenhill Road)

I would like to take a moment to thank Pearl Mintzer for volunteering to make our presence felt on FB (Facebook. She has done quite an amazing job and keeps us in the spotlight. Thanks go out to Chuck Mintzer too for his efforts with updating our website. Timely changes are critical and Chuck is lighting fast to respond!

You may have noticed our ad for Docents in the Herald. Please send along any resumes or let us know if you have any free time to volunteer to help us. We provide tours of the Parry Mansion and offer walking tours of New Hope on the weekends and weekdays by appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Speaker Series Committee members make it all happen**


The dedicated volunteer team of the 2015 Speaker Series, "Monday’s at the Mansion," Anna Cesnik, Adrianne Emmertz, Beth Kassick, Bob McCaskey, Charles Tarr, David Martin, Gwen Garrett, Lin Hodgdon, Lynn Stoner, Roy Ziegler and Carole Martin, (also known as, "The Speaker Series Committee") welcomed close to 250 guests throughout the four week series. We look forward to seeing you again, in April 2016. Thank you!

Carole Martin, Chair

History in the Making is a publication of the New Hope Historical Society

Roy Ziegler, Editor
Society Supper whetted appetites for historic hearth cooking

On Sunday night April 12, twelve lucky guests gathered for a real treat at the historic home of Alexandra Storm and John Bisignano. Susan McLellan Plaisted, Heart to Hearth Cookery, and her assistant cooked an authentic colonial American meal in the open pit hearth of the Bisignano-Storm historic home. Heart to Hearth Cookery was there preparing since 10 o’clock that morning. Some of the recipes were taken from *A Quaker Lady’s Cookbook*, published by New Hope Historical Society. The cookbook includes recipes from the Parry family from the early 18th century. Pearl and Chuck Mintzer, organizers of the fundraising event, reported that a fabulous time was had by all and funds were raised for the New Hope Historical Society.

Many thanks to our Garden Tour sponsors for our 22nd Annual Garden Tour as of April 20

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Many children brought added excitement to the Parry

Not since Benjamin Parry’s grandchildren and their playmates padded around the hallowed rooms of the Parry Mansion nearly 175 years ago have so many children gathered there for fun on a Sunday afternoon. The occasion was the book signing event for the release of the New Hope Historical Society’s children’s book, Let’s Visit New Hope, on March 1, Benjamin Parry Day.

Gayle Goodman wrote the book with Roy Ziegler. Both are members of the Historical Society’s board of directors. Popular Doylestown artist and illustrator, Pat Achilles created more than 30 bright, colorful drawings of iconic scenes from New Hope and the surrounding area for the new publication.

Kids from 6 months to 11 years old and their parents were undaunted by a blustery snowstorm that blew through New Hope all afternoon. And they were rewarded for their efforts. They got the first copies of the new book, signed by the authors and illustrator, and were treated to ice cream cones and cupcakes, too.

Dee Bowman, president of the New Hope Historical Society was thrilled to see so many turn out for the event on such a nasty day. “We were surprised to see folks continuing to come in all afternoon as the snow fell,” she said. “The Historical Society’s board is so proud of Gayle Goodman and Roy Ziegler for producing this wonderful book for children,” added Ms. Bowman.
Mansion on a blustery, snowy Benjamin Parry Day

*Let’s Visit New Hope* is directed to children in the second grade level of elementary school, but it is a book that will surely be enjoyed by everyone. It depicts the wonderful array of attractions, history and activities that abound in New Hope and the surrounding communities. Benjamin Parry, Father of New Hope, is the guide who takes us on a whirlwind tour of such popular attractions as the Parry Mansion, Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope-Ivyland Railroad, the Civil War cannon, Giggleberry Fair, Pearl S. Buck House and so many other fun and interesting places. Along the way, the reader learns about the rich and fascinating history of New Hope and Bucks County.

*Let’s Visit New Hope* can be purchased directly from the New Hope Historical Society on our website at [www.newhopehs.org](http://www.newhopehs.org), or by calling 215-862-5652. All proceeds from the book benefit the Historical Society’s programs and activities.
History in the Making

Society mourns the passing of two long-time members

Carl L. Lindsay, Jr. was a founding member and served on the first board of directors of the New Hope Historical Society back in 1958. He remained a member through the decades and often participated in the Society’s Holiday “Spirited” Tea, Annual Meeting and other events through the years. Mr. Lindsay was an attorney in New Hope for more than five decades and had been involved in numerous high profile cases. He served in Germany following the Allied Occupation in World War II. It was always a delight to see Mr. Lindsay around town, on Main Street or in the Post Office. He would always stop and chat and his sense of humor was a delight. He held a profound love for New Hope and was part of the fabric of the community. He demonstrated a profound knowledge of the New Hope Borough Ordinance and represented countless owners. Mr. Lindsay died on January 13 at the age of 87. He will be truly missed by all who came to know and appreciate him.

Earl Bierman was a mover and shaker in the New Hope and Bucks County communities. He was a supporter and fundraiser for numerous causes and organizations over the years. He often joked that when people saw him coming they would often cross the street to avoid being solicited for the latest fundraiser. Earl and his wife of 66 years, June, were a dynamic duo in the community. They were fee first to be appointed to the newly established New Hope Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Bierman served on the New Hope Borough Revitalization Committee until last year. He was instrumental in restoring the New Hope Visitors Center. He was a long-time supporter of the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival, and chaired the annual parade for many years. He and June were hosts for the Historical Society’s Annual Garden Tour and attended most of our events. Earl passed away on January 25 at the age of 82. We will all miss his contagious smile and commitment to the New Hope community.

New exterior lighting system shows off the Parry Mansion

Many of you have attended evening events at the Parry Mansion, so you know that the back porch entry can be a bit dark. While we had some in-ground fixtures for the front of the building, we have tried for years to illuminate the rear of the Mansion with temporary lighting, spot lights attached to extension cords and paper luminaries, but nothing proved to be satisfactory.

After having the Mansion painted last year, we noted that the existing lighting on the front façade did not do justice to the building. The light was inadequate, maintenance was difficult and the bulb placement posed some mulch fire risks. After quite a bit of research, we decided to replace the front light fixtures with new technology LED lights. We played with the wattage and placement until we found the appropriate levels of illumination, and we have been very pleased with the result. In fact, we were so delighted, we had lights added to the rear. Now, the beautiful back porch, rear door and exquisite stonework are lit up at night adding to the overall beauty of the Mansion. And even more importantly, it is far safer for our evening guests.

As always, my fellow Board members and I are very grateful for the generosity of our members, donors and event sponsors who make it possible for us to maintain, preserve and enhance the historic architectural treasure that is our organization’s home.

Ernie Bowman
Happy Spring! We have survived a rough winter and are well into our exciting spring season. As you will read in this newsletter, we launched a wonderful new children’s book, are half-way through the always-popular speaker series at this writing, have hosted a lovely Society Suppers event, are busy planning the 2015 new member campaign, and are deep into all the many details of the annual Garden Tour.

The devoted members of our Board of Directors continue to inspire me with their creativity, energy and commitment. New ideas spring up regularly, and are always accompanied with a willingness to put in the work it takes to go from concept to fulfillment. Our many donors and sponsors provide the necessary funds to support our diverse programs, projects and activities. We are forever indebted to them.

And we are so very fortunate to have staff members – our Executive Director, Docent Coordinator, Docents, Bookkeeper and Housekeeper – who are conscientious, reliable and dedication. As I enter the final half of my third term as president, I am ever mindful that our success depends on their hard work.

I will look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming events and once again thank you for your support.

Help Wanted

We need a few volunteers to help the Executive Director with some clerical and administrative tasks, a few hours a week. It is light duty, but important work. If you have some spare time during the week to answer phones, do some filing and follow up, we could use your help! Please call Dee Dee Bowman at 215-915-4530 for details.

2015 Annual Garden Tour set for June 6

We are very excited to present this year’s Garden Tour “Through the Eyes of A Child” reflecting the magic and wonder of gardening as first discovered at a young age. Even our closing lecture will introduce fascinating plants and exciting ideas for including children in gardening that will inspire lifelong engagement with our natural environment. The self-guided tour will begin at the Parry Mansion, loop around to each garden, and end at Board member John Mauro’s historic barn, with the lecture “Inspiring a Love of Nature: Designing and Living With a Child-Friendly Garden” by Kathleen V. Salisbury, Horticulture Educator at Penn State University Extension-Bucks County. Enhancing this theme will be the authors, Gayle Goodman and Roy Ziegler, and the illustrator, Pat Achilles, of the new children’s book, “Let’s Visit New Hope,” signing copies of their book at the popular Retail Boutique. Selected artwork from teacher Mark Mannion’s students at New Hope-Solebury Elementary School will be placed throughout the tour gardens.

The tour will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, rain or shine. Every visitor will receive a copy of our first-ever keepsake Souvenir Program that includes descriptions of the gardens, a locator map, and coupons from our supporting sponsors. Another addition this year will be a handout highlighting distinct features of each garden prepared by former NHHS Board Member and nursery owner, Ridge Goodwin. We’re truly thankful for our friends and local businesses for their generosity in supporting this year’s event. A complete list of these sponsors can be seen in our ad inside this newsletter and on the Garden Tour pages at www.newhopehs.org.

Get your tickets now from our retail partners, on the website or by calling Deborah Lang at 215-862-5652. A discount of $5.00 per ticket is available on block purchases of ten or more tickets, regularly $35 each. A day strolling leisurely through some of our area’s most beautiful gardens makes a wonderful gift or a simply enjoyable outing, so get your tickets now for yourself, your family or friends. Call or buy online at http://www.newhopehs.org/2015-garden-tour.html.

Claire Donohue
Plan now for these upcoming events at the New Hope Historical Society:

**A Gift For Our Members!**

Our New Hope Historical Society Limited Edition Tote Bag. Bring us a new member and collect your tote. Just have them go online to join and use your name.

**Open House at the Parry Mansion**

Please join us! Stop in for a glass of wine and discover the benefits of becoming a member. We are a great group of people with great events. Many free!

OPEN HOUSE
Date: Wednesday, May 20th  Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Parry Mansion, 45 South Main Street

RSVP: 215-862-5652 or newhopchs@verizon.net

Membership: $35 Individual/$60 Family
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