You can never hold back spring nor can you hold back our signature one-day community event and major fundraiser, the NHHS Garden Tour. The tour will begin in town this year with two lush private gardens within walking distance of the Parry Mansion Museum and each other. The first garden with a view of rushing water from Ingham Spring has been cultivated for 37 years; the second sits on the towpath facing the canal and has been planted for less than a decade but looks quite mature for its youthful age. Then it’s off into the countryside to explore more eye candy at four Bucks County estates.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 5th to reserve a day exploring the splendors of these six private gardens together with our ever-growing cadre of loyal fans. The self-guided tour allows you to wander about at your leisure, ask questions of the owners and gardeners, bask in their utopia, and gather pollen in the form of inspiration.

Tickets are $28 and a stimulus in the form of a $5 discount per ticket is being offered for purchases made prior to May 1st. We are introducing online ticket purchases this year and are set up to use PayPal at www.newhopehs.org or call 215-862-5652 to order with credit card. Group discounts are also offered with a minimum purchase of ten tickets. The tickets and full color brochures with map, photos, and description of the gardens are beautifully packaged in themed envelopes for gift giving, perfect for Mother’s & Father’s Day!

This year’s extra rewards for ticket holders is a demonstration and mini lecture titled, “Candy in the Garden—New and Unusual Plants for the Landscape,” by garden guru Kent Russell who is a preferred speaker of the Garden Club of America. It will be held at Paxson Hill Farm in an amazing iris garden designed by this year’s honorary chair and horticulturist, Bruce Gangawer, who owns the nursery. Details can be found in the brochure provided with tickets.

Limited edition pink rose cuff bracelets that tie into our eye candy theme were designed, produced, and contributed by local artist Pearl Mintzer. Take a look at this stunning piece on our Web site. They will be sold at the garden gates for $15 while they last or you can order online. (con’t page 4)
**Membership Update:**

Our members are the backbone of the Society, thank you all for your continued support and interest in the New Hope Historical Society.

**Pat Whitman**
Membership Chair

**Please welcome our newest members:**
Colin and Karen Jenei
Graceann Pennett
John and Carol Small
Dr. Rey Velasco and Frank DeLuca

**Thank you to members who have renewed:**
Ronald and Carole Anzivino
Elaine Ball
Alice R. Bentley
Martin and Lenore Bowne
K.K. Bush
Glenna Bye
Douglas and Hellen Cannon
Chris, Eva and Henry Caputo
Joseph and Patti Clenti
Geri Delevich and Marilyn Cichowski
Age Diedrick and Peter Zalud
Bob Egan
Neil E. Ellenoff
Robert and Louise Harman
David Hewitt
Richard and Ruth Hirschfield
Norvell and Jo Ann Holloway
Charlie and MaryLou Huchet
Robert and Sally Huxley
Les and Pam Isbrandt
William and Sarah Jagoe
George H. Johnson
David H. Keller, Jr.
Richard and Laura Latella
Terry A. McNealy
Pam Morrison and Lew Cohen
George and Eleanor Pellerano
George and Francis Rhoads
Chase and Solita Rosade
Bill Scheetz
Thomas Smyth and Daniel Rentillo
Susan Taylor
Patricia Whitman
Richard and Margaret Yarnall
Barry and Sallie Ziff

**Thank you Business Members who have renewed:**
Bucks County Herald
David M. and Peter J. Mancuso, Inc.

**Thank you Benjamin Parry Circle (Supporter/Sponsor):**
Robert and Cherie Weller

Please note: This will be the last issue of *History in the Making* that you will receive unless you are current member.

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**JOIN TODAY; HELP US MAKE HISTORY**

Yes, I would like to become a member of the New Hope Historical Society!
- Individual $35
- Dual/Family $60
- Benjamin Parry Circle (Supporter) $250
- Parry Mansion Legacy (Lifetime) $1000
- Business Partner (Sponsor) $200

Enclosed is my check, payable to: NHHS in the amount of $________
Please charge my Visa______________________MasterCard______________________

NAME__________________________________BUSINESS NAME____________________
ADDRESS_____________________________________________________________________
CITY____________________________________________________STATE______ZIP____
PHONE_______________________EMAIL________________________________________

mail to: P O Box 41, New Hope, PA 18938 THANK YOU

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Special thanks to Sarah Marlow of New Hope for her creative talents and support in designing this newsletter.
Benjamin Parry’s 253rd Birthday Bash

Party to honor New Hope’s most prominent Pisces

Benjamin Parry, the father of New Hope, was born on March 1, 1757. To honor the town’s most prominent Pisces sign on his 253rd birthday the members of the New Hope Historical Society and their guests celebrated with cake and champagne when they gathered at Parry’s elegant Georgian style mansion on Sunday, March 7 from 5 PM to 7 PM in New Hope.

Parry was a true example of the Pisces sign’s characteristics as demonstrated by his romantic poems and letters to his beloved wife, Jane. The other side of the Pisces sign—hard work, persistence and determination were also evident. Parry strongly advocated the construction of the first bridge to Lambertville, and was the first to put up the money for its construction. He and his partners founded the first bank in New Hope and helped to finance the construction of the Delaware Canal through the busy river town. His invention of machinery to dry grains and malt for overseas shipping significantly increased prosperity for the local farmers and industry.

New Hope was named after Parry’s flour mill that had been rebuilt in 1791 after the original building was destroyed by a devastating fire. Parry’s numerous business ventures helped to make New Hope the manufacturing and industrial capital of Bucks County in the nineteenth century.

Admission to the Parry birthday party is always free to members of the New Hope Historical Society. Tickets for non-members are $10.

Over 130 guests were on hand to celebrate Benjamin’s Birthday this year. We hope you will join us next year for this fabulous celebration next year, see you in 2011.
Historical Society announces
ANNUAL SPEAKER SERIES 2010

The Speaker Series will be presented every Monday afternoon in April beginning at 5:00 PM. Lynn Stoner, originator and co-chair of the series is clearly excited about the schedule. “This year’s series will feature one of the most versatile arrays of topics that we have presented,” said Ms. Stoner. The program is co-chaired by Carole Martin.

Discussions this year will range from railroads to Eleanor Roosevelt to art and the life of an artist. The series will begin on April 5 at the New Hope-Ivyland Railroad in its comfortable Parlor Car. The history of the railroad in New Hope and a discussion of the famous personalities who lived in the vicinity of its route will be presented. Refreshments will be served. Seating for this event is limited, so early reservations are recommended.

On April 12, well-known actress, Linda Kenyon, will present A Life of My Own: Meeting Eleanor Roosevelt. Ms. Kenyon can be been screaming her head off in Chris Rock’s recent movie, Head of State. She played Charlotte, the camp director, in Venus Theater’s production of Ugly Duckling, and has played the Dutchess of York in Richard III with the Virginia Theater Company. Ms. Kenyon can also be heard on the Discovery Channel in The Last of the Czars and France’s Forgotten Shame. The lecture will be presented at the Parry Mansion in New Hope at 5:00 PM.

The series continues on April 19 Brian H. Peterson, Chief Curator at the James A Michener Art Museum, will offer a conversation about his recently published book, The Smile Dialogue: Talking About Art and Life. Accompanied by his friend, photographer Sandy Sorlien, Mr. Peterson will use his book as a launching pad to explore the frustrations and rewards of the life of an artist, as well as how the issues of doubt and faith, belief and non-belief have informed their lives and made them richer. The discussion will begin at 5:00 PM at the Parry Mansion.

The New Hope Arts Center will be the venue for the final lecture in the series on April 26. The present success of the center, a preview of the Annual Sculpture Show and the Savor New Hope Showcase of the Arts events will be discussed by New Hope Arts Center staff and volunteers. A discussion on the future direction of the Arts Center will also be featured. This will take place at 5:00 PM at the New Hope Arts Center, 2 Stockton Street.

Admission to the Speaker Series is free to members. Tickets for non-members are $15 and can be purchased by contacting the Historical Society at 215-862-5652 or www.newhopehistoricalsociety.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As Vic Lance’s crew shoveled away each passing snowfall, the weight of a challenging 2009 seemed to be lifted at the Parry Mansion welcoming unprecedented support from our membership and community at large. First of all, many thanks to all of you who contributed to our first NHHS Annual Giving Fund established by the Development Committee chaired by Jan Michael. The monies will help us with upcoming capitol improvements.

Secondly, many thanks to the record number of Contributing and Media Sponsors of the 17th Annual Garden Tour as well as those providing Professional Services. A special thanks goes to Susan Sandor of Strenk Sandor Advertising who in conjunction with the Garden Tour Committee chaired by Rick Latella lead us to this challenging success.

The Sponsorship and proceeds from the Garden Tour represents a significant percentage of our annual budget and your participating has strengthened our financial status.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events listed in this newsletter. I especially welcome all of you to attend the Annual Garden Party on June 14th where we will offer many raffle items including the Mantis Rototiller and a Gift Certificate from Buckman’s Garden Works on Easton Road in Doylestown. And...as anticipated, our 2nd annual Dicken's Dinner will be a live auction item and hotly contested. Mayor Larry Keller who attended the dinner last year will be the auctioneer. The December event offers a seven course dinner for twelve in the Parry Mansion by candlelight with guest Chef, Thom Smyth of New Hope and served by board members dressed as Dicken’s characters. Invitations will go out in early May. In the interim, join us at the Speaker Series discussed in this newsletter and on May 29th for History Day chaired by Roy Ziegler in partnership with Jon Gonsiewski, Social Studies teacher, along with the Advanced Placement Students of the New Hope-Solebury High School. Activities will take place on the grounds of the Parry Mansion.

Currently, we are reviewing student resumes in order to select a recipient for the 2010 Francis Curley Scholarship. The NHHS awards $1,000 each year to a civic minded senior who demonstrates excellence in social studies and who will pursue formal education in that field. We invite you to contribute to this annual event.

My Best,

Edwin Hild
President
**From the Executive Directors Desk**

Finally, Spring is in the air! It lifts my spirits and renews my energy level. I am one of those silly people who still believe in Spring cleaning. I also know a few of our members do as well. Last year, Carolyn and Paul Farthing sent us a wonderful Historical Photo Book of Coryell’s Ferry they discovered while Spring cleaning. Just recently, Dennis Warford sent in the Commencement Program from the New Hope High School class of 1910. It was a class of six graduates: Ethel Fay Slack, Mary Frederica Simon, Elsie Mae Lear, James Magill Cryer, Mary Theresa McDonnell and Alleyn Slack Schermerhorn. These items are now part of the Society’s archives. So, I just want to mention that if you happen to discover any treasures while Spring cleaning and you feel you would like these preserved to share with others in the future, please do remember we are here. We will catalog and take good care of your items for you.

It is my pleasure to announce that “The Landmark Towns of Bucks County” has awarded Roy Ziegler – New Hope Volunteer of the Year. I certainly understand why he was chosen as Roy is always the first person to unselfishly offer his services and time. Congratulations Roy! Joining Roy other New Hope awardees are: Second Saturday’s – Greater New Hope Chamber of Commerce, George E. Michael & Co., Inc. - Outstanding Façade/Building Renovation and Fred’s Breakfast – Small Business Excellence Award. Great Job New Hope! For more information www.landmarktowns.com

I personally would like to thank all members who have attended our recent events. Your support of the Society is incredibly important to our success. To continue developing our membership, perhaps you might ask a neighbor, cousin or business acquaintance to join you at our next event to help us reach our 225 new member campaign goal. We are still providing the beautiful Redfield prints to new members but they will not be available much longer. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you shortly at our upcoming events: Parry Mansion season tour opening, History Day, the 17th Annual Garden Tour, and infamous Garden Party. Enjoy the beautiful weather!

Best Regards,
Deborah Lang

**More on the Garden Tour!**

(Cont’d from page 1) There is also a garden rewards bag to be handed to each ticket holder. The bags are filled with gifts from garden tour sponsors as well as a national garden magazine.

Gardeners who relish the hands-on experience of digging in dirt, might want to check out the Mantis Tiller being raffled off in conjunction with the tour. Raffle tickets are $10 each or three for $25 and can be bought online or at the Parry Mansion Museum on June 5th. Tickets will continue to be sold until June 14th, when the winning ticket will be drawn at our Garden Party to be held June 14th. (Winner need not be present.) Good Luck!

**TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets can be purchased at:
**Frenchtown, NJ: Alchemy**
**Lambertville, NJ: Lambertville House, Walker’s Wine & Spirits and Chris’ Auto Body in**
**Stockton, NJ: Phillips Fine Wines**
**Doylestown, PA: None Such Farm Market, Doylestown Bookshop**
**Erwinna, PA: A Gourmet Pantry**
**Holicon, PA: Bountiful Acres**
**Newtown, PA: Shady Brook Farm and Rhodes Newtown Flower & Gift**
**New Hope, PA: Angel’s Cards & Gifts, Farley’s Bookshop, Living Earth, Paxson Hill Farm and New Hope Visitors Center**
**Washington Crossing, PA: Seasons Garden Center**
**Yardley, PA: Marazzo’s Manor Lane and Ye Olde Yardley Florist**

Tickets may be also be purchased on the day of the tour at the Parry Mansion Museum, Main and Ferry Streets, New Hope, PA. Major credit cards accepted. Have a friend who wants to join you at the last minute? Bring them along. A few tickets will be available at each garden gate.
Sincere thanks to our generous sponsors who make the garden tour possible

**Master Gardener $5,000**
Pamela Minford Charitable Foundation Deborah Minford Dailey, President

**Hummingbirds $1000**
- Bountiful Acres
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- Chris’ Auto Body
- Claire Shaw, DMD
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- Munds Nursery
- Paxson Hill Farm
- Penn Wealth Planning
- Rice’s Market
- Seasons Garden Center
- Stone Creek Farm Landscaping

**Honeybees $500**
- Addison Wolfe Real Estate
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- Edwin Hild
- Golden Blossom Honey
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- Jenei & Cohen, PC
- John and Jaqui Hover
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**Butterflies $250**
- Anthony Landscapes Garden Center
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- Rago Arts & Auction Center
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- Univest National Bank & Trust Co.
- William Draper Cabinetmaker
The New Hope Historical Society’s eighth annual Walking Tour of Historic New Hope offered a chance to explore three centuries of the river community’s colorful history. The popular annual took place on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Edwin Hild, president of the New Hope Historical Society, explained the growing interest in this annual event. “We are so fortunate in New Hope to have preserved beautiful buildings from the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries in such a small town comprising just one thousand acres,” he said. The walking tour was produced by Roy Ziegler and Barry Ziff who have conducted the event in each of the last eight years.

At least twenty-five buildings were included in the tour with descriptions of families and businesses that have occupied them over the past three centuries. The tour guides explained New Hope’s amazing transition from an early farm community to its prominence as the industrial and manufacturing capital of Bucks County in the nineteenth century to its present claim as the entertainment capital of the county.

The Walking Tour wound its way around New Hope from the Parry Mansion to the Delaware River and Delaware Canal. Following the tour, guests were invited to the Parry Mansion for a tour and refreshments.

These tours are available to parties of 10 or more by special arrangement. For further information contact the New Hope Historical Society at 215-862-5652 or visit our website at newhopehistoricalsociety.org.
May 1, 1:30-4PM  Parry Mansion Opens public tour season
May 29, Noon  New Hope History Day at the Parry Mansion
June 5, 11AM-5PM  17th Annual New Hope Garden Tour
                      Six beautiful gardens - starts at the Parry Mansion
June 14, 5PM-8PM  Annual Garden Party at the Parry Mansion