

## History in the making



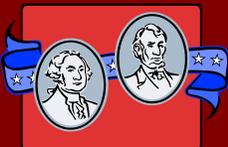
The Parry Mansion

The Newsletter of the New Hope Historical Society

## Dee Dee Bowman elected president of Historical Society

### Newsletter Highlights

- Sketch book shows artistic talent of Oliver Randolph Parry
- The Historical Society welcomes seven new board members
- New Benjamin Parry Day celebration announced
- Expanded space at the Parry Mansion enhanced holiday celebrations
- Annual Giving fund showed generosity of members
- Working group announced to produce documentary for 200th anniversary of bridge
- Speaker Series announced



At its 54<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, the New Hope Historical Society elected Dee Dee Bowman president. Ms. Bowman and her husband, Ernie, have resided in their 1817 home in New Hope for thirty years where they have raised their two daughters.



Dee Dee Bowman accepts the key to the Parry Mansion from outgoing president Benjamin Meadows

She is a long time member of the Historical Society having served several terms on its board of directors, and has been secretary to the board during the past two years.

Ms. Bowman is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Hearthside. She is licensed both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She serves on the New Hope Borough Revitalization Committee, which she had chaired for several years; and is a member of the Historical and Architectural Review Board. Ms. Bowman is also a founding member of New Hope for Our Canal. She has served for many years on **the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve's** Spring Gala.

Ms. Bowman is a freelance writer who has written or co-authored a dozen books and numerous magazine and newspaper

articles.

Outgoing president, Benjamin Meadows presented the key to the Parry Mansion to Ms. Bowman.

**"I ask just two things** from our members as I **become your president,"** said Ms. Bowman.

**"First, I ask that each** one of you bring in one new member to the Historical Society over the next year; and second, that you become active as a volunteer.

We have such a great variety of activities, that I am sure you can find something that you would enjoy doing to help the **Society move forward,"** she added.

Edwin Hild, Bryce Sanders and Dr. Claire Shaw were elected to serve as vice presidents; and Barry Ziff was re-elected to the treasurer position. Terry McNealy was elected Secretary.

The Historical Society also elected seven new members to its board of directors.

An Advisory Board was appointed that includes Adrienne Emmertz, JoAnn Goodwin and Patricia Whitman.

The New Hope  
Historical Society  
*Board of Directors*

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Dee Dee Bowman  
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Executive Director

Deborah Lang

## From the Executive Director

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Deborah Lang

I would like to wish everyone a most happy and prosperous 2013!

Before I relay my excitement about our plans for a fantastic year I wish to thank all of our members for sharing a wonderful holiday season with the Society.

The annual dinner provided wonderful food and drink served by Caleb and his great staff at Marsha Brown's restaurant. While enjoying the fabulous meal we were treated to brief historical presentations helping us to better enjoy our town and its provenance. Thanks to Roy Ziegler and Edwin Hild for their most astute and entertaining tributes. The major event of the evening was the transition from our past president Benjamin Meadows to our new president Dee Dee Bowman who has already had quite a positive impact on the Society. A talented group of volunteers decorated the mansion for the holidays. It was a treat to watch our mansion transform into a bright and festive holiday treasure in just a few short hours. The honored guests at the Dickens Dinner were all most appreciative of their event and the presentation provided by our volunteers. The mansion was at it's best with the candlelit dinner service.

The Spirited Tea was simply perfect with great food, wonderful sing-along music and camaraderie second to none. The decorations shined and the mansion lit up the neighborhood, sharing our holiday spirit with the entire town. The New Year will find us transitioning to a new website allowing us to communicate more freely with our membership.

I have a personal goal to insure that this website will be the place to go to review our past and prepare for future events. Please look for announcements regarding the website transition and send me feedback as it progresses. We are aiming high with this project and expect a wonderful new source for participating in the Historical Society. We also want to build a volunteer group to assist with tours for the Parry Mansion. We would like to welcome any member who might consider donating time to volunteer as a docent during the spring touring season. Please contact us for details.

## THE ARCHIVES REVEALED

by Wendy Gladston

### **Oliver Randolph Parry's sketchbook shows his artistic side**

The archives are a blind treasure hunt; you never know what you will find. The latest gem is a 6"X 9" cloth covered sketchbook, dated 1893, with the initials "ORP" which stands for Oliver Randolph Parry. At your next tour of The Parry Mansion, stop a little while in the Victorian Library. The large portrait over the sofa is Oliver Randolph Parry, son of Richard Randolph Parry. Oliver was an architect in Philadelphia and New York. He was the father of Margaret Parry Lang, from whom the house was purchased. The sketch, I discovered is, the Coach House at Philadelphia's Bartram's Garden. The building still stands today and is easily recognized from Oliver's sketchbook. Bartram's Garden is the oldest surviving botanic garden in North America. Located on the west bank of the Schuylkill River in Fairmount Park, it covers 46 acres and includes an historic botanical garden and arboretum, (established circa 1728). The garden is near the intersection of 54th Street and Lindbergh Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It's nice to know that history lasts.



**Oliver Parry's sketch drawn in 1893**



**Bartram's Gardens Coach House today**

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Roy Ziegler, Editor

## Seven new members elected to the Historical Society's Board of Directors

The New Hope Historical Society elected seven new members to its board of directors at the **54th annual meeting at Marsha Brown's Restaurant in November.**

John Augenblick, was born and raised in New Hope. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and served in the submarine warfare community. John returned to New Hope after his service as a naval officer and founded Rockwood Wealth Management.



Cecily Laidman is a professional entertainer who has been singing professionally since she was fourteen years old. She operates her own arts consulting firm. Her solid roots in the arts were inspired by her father, artist, Hugh Laidman. Cecily has an extensive background in sales, marketing and public relations, and is currently Executive Director of Cadbury at Home, a home program for seniors.

Tom Martin is an independent antiques dealer and past president of the Lambertville Chamber of Commerce where he is a member of the board of directors. He is also Estates Director for Rago Arts and Auction. Prior to that he had owned an antique business in Long Island.



Joe Cummins is a graduate of The Restaurant School in Philadelphia and has worked with top professionals in the food industry such as David Duthie, Jim Coleman and Emeril Lagasse. He is the owner of Helping Hand Concierge of Bucks County providing a variety of personal care services including dinner parties and exquisite dinners.



Claire Donohue completed a career with Rohm & Haas, and then served as Director of Volunteers for the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She now heads Grant-ed, a company that assists non-profit organizations to obtain funding. She and her husband Jack are active in numerous non-profit organizations in the Bucks County area.

Pearl Mintzer was a principal for twenty-seven years in L & M Marketing in New York City, a specialty design corporation that provided innovative products and packaging expertise for the cosmetics industry. She has a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, and she designs and produces custom jewelry for various fundraising efforts.



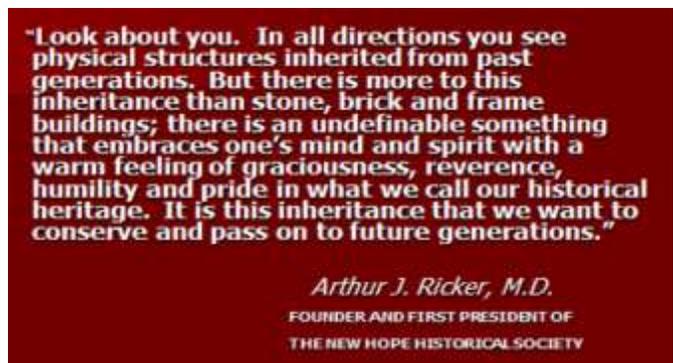
Gayle Goodman, a Certified Public Accountant, is an international entrepreneurship consultant advising start-up businesses on strategy, planning, management and communication skills and financial control. She has recently served as president of the board of directors of the Bucks County Women's Fund.



"Look about you. In all directions you see physical structures inherited from past generations. But there is more to this inheritance than stone, brick and frame buildings; there is an undefinable something that embraces one's mind and spirit with a warm feeling of graciousness, reverence, humility and pride in what we call our historical heritage. It is this inheritance that we want to conserve and pass on to future generations."



Arthur J. Ricker, M.D.  
FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT OF  
THE NEW HOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



# Many thanks to our generous contributors to the Historical Society's 2012 Annual Giving

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Thanks to the generosity of our contributors the New Hope Historical Society has raised \$12,010 through the Annual Giving Campaign as of January 15, 2013.

## A Message from the President



Dee Dee Bowman

It's an exciting time to be a part of the New Hope Historical Society! We have a dynamic, creative Board ready, willing and able to take on an extensive agenda of events, projects and programs. In addition we have enthusiastic and generous members who consistently share their time, treasure and talent to help ensure the success of our ventures.

Together, we can continue to keep the New Hope Historical Society vital and relevant. In the next few months, we will be building a new website where our many activities will be highlighted, and volunteer opportunities will be listed making it easier for you to participate. There truly is something for everyone, from addressing envelopes or pouring tea, to soliciting sponsorships or chairing an event.

We are grateful for every effort. I am confident that 2013 will be one of our best years ever, and look forward to serving as President.

## Dickens Dinner was an elegant evening at Parry's old mansion

On December 1, the New Hope Historical Society presented a Dickens Dinner at Parry's Mansion on South Main Street in New Hope. No doubt Parry's Quaker family never experienced the level of elegance and haute cuisine that was served on Oliver Parry's Paris china that evening. New Hope residents and Historical Society members, Robert Facchina and Susan Lauyer had won the dinner for twelve at the Society's Garden Party auction last June, with their bid of \$5,000. Chef Thom Smyth's sumptuous preparations would certainly have been the envy of old Mr. Fezziwig, himself. Before dinner, the guests enjoyed a Victorian buffet including green gazpacho, artisanal gravlax, assorted olives, cauliflower Milanese, zucchini parmigiano, caramelized endive with Serrano ham,



black trumpet mushrooms, Sicilian eggplant caponata, caramelized fennel, broccoli rabe with garlic and oil, grilled asparagus, roasted red beets, cipollini onions and pepperonata rustica. Sommelier, Bryce Sanders, served Veuve Cliquot, a brilliantly matched libation.

Bryce Sanders generously contributed several fine wines from his private collection for the dinner.



Robert Facchina and Susan Lauyer, fifth and six from the left, in the second row, hosted ten of their friends

Dinner began with Foie Gras accompanied by Oloroso Sherry, then Port marinated pheasant stuffed with duck liver pate, served with a 1983 Grand Cru Bordeaux; grilled lobster with epazote and roast red pepper and green rice served with Louis Latour Meursault 2009; then salt and spice beer-marinated braised beef back ribs with Nantes carrot slaw and potato pave beautifully paired with Corton, Clos Des Meix, Grand Cru, 1993, Comie Senard Burgundy. then Stilton cheese with Warres late bottled vintage 2001. Guests were escorted to the Victorian porch by Society president, Dee Dee Bowman, where they enjoyed a perfect Grand Marnier Soufflé, coffee and brandy, and the traditional Christmas log. Society board members, Edwin Hild, Cecily Laidman, Jeanne Robinson and Roy Ziegler, Executive Director, Deborah Lang and members, Jo and Dave Kemble, Henry Miller, Paul and Donna King Trenchard donned Victorian garb to serve the guests. Board member, Richard Gacek, provided chauffeur services. Chef Thom Smyth was assisted in the kitchen by Society members, Ophelia Hurst and Charles Tarr.

# Expanded venue enhanced our holiday celebrations at the Parry Mansion

The growing popularity of the New Hope Historical Society’s annual Holiday “Spirited” Tea event has continued to pack the rooms of the elegant Parry Mansion in New Hope over the past few years.

“We have had such a tremendous community response to our holiday party, and more than a hundred and seventy-five people have jammed into the Parry Mansion sometimes making it difficult to raise the tea cup,” chided Dee Dee Bowman,

newly elected president of the Society. “But now, thanks to the generosity our loyal members, Robert Facchina and Susan Lauyer, we have been able to provide ample space for our members and guests this year,” she added.

Facchina and Lauyer donated funds to enable the Historical Society to rent a temporary enclosure for the back porch of the Parry Mansion. Brillman’s had graciously provided a discount for the rental.



## Annual Speaker Series will include tour of historic home

The annual Speaker Series will be presented on April 8, 15, 22 and 29 at five o'clock in the afternoon. All of the lectures will be held at the Parry Mansion except for the tour of the Robert Spencer house at *Willow Brook Hill* on April 15. The home, on River Road just north of New Hope is now owned by Richard Gacek, Historical Society board member, who will present the lecture and tour. Artist, Robert Spencer and Margaret Fulton Spencer lived in the house from 1906 to 1931. Spencer studied with New Hope Impressionist painter, Daniel Garber whose home was located on Cutalossa Road, a few miles north.



The Robert Spencer house located on River Road

### SPEAKER SERIES SCHEDULE FOR 2013

**Monday, April 8 at 5 PM at the Parry Mansion:**

**A Colorful Conversation with Rowland Barcer and Dee Dee Bowman** will focus on New Hope and her residents during the "wild 1970's."

**Monday, April 15 at 5 PM at 2481 River Road:**

**An Evening with Robert Spencer**

**Monday, April 22 at 5 PM at the Parry Mansion:**

**Program to be announced shortly**

**Monday, April 29 at 5 PM at the Parry Mansion:**

**Preserving the Parry Mansion**

Andy deGruchy of deGruchy Masonry Restoration will discuss preserving historic buildings with a focus on his recent restoration work on the Parry Mansion.



Benjamin Parry 1757- 1839

## NEW CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR BENJAMIN PARRY DAY

The Historical Society will expand its celebration of Benjamin Parry Day this year to include the general public. Free tours of the Parry Mansion will be conducted from 1 PM to 5 PM on Sunday **March 3** and the video about Parry's life and times will be shown every half hour during the afternoon. The Society has asked the Borough of New Hope to proclaim March 3 Benjamin Parry Day. A special walking tour of New Hope will be conducted that will show the variety of business enterprises that Parry had founded and operated from his beginning in New Hope in 1782 until his retirement from his business around 1837. Please join us for this occasion and

bring your friends. Benjamin Parry was born on March 1, 1757 in what is now Upper Moreland Township, PA.



## Spotlight on New Member Benefits

### 12 REASONS WHY YOUR FRIENDS SHOULD JOIN:

You belong. You are reading this newsletter. Your friends see photos in the *Herald* after our events.

*How can you make the case why they should join?*

## HERE'S WHAT YOU GET!

**The Holiday “Spirited” Tea**—Seeing is believing! New Hope’s most anticipated holiday party has featured Bob Egan at the piano and a crowd of rambling Santas. **FREE!**

**New Hope History Day**—Show your children life before Facebook! Local students suit up in Colonial garb and demonstrate how people lived over 200 years ago. **FREE!**

**Be nosy**—Take the Garden Tour!—The Society’s signature event. Visit several private gardens usually closed to the public. Walk and talk with fellow gardeners and see what’s hidden behind the walls of those hidden properties!

**Celebrate Benjamin Parry Day**—“**The Father of New Hope**” New Hope’s most famous citizen! Stop by for a tour of Parry’s home and a walking tour of the town. **FREE!**

**Live the English Country House experience!** Enjoy discounted off-season rentals at **Stouts Hall**, a 27 acre estate in the Cotswolds. Enjoy the countryside and quaint pubs!

**Impress your friends!**—Enjoy the fireworks from the lawn of the Parry Mansion with your own picnic. The crowds wander, but you stretch and relax! **FREE!**

**Exercise your right to know!**—Attend the April Speaker Series featuring a variety of intriguing features and speakers. The room gets packed! Arrive early! **FREE!**

**Party like it’s 1969!**—The Moth Ball with its 1940’s, ’50’s and ’60’s theme was first held in 2011 and people are still talking about it! What will the 2013 theme be?

**Get to know your neighbors!**—The Society’s members are local residents who enjoy meeting people. Events draw large crowds! *Meet the people who make New Hope special!*

**There is life beyond the Historical Society!**—Enjoy reciprocal visiting privileges at other Societies from coast to coast! A great benefit the next time you travel! **FREE!**

**Eat, Drink and Save!**—Enjoy mid-week discounts at local restaurants! **FREE!**

**When exclusivity meant Privacy!**—Enjoy dining and drinking privileges at the **Montauk Club**—a private club founded in Park Slope, Brooklyn in 1888. A great place to show your membership card and stop for a drink while in New York! **FREE ADMISSION!**

## Historical Society forms group to produce documentary to mark the 200th anniversary of the New Hope-Lambertville

Group seeks images, photographs, postcards, documents and films depicting New Hope and Lambertville over the past 200 years

On September 13, 1814 the first vehicle traveled across the New Hope-Lambertville Bridge signaling a revolution in the development of the New Hope and Lambertville communities. New Hope entrepreneur, Benjamin Parry, led a group of local businessmen from both sides of the Delaware River to obtain a license from the government of Pennsylvania to form the bridge company. His business partner, Samuel Ingham, later, Treasurer of the United States, facilitated the approval and construction on the span commenced in 1812.



The New Hope-Lambertville Bridge as it appeared in the mid-19th century after it had been rebuilt for the first time following the tragic flood of 1841.

To help commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bridge, the New Hope Historical Society has formed a working group from the New Hope and Lambertville communities who have begun assembling photographs, drawings, documents and films that will become part of a documentary film to be produced by Delaware Valley Video and funded by the New Hope Historical Society.

Dee Dee Bowman, president of the New Hope Historical Society, was excited as she discussed the plans for the documentary. **“We have received grants from the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau and from the Wells Fargo National Bank to help cover some of the cost of producing this important documentary, and we are seeking additional funds for this project,”** noted Mrs. Bowman. **Historical Society board**

member, and past president, Roy Ziegler, has been selected to head the working group that includes John Blady, Claire Donohue, Hugh Marshall and Jeanne Robinson from the New Hope Historical Society; Fred Eisinger, Suzanne Gitomer and Jeff McVey from the Lambertville Historical Society; John Rees from the Solebury Historical Society, Joseph F. Donnelly from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission; Frank Cosner, Sr. from New Hope Eagle Fire Company; Jim Ludovici and Albert Troglia from the Lambertville-New Hope Winter Festival, and Robert Heath, Sr., a descendant of the Robert Heath, the original settler of what is now New Hope. Kim Henning Bjorheim and John Weber of the Delaware Valley Video will be producing the documentary.

**“We’ve had several meetings over the past six months that have helped us draft an outline for the documentary film,”** said Mr. Ziegler. **“We have begun to assemble a wide variety of images and documents to help us tell this magnificent story, and we are asking the public to contact us if they have any photos or documents to contribute. I think this will be a story that will have national interest because it foreshadowed so many, many other similar developments that took place across our young nation,”** he added.

If you have any photographs, images, documents or films that include scenes, buildings and people in New Hope and Lambertville communities over the past two hundred years, the Historical Society asks that you contact them at [newhopehs@verizon.net](mailto:newhopehs@verizon.net) or contact Roy Ziegler at 215-862-0883. A member of the working group will contact you for further discussion and to review your material.

Donations for the bridge documentary may be sent to the New Hope Historical Society (Bridge Documentary) at P.O. Box 41, New Hope, PA 18938.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 3 from 1 PM to 5 PM — Benjamin Parry Day
- Mondays in April at 5 PM—Speaker Series
- May 25 from 1 to 4 PM— New Hope History Day
- June 1 from 10 AM to 4 PM Annual Garden Tour

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*Save the date, Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.*

*Purchase your tickets before May 1 and save \$2 on each ticket. Or purchase ahead for the general admission price of \$30.*

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