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PHMC Marker Dedication

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission and the Jefferson County Historical Society will be conducting a Pennsylvania Historical Marker dedication ceremony on Monday, June 15, 2009 to commemorate Brookville's Pioneer Aviator, Lewis Earle Sandt (1888-1913).

Lewis Earle Sandt grew up in Brookville where he rode a motorcycle and had the first car in town. He was about twenty when he and his brother Walter moved to Erie and opened the Star Garage, a bicycle repair shop. He learned to fly, bought a plane and participated in many early aviation endeavors and activities. On February 20, 1912, Sandt became the first United States citizen to fly an international flight when he flew from Erie to Long Point, Canada, then returned and crash-landed about 10 miles from North East on the ice covered lake. During an exhibition flight over Grove City on June 12, 1913, Sandt's plane crashed into a field. He was taken to the hospital and subsequently died 10 days later from lock Jaw (tetanus).



Please join us for the dedication ceremony at 11 am at the location of the former Sandt home at 42 South Pickering Street, Brookville, Pennsylvania. Light refreshments will be served at the Jefferson County History Center immediately after the ceremony



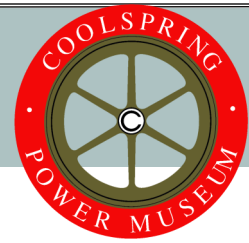
Dawn Williams, Alpha Delta Kappa Treasurer, recently presented a check to the Society as part of their 2009 Altruism Project

History Center Seeking Artists

The Jefferson County History Center is currently seeking a request for proposal from area artists interested in creating an exterior wall mural of approximately 350 square feet. The panel will depict life-size silhouettes of people that correspond with the eight sections represented in the upcoming *Living on the Land* exhibit which chronicles the people of Jefferson County from the time of the Native Americans to today.

Artists wishing to submit a project proposal bid can obtain specific information by contacting the History Center at (814) 849-0077 or by Emailing jchc@windstream.net

Events and Happenings



Events Calendar

June

Fri. June 5, 6:30 pm
Bowdish model RR show

Thu. June 11, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Mon. June 15, 11 am
Historical Marker Dedication
42 South Pickering Street,
Brookville

Wed- Sun, June 18 - 21
Laurel Festival Activates
Schedule—See Page 7

July

Fri. July 3, 6:30 pm
Bowdish Model RR Show

Thu. July 9, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

August

Fri. Aug. 7, 6:30 pm
Bowdish Model RR Show

Thu. Aug. 13, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Sat. Aug. 15, 10 am-4 pm
JCHC Members Day at the
Coolspring Power Museum

Sat. Aug. 22, 9 am-4 pm
Antique Rifle and Indian
Artifacts Show
Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Summer Event for Members and Guests

Our 2009 summer membership activity is scheduled from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 15th, at the Coolspring Power Museum which is located just off of Route 36 midway between Brookville and Punxsutawney at 179 Coolspring Road in Coolspring.

Please join us for this great opportunity to get together with other members and friends to spend a day enjoying part of Jefferson County History. Activities will include guided tours and historical interpretation of this extensive museum full of running antique engines and a special catered picnic lunch served at noon.

The Coolspring Power Museum contains the largest collection of historically significant, early stationary gas engines in the country. With the exception of a few items in the collection that were driven by the engines, such as compressors, pumps, and generators, and a few steam and hot air engines shown for comparison purposes, the collection contains only stationary internal combustion engines.

Tickets are \$15.00 each for adults over 12 years old while children age 6 - 12 are \$10 each. Tickets include parking, admission and lunch and can be obtained or reserved by mail or by contacting the History Center at (814) 849-0077 or Email jchc@windstream.net



Bill Crain recently completed his project of new custom built cabinetry for the Living on the Land Learning Center



Volunteers have begun the Scripture Rocks mapping project. Teams will be working at various sites on one scheduled weekend each month. New volunteers are welcome, for more information, please contact Ken at the History Center

Contact Changes

Please note our general
email address has been
changed to

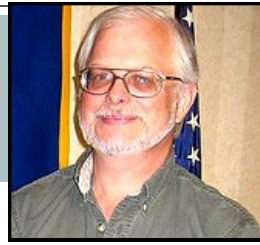
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Mark you calendars NOW
JCHC Annual Dinner Meeting

Friday evening October 9, 2009 (More info next newsletter)

Notes From the Director

Ken Burkett



JCHC Board of Directors

- Diana Farley - 2010
President
- Ed Kaufman - 2009
Vice President
- Judith Brady - 2009
Treasurer
- Kathy Smith - 2009
Secretary
- Jon Noonan - 2009
- Dorrie Altman - 2010
- Joni Kerr - 2010
- Paul Sorek - 2010
- Dick Beck - 2011
- Bill Crain - 2011
- Melanie Darrin—2011
- Mark McKinney—2011

It's hard to believe that a full year has passed since coming onboard as Director of the JCHC. The increase in staff which permitted a division of tasks between Carole and me has permitted many projects to be both completed and undertaken. Personally, I often wonder how she was able to accomplish so much before me, as we are both now busier than ever.

Among our many goals for the summer include the completion of and preparations for the grand opening of the "Living on the Land" exhibit this fall, and completion of a major building maintenance project partially funded by a grant from America's Treasurers. These repairs and additions include repair of the front second story windows, repainting of the front entrance door and front facade, repair work to the basement steps and floor supports, installation of 2 interior handicap stairlifts (one to each floor) and the addition of safety railings around the rear patio and brick walkway.

Our other important goal is to invite member participation in the JCHC. We have had a wonderful membership response to our many events and activities over the past year and I hope that everyone will try to attend our summer event at the Coolspring Power Museum and each of the upcoming quarterly activities only open to JCHC members and their guests. Our hope is that each current member will help bring a new member into the Society this year. This is your organization and the board and staff certainly want to do our utmost to facilitate and fulfill your expectations of how we can best protect the county history as well as provide programs and activities meaningful exhibits and educational resources to all of our patrons no matter what their age and historical interest.

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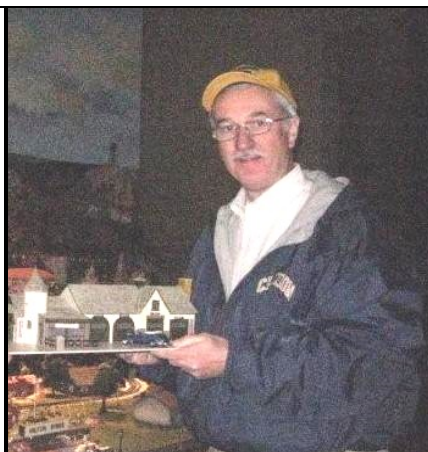
VOLUNTEERS

- Joyce McCullough
- Jack Burkett
- Vickie Storey
- Harry Neuhard
- Herman Eisenga
- Art Schreckengost
- Ray Hannold
- Bill McCracken
- Jo Schreckengost
- Sandy Simchak
- Quinton Boroj

Victorian Christmas Vendors

During the upcoming Victorian Christmas events, the History Center will sponsor an Antiques, Collectibles and Unique Gifts sale at the Brookville YMCA on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

We are currently seeking individuals and organizations that are interested in renting table space for this event. Vendors will be juried by the JCHC in order to insure a varied selection of quality items. If you would like to set up a table at this event, please contact Theresa at the History Center for more information.



Ken Wise of Steelton, PA recently completed and donated a model of the Sandt Service Station on Main Street, Brookville, which will be added to the Bowdish Model Railroad layout.

Will the person who loaned the JCHC a number of German medals from WWII for the exhibit, *When Johnny Came Marching Home*, please contact Carole

Exhibits

Current Exhibits

Living on the Land

Visitors may view completed sections and watch as we work section by section towards full completion in the Fall of 2009!

Then and Now

Knapp/Clapie Photography
Second Floor, Small Gallery

Welcome to the Seat of Jefferson County

Landing Exhibit

The Lincoln Document

Second Floor, Small Gallery

Our New Parlor Furnishings

Second Floor, Ada Edelblute
Pearsall Parlor

Richardsville in Miniature

Skylight Room

Antique Purses

Skylight Room

Bowditch Miniature Railroad

Frazier Sawmill Excavation

Grand Hall

Shirley VanAtta Watercolors

Grand Hall

Nora Brady Crazy Quilt

Grand Hall

Check us out on the
Web at:

[www.orgsites.com/
jeffersoncohistsoc](http://www.orgsites.com/jeffersoncohistsoc)

History Center Planning for Richardsville Community Days

Representatives from the Richardsville area met at the History Center recently to plan two community days for their area. Executive director Ken Burkett announced that the Pennsylvania Humanities Council had granted the Center's request for funding to underwrite the project that will culminate in exhibit panels for the Richardsville Diorama built by Bill McCracken which portrays the community as it appeared in 1878. In order for us to interpret change over time, we now need to do some oral histories and scan historical photographs that relate to the towns changing history.

The first Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, beginning at 2:00 pm at the Richardsville Community Center. Volunteers will be on hand to lead oral histories about what people remember and others will be available to scan images of the community, both from the past and current.

Dr. Fern Willits, Penn State University, will serve as consultant for this project that is funded by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' We the People Initiative on American History.

People who wish to be part of this project as oral historians, photograph scanners, or persons with Richardsville memories and stories to tell should contact the History Center.



Richardsville Diorama

Student Historic Preservation Workshop



Students from Triangle Tech, Dubois, spent a morning in Brookville recently learning about historic preservation. Curator Carole Briggs explained the preservation of the Nathan Green Edelblute Building and its adaptation as the new Jefferson County History Center prior to their Main Street tour where Means & Lauf Super Drug owner Dave Smith described his efforts to build a new building that fits into the late 19th century architecture. Finally, clerk of the works John Hegburg guided the group through the Jefferson County Courthouse where major preservation and adaptations are underway.

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Exhibit Items Needed

We are still looking for the loan of the following toys for the exhibit *No Batteries Required*: Ant Farm, Nerf ball, Yo-Yo, Koosh ball, Parcheesi, Pictionary, Tinker Toys, Lego, Silly Putty, Mr. Potato Head, Play-doh, Razor scooter, tricycle, Viewmaster, Etch-A-Sketch, model airplanes and/or kit, Beanie Baby, Barbi Doll, GI Joe, and BB guns

We are also seeking for early mining (1880-1910), office objects (1900-1920), railroad items and objects typical of a camp in the 1950s and 1960s for the Living on the Land exhibit.

Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs, Curator



Changes

When the historical society began in 1967, members and friends began to donate objects, photographs, and documents that would help interpret the lives of the people here. By 1971, the board had purchased the building on Jefferson Street. They fancied up the parlor to look like a 19th century parlor, installed the old school board directors' table in the library, and then the rooms and nooks and crannies became home to the things of our collective history.

Somewhere along the line several Clarion students typed 3"x 5" cards describing some of the holdings. There was no accession book. There was no computer database.

When this curator arrived in 1989, the basement was stacked with newspapers. The closets were filled with old account books. Exhibit cases that had been donated were crammed full. In one we discovered the wooden hands to the old courthouse clock that Arthur Altman had retrieved from the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania!

That year, Green Thumb worker Sally Waite and I literally laid out everything on the floors of the second floor and began to catalog what the collections contained. At the same time, the board decided we needed more room, and a bequest from Margaret Johnson made possible the building of the Margaret Johnson Archives Building. We purchased shelving and organized them to hold the artifacts or objects, manuscripts, and records that continued to accumulate.

Through a Link-to-Learn grant we purchased our first computer and developed a catalog system. Later we learned about PastPerfect Museum software, purchased it, and re-entered what had been done first on 3x5" cards, and then entered into our first computer.

Today we use the latest edition of PastPerfect and are refining our collections policy. Obviously, we cannot collect everything! Here are the steps we take:

- A. When a potential donor phones, Emails, or brings in a potential donation, the first question asked is "How does it relate to our county's history?"
- B. If it does, temporary accession information is recorded, including whether the donor would like it returned or whether the board may decide what to do with it. The potential donor and the curator receive copies.
- C. At the next board meeting, the curator recommends whether the potential donation should be added to the collection, returned to the donor, transferred to another museum, used for education purposes, or sold in the shop or at auction.

Following the board meeting, the curator does the appropriate paper work as instructed by the board: mailing Deeds of Gift to be signed by the donor if the item is accessioned or phoning the donor that the item should be picked up.

Sometimes potential donors do not want to be bothered with the official Deed of Gift. In that instance, we suggest they use Anonymous, but provide us with contact information in the event we have questions about the item. This eliminates paperwork for both the potential donor and the curator.

Sometimes we request the loan of items for exhibit purposes. In this instance, a Loan Agreement is signed by both the curator and the loaner. The loanee may be another museum or an individual. Ordinarily, we do not take items on loan unless we have made the request.

Careful record-keeping is a responsibility of any history center. Here at the Jefferson County History Center we continue to improve our system and are grateful for those donors who help us do so. If you have objects to loan or donate, do not go home without the appropriate form!

Gun Show

The 4th Annual Antique Firearms & Indian Artifacts Show opens at 9:00 am on Saturday morning, August 22nd at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, and will run until 4:00 pm.


This 2-building event features antique firearms and accouterments dating prior to and until 1898. It will include a combination of exhibitors and vendors with guns, accessories and items of related interest for both show and sale. Period style modern gun makers and other sutlers will also be present with examples of their related crafts, books and collecting supplies.

In addition to the gun show, the History Center has again teamed with the North Fork Chapter #29, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, which will present an extensive display of prehistoric and historic Native American artifacts. Other activities include flint-knapping demonstrations, artifact identification for the public and an open atlatl competition. An atlatl, for those who aren't familiar with the term, is a spear-throwing device used to propel a spear with much more force than can be generated by arm-throwing alone. The competition will be held in a field adjacent to the exhibit buildings. People new to the Atlatl are also invited to try their hand in a non-competitive learning experience.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL
**ANTIQUE FIREARMS &
 INDIAN ARTIFACTS SHOW**

A JOINT VENTURE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL
 SOCIETY AND THE NORTH FORK CHAPTER #29
 SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY

*Featuring Antique Firearms through 1898,
 as well as prehistoric and historic Indian
 artifacts and an open atlatl competition.
 Vendor & Exhibitor inquiries
 are welcome.*



JUST OFF EXIT 81 ON INTERSTATE 80 IN
 BROOKVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA. SHOW WILL
 BE HELD AT THE JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
AUGUST 22ND, 2009, 9 AM TO 4 PM.

PLEASE CALL 814-849-0077 FOR DIRECTIONS AND ADDITIONAL
 INFORMATION, OR EMAIL JCHC@WINDSTREAM.NET

SUPPORTED IN PART BY THE GREAT OUTDOORS VISITORS BUREAU AS A
 JEFFERSON COUNTY TAX ROOM PROJECT

Nationally-Recognized Gun Maker Recreates Jefferson County History



Mr. Ron Luckenbill, has again been commissioned by the JCHC to create a reproduction of late percussion period rifle built by local gunsmith Abraham Burkett. The original Burkett rifle - which is featured on page 135 in Longrifles of Pennsylvania: Jefferson, Clarion and Elk Counties, Russell Harriger's comprehensive book on regional gunsmiths is a short barrel .36 caliber hunting and target rifle. When Luckenbill created his reproduction of this unique rifle, which features a "Brookville eye" inlay on both the cheek piece and the opposing side wrist, he stayed very close to the original design, but opted for a larger caliber that would make it legal for hunting use. The result is a very accurate reproduction that captures the graceful lines and excellent balance of the original. The reproduction is finished with a beautiful curly maple stock and a .50 caliber barrel. Mr. Luckenbill is an excellent craftsman, and a feature article

about his work appeared in the February Issue of Muzzle Blasts, the monthly publication serving the membership of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association.

In addition to the rifle, which is the Grand Prize in the raffle drawing, the Historical Society will also be giving away four other prizes. Second prize is a handcrafted tomahawk also built by Mr. Luckenbill that features an engraved brass pipe head and an inlaid curly maple shaft. Third prize is a custom muzzleloader's shooting box. Fourth prize is a signed copy of "Longrifles of Pennsylvania: Jefferson, Clarion and Elk Counties." Fifth prize is a Hoppe's Universal Gun Cleaning kit.

To purchase or help sell tickets please see the enclosed flyer.

2009 Laurel Festival Schedule

Wednesday June 17	Noon – 5 pm Dusk (8 pm)	Exhibits Open “MOVING ALONG” Cemetery Torchlight Tour \$5/ person Old Brookville Cemetery, Butler Street Check: www.orgsites.org/pa/jeffersoncohistSOC
Thursday June 18	Noon – 5 pm 6 pm – 8 pm	Exhibits Open (FAMILY FREE DAY FOR EXHIBITS) Visit the History Center as a family. Prizes for families who successfully complete the Family Fun Scavenger Hunt Bowdish Model Railroad Show
Friday June 19	8 am – 5 pm Noon – 5 pm 1 pm – 3 pm 6 pm – 8 pm	Sidewalk Sale Members receive 20% off on all items, except consignments Exhibits Open Bowdish Model Railroad Show Bowdish Model Railroad Show
Saturday June 20	CLOSED FOR PARADE DAY	
Sunday June 21	Noon – 5 pm Noon – 3 pm	Exhibits Open Bill McCracken and the Twyford <i>Free Lemonade on the Patio</i> Bowdish Model Railroad Show

Recent Accessions

Beaver pelt, Barry Burkett, Summerville
 Vise, Jeff Carrier, Brookville
 Twyford Motorcar Research Paper, Ryan Dush, Brookville
 Pennzoil Station Miniature, Ken Wise, Steelton
 Rifle, Jack & Jean Douthit Parker, Brookville
 USAF Uniform, James C. Harding, Huntingdon
 Clothing, Linda Ruffner, Brookville
 Photograph, Bob Henry, Pinecreek Twp
 Cook Forest Research Paper, Jessica DeWitt, Rochester, NY
 Brookville Community Theater memorabilia, Don & Dorrie Altman, Brookville
 Logging photographs, Harold Richards, Kersey
 Literary journals, Adrienne Odasso, England
 Blocks, Becky Yates, Brookville
 Richardsville Account Books, Danny Long, NC
 Hoffman materials, camping & office objects, Bud Siebenrock, FL
 Timber & mining tools, William & Vada McCracken, Warsaw Twp

New Members

Ruth Lewis Witherow
 David Coleman
 Victor Mannerino
 Gene & Beverly Orris
 Louise Burton
 Sandra Stricklin
 Harold Richards
 Wayne Byard
 Robert & Pat Fulton
 Shawn & Joey Baker
 Doug Thayer
 Frank Bloom
 Leland & Judith Ruper
 Romaine Conner
 Jim and Cathy Rakstraw
 Sue Solida
 William Hawthorne
 Richard Virgil
 Shirley Pierce
 Laura & James Miller
 Tim Britton
 Tom Smith
 Dan Medice
 Karen Duster
 Joyce Ann Tregaskes
 Anna Thompson
 Patty Dinger
 Harold Helscel
 Lori Dvorak
 Ann Rorabaugh
 Don Burkett
 Doris Dinger

Membership Reminder Cards

Membership reminder postcards are being mailed on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December) to all members who will expire within the next three months.

A second reminder card is also being mailed during the following quarter to those who have not renewed and have then expired.

Museum Hours

Tuesday through
Saturday
Noon - 5pm

Closed Sundays,
Mondays and holidays

We typically close when
our schools close due
to weather, and urge
you to phone before
traveling any distance

Exhibit Admission Fees

JCHS Members - Free

Non-members

Individual- \$3

Household - \$5

Students - \$1

Genealogy Contracted Research

(2 hr minimum)

Non-members - \$20/hr

Members - \$15/hr

Assisted Research
\$10/hr (after 1st hr)

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• The knowledge that you are contributing towards the preservation of our past

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Individual \$20/12 months Family (Household) \$30/12 months

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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