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## JCHC Announces New Project: ADA Accessible Native Plant & Wildlife Habitat at Scripture Rocks Heritage Park

JCHC has had many requests to provide handicapped access at the Park. Our current priorities at the park are: (1) Developing an ADA accessible trail accommodating handicapped, seniors and others using ambulatory assistance devices or with ambulatory difficulties; (2) Providing an environmental setting accessible to those with special needs, where they can enjoy nature and participate easily in our outdoor environmental educational programs.



SRHP Crew: Phase I. Leveling the ADA area.

Our new project is creating a Native Plant and Wildlife Habitat around an existing small pond near the trailhead, by planting perennial native species to establish an area that attracts beneficial pollinators and pond inhabitants. A "citizen science" program to measure plant growth and changes in wildlife biodiversity over time will complement the project.

In addition to the ADA trail, pending receipt of grants, our project includes installing an ADA bench and ADA outdoor table, identifying signage for plant and wildlife species and interpretive panels on plant ecology and wildlife. A new kiosk will hold information on filling out the data worksheets.

Few other park or nature venues in this area offer ADA accessibility to nature activities with environmental education programs. With this project, special needs visitors unable to utilize the hiking trails of the park will now have access.

We broke ground on June 7th!



Terracing of the pond area begins.

The Jeffersonian is published in Feb., June, October. Submissions welcome. Send to Ken Burkett c/o JCHC.

Mark your Calendar for the JCHC Annual Dinner  
Saturday, October 26, 2019  
More Info in the upcoming Fall JCHC Newsletter

## JCHC In the News

### 2019 Events Calendar

**May 5 - Sept 29**  
**Guided Tours by Apptment**  
**Scripture Rocks Heritage Park**  
**Sundays at 2 pm**

**Saturday, June 1**  
**SRHP Scavenger Hunt**  
**12 - 3 pm**

**Laurel Festival Family Day**  
**Bowdish Model Railroad**  
**Tuesday, June 18**  
**5 - 8 pm**

**Laurel Festival Heritage Day**  
**Victorian Fashion Show**  
**Wednesday, June 19**  
**Opera House Café**  
**6:00 pm**

**Laurel Fest Sale/Manuf. Day**  
**JCHC Sidewalk Sale**  
**Friday, June 21**  
**11 am - 4 pm**

**Sat-Sun August 17-18**  
**JCHC at the Elk Expo**  
**Elk Country Visitor Center**  
**Benezette, PA**  
**All Day**

**Saturday, August 31**  
**Antique Rifles/Indian Artifacts**  
**Jefferson County Fairgrounds**  
**9 am - 4 pm**

**Sunday, September 15**  
**Family Bicycle Poker Run**  
**Brookville Depot St. Spur**  
**12 pm**

**Saturday, October 26**  
**Annual Meeting Dinner**  
**Location TBA**  
**6:30**

**Friday, November 29**  
**Light-Up Night**  
**Bowdish Trains**  
**5 - 9 pm**

**Friday, December 6**  
**Victorian Christmas**  
**Bowdish Trains**  
**5 - 9 pm**

### **New CSU Intern**

Our new summer intern is Victor Stahlman from Sligo, an undergraduate at Clarion State University. Victor is majoring in Anthropology and Computer Science, is in the Honors program and actively participates in the University's music groups. He has traveled to Canada and Europe to areas he just had to see in person. Victor sums up his love of travel by stating "I've had a fascination of the past and other cultures since I was little, and am glad to be able to have this opportunity to study [Native American cultures] on a new level." Victor will assist staff with planning and installing the new Archaeology exhibit, set to open Fall 2019. He also will help with our new project at the Park.



### **New Collections Assistant**

Our intern for the spring, Megan Herbert (see Winter issue) is now working part-time to assist the Collections Committee in organizing our many artifacts in the Brady-Craig Building and Margaret Johnson Archives and adding new donations to our museum software program.

She started with accessioning eight boxes of family histories we received from an unnamed individual in Washington state and is currently processing a cadre of maps we received from Brockway Historical Society, among other donations.

Megan just received her undergraduate degree. Her prior intern position assisting the curator at Drake Well Museum, Titusville gave her the experience needed for the job. She will be on board until fall 2020 when she will begin graduate studies.

### **New Acquisitions**

We recently received a donation of a painted glass panel from the 1869 Courthouse building, which originally had stained glass windows. These were probably removed from the courthouse in the 1927 renovation. The donation was made by Jane Ford of Grove City from the Charles Fitzsimmons property in Corsica. Unfortunately, they are in shards, but we are consulting with a conservationist to repurpose the panel (see page 3). We find in Kate Scott's 1888 History of Jefferson County: "The court-room, which is the second story...well-lighted through beautiful stained glass windows..."

Another significant acquisition donated by Mike McMurray is a 1954 Lionel train, 'O' gauge, which the Bowdish Crew is delighted to add to their train exhibit.

## JCHS Annual Awards Nominations

The JCHS Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the Annual Awards to be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 26, 2019. If you would like to suggest a nomination, please submit it in writing or email Kat Lyons at [klyons-jchc@windstream.net](mailto:klyons-jchc@windstream.net). A complete list of past recipients is available to view on the JCHC website, [jchconline.org](http://jchconline.org).

- ◆ **Arthur Altman Award**— Presented to a **JCHS member** who has contributed significantly in any way to preserving Jefferson County history.
- ◆ **Kate M. Scott Award**—Presented to **Any Person** who has contributed significantly to the preservation of Jefferson County history.

## JCHC Receives Marketing Grants

We applied for and received multiple marketing grants from PA Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau (PAGO) via the Jefferson County Hotel Tax Committee.

These grants help market the History Center, Scripture Rocks Heritage Park and our Antique Rifles & Indian Artifacts Show on Labor Day weekend via assistance with the costs of rack card development and distribution, both locally and regionally.

We thank PAGO, The Hotel Tax Committee and the Jefferson County Commissioners for their approval of this much needed funding.



**Corbin's Stained Glass Studio** in Summer-ville was recently invited to examine the painted glass panel from the old Courthouse. Terri Corbin is shown considering conservation possibilities.



## Invitation for Jeffersonian Journal Articles

Jefferson County Historical Society announces an open invitation to aspiring authors to submit an article on some aspect of Jefferson County history, for publication in JCHS's upcoming annual peer-reviewed *Jeffersonian Journal*. Articles are to be based on primary resources or original analysis of historical or current events, and range up to 4000 words. Articles are to be exclusive to the *Journal* and not previously published.

Guidelines can be found on our website, [jchconline.org](http://jchconline.org), and on the last page of our previous Journals.

Please email your article with any photos to [klyons-jchc@windstream.net](mailto:klyons-jchc@windstream.net). Call with any questions you may have at 814-849-0077.



# Kids' Day at the JCHC

## Knox Keystone Elementary



36 third-graders from Knox Keystone Elementary visited us on February 27th with two of their teachers. The pictures pretty much say it all !



## Clarion Scout Troop #51



This cub scout troop had fun at the History Center on March 30th. The Selfie Station and the Coal Mine are always big attractions!

Line-up at the Whistle Pig Coal Mine

## Kids' Day at the JCHC

### Brookville's Hickory Grove Elementary Runs Rampant Over History Center

Our Education Committee worked with 3rd grade teacher Diane Amsler to coordinate activities for Hickory Grove's Elementary School students. Board members and staff manned the exhibits to answer a multitude of questions.

3rd graders descended upon JCHC as part of their "Brookville Field Day." They certainly did have a field day at the museum! They enjoyed the Bowditch trains, the Stones N' Bones exhibit, especially the Ice Age room where the Woolly Mammoth, Cave Bear, Saber-Tooth Cat, and the Paleo-Indian Hunter all live. Once they got to the Geology exhibit, it was mayhem, as kids love rocks! Also in that room is the Selfie Station and Whistle Pig Coal Mine where they go wild! We also had a hands-on "old technology" room set up for them with 1930s-40s era typewriters, dial phones and "View Master" slide viewers. You can see from the photos that the students were mystified but greatly intrigued.

Bill McCracken was on hand to tell the Twyford story in the 1st floor Parker gallery and Victor (our new intern) manned the Native American exhibit. He said their biggest question was "Is that Indian baby [in the dugout canoe] real?" The Indian village attracted lots of attention.

Their day ended with an old-time silent movie at the Columbia Theatre featuring Buster Keaton, compliments of JCHC.



Typing Class 101A



I see something really interesting in there!



Bill McCracken explaining how the oil rig works to mystified 3rd graders.

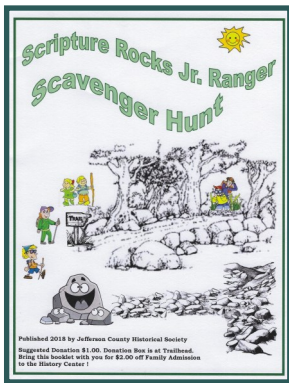
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## Scripture Rocks Heritage Park (SRHP) News

### 2nd Annual Scavenger Hunt



Our 2nd Annual SRHP Scavenger hunt was held June 1st on National Trails Day. Kids (and Adults!) used the Scripture Rocks Jr. Ranger Scavenger Hunt booklet developed by JCHC staff. Everyone had a good time and everyone received a prize, compliments of many local merchants (listed on our website, [scriptuerocks.com](http://scriptuerocks.com))



### Scripture Rock Heritage Park Documentaries

We currently have 3 films in production or newly finished on the life of Douglas Stahlman of SRHP fame, one completed recently in March by 323 Productions out of Pittsburgh (<https://vimeo.com/323pgh/rocks>), one currently in production by Edward Forrest Frank of Reynoldsville, and one being planned by Outdoor Adventures which will be aired on the TV program, "Forgotten America" next spring.



Staging of Stahlman's Shack on Altar Rock

of his life in Indiana. This production is being funded by Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream., which is administered by the Elk County Council of the Arts (ECOTTA) in conjunction with the PA Council on the Arts.

The documentary currently in production (Ed Frank) showcases re-enactors acting out Stahlman's life in the woods around Brookville and also parts



"Douglas Stahlman" re-enactor on Veil-lifting Rock

## Upcoming Events at SRHP



### Friends of SRHP!

Our 1st Friends event is being planned. Stay tuned for future announcements ! (Keep watch on our website, scripturerocks.com, our facebook page, and local media.

Friends brochures with sign-up forms are available at SRHP kiosk and at the History Center. You can also sign

up online at scripturerocks.com. Visit the Park or the Museum and SIGN UP !

**Guided Walking Tours:** Available from May through September for groups of 10+ by prior arrangement. Contact the Jefferson County Historical Society: 814-849-0077. A group donation is expected.

Presentations by Ken Burkett at your organization on the story of Douglas Stahlman and Scripture Rocks Heritage Park are available by request. Donations are highly accepted.

Presentations on other topics at the Park are also available by request including Ecology, Archaeology, Geology, Birds and Wildlife.

## Make a Lasting Legacy

Consider helping to preserve the History of Jefferson County by remembering JCHS in your will. While providing JCHS with a dependable source of income, bequests may qualify you for an estate tax deduction.

The Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) was retained in the recent tax bill. Most taxpayers 70 1/2 and older are required to take a minimum withdrawal annually from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) and must pay income taxes on those amounts. The QCD allows IRA owners to make donations up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a charitable organization, such as the Jefferson County Historical Society, without paying taxes on that distribution.

WHATEVER KIND OF GIFT YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE, YOU CAN BE SURE WE WILL USE IT TOWARD OUR MISSION AND FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE JCHS.



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## Upcoming Events



### JCHC Laurel Festival Events

Family Day, Tuesday, June 18, from 5—8 pm. Come see the Bowditch Trains running down the tracks and through the tunnels, and see the miniature residents of Brookville come to animated life! Admission by donation.



Heritage Day, Wednesday, June 19. JCHC and the Laurel Board presents the Victorian Fashion Show at the Opera House Café, Main St. JCHC is providing the replica costumes to be modeled. Proceeds from the event benefit both JCHC and the Laurel Festival. Tickets \$15 at Opera House Café. Showtime is 6 pm.



We will be participating in the community Sidewalk Sale all day as part of Manufacturing & Sidewalk Sale Day on Friday, June 21st, from 11 am - 4 pm. Toys, games, T-shirts, kids' books, shark's teeth, real fossils !

### Elk Expo

Come on out to the Elk Expo in Benezette at the Elk Country Center. JCHC and North Fork Chapter 29, Society of PA Archaeology, will be setting up booths both days on August 17th and 18th. JCHC will showcase antique guns and artifacts to promote our Labor Day event, the Antique Firearms & Indian Artifacts Show. North Fork Chapter 29 will host the atlatl throw that was insanely popular last year!



### Family Bicycle Poker Run Fundraiser

Gear up for our 1st JCHC Annual Redbank Rails to Trails Bicycle Poker Run !

A new family-friendly event and fundraiser, this bicycle poker run on Redbank Valley Trail is a 9 mile ride from Brookville to Summerville along Redbank Creek. This event will be held Sunday September 15, 2019 from



Registration starts at noon at the Brookville Depot St spur at the gazebo and is \$ 15 for adults and under 18 free. Adults draw a card at 5 locations on the trail with best hand and worst hand at end of the ride winning a prize. Kids participate in other trailside games where they can also win prizes. A BBQ will follow at the end of the trail in Summerville.





**Upcoming Events**

**Antique Firearms & Indian Artifacts Show.**

Bring the family and explore two buildings with over 100 tables featuring exhibitors from across the state. The firearms building emphasizes 19<sup>th</sup> century western Pennsylvania gunsmiths and includes accouterments and modern rifle recreations of both flint and percussion rifles with many for sale. The archaeological building will present some of the finest privately held collections of prehistoric and historic Native American artifacts from this region. Items for display and sale will include flint tools and points, ground stone items, pipes, beadwork and pottery.

Enjoy other events through the day, including special raffles, children's activities, primitive games, flint-knapping demonstrations and the popular atlatl and tomahawk throwing event and competition.



**Model Railroad Schedule**

Laurel Week  
Tuesday, June 18  
5 - 8 pm

Saturday, June 29  
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, July 27  
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, August 31  
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, September 28  
12 - 3 pm

Saturday, October 26  
12 - 3 pm

Friday, November 29  
Light-Up Night  
5 - 8 pm

Friday, December 6  
Victorian Christmas  
5 - 8 pm

Saturday, December 21  
12 - 3 pm

**14 TH ANNUAL  
ANTIQUÉ FIREARMS &  
INDIAN ARTIFACT SHOW**

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 31, 2019  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

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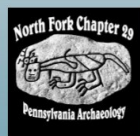
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# Upcoming Events: Antique Firearms & Indian Artifacts Show



## Master Gunsmith

Ron Luckenbill

### Pipe Tomahawk

Pipe tomahawks emerged in the early 1700s and were commonly presented to Native American leaders by 18th-century colonial officials. They were considered prized objects because they could be used to smoke tobacco, a plant of cultural and spiritual significance to Indigenous people.



## Master Potters

Erich & Janice Steinhagen

### Owl Jug

Based on an 18th century Staffordshire original. The removable head can be overturned to become a drinking cup. The body is a pitcher.



## Master Horner

"Wild Willy" Frankfort

### At Trenton with Capt. Hamilton 1776

Few people know how bloodthirsty Hamilton was (yes, that Alexander Hamilton) and that the portrayal of Hamilton as the Grim Reaper is entirely correct. Hamilton was responsible for killing his share of Hessian soldiers in hand to hand combat and as an artilleryman.



# \$10,000 SUPER RAFFLE

Only 250 Tickets  
to be sold  
at \$100 each!

Grand Prize  
**\$10,000**

4 Additional  
**\$500** Prizes

**PLUS**

1 **\$500** Door Prize awarded at meeting!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$100.00 each. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my check, payable to Jefferson County Historical Society. Mail with payment to: JCHS, P.O. Box 51, Brookville, PA 15825. Tickets will be sent by return mail.  
Drawing\* will be held at the JCHS Annual meeting October 26, 2019. Winner need not be present to win\*\*. Credit card orders via telephone only: (814) 849-0077.

\*A minimum of 125 tickets must be sold by October 1, 2019. Otherwise, the raffle will be cancelled and the price of tickets will be refunded to purchasers. \*\*Door prize will be awarded to a winner present at the Annual Meeting on October 26.

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**Museum Hours**  
Tues. - Sat.  
11 AM - 4 PM

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

By Donation  
JCHS Members - Free

Genealogy  
Contracted Research  
\$25 /Hour  
(1 Hour minimum)

In-House Assisted  
Research  
\$25/Hour  
(after 1st 1/2 hour)

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### Our Mission

Our purpose is to engage people of all ages in the history of Jefferson County. We collect and care for relevant objects, images and documents and invite county residents and visitors to research our materials, interact with our exhibits, take part in our programs and read our publications, in order to encourage an understanding of our past and present and afford a vision for the future.