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New Web Site
www.jchconline.org

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S. K. Stevens Award

The Jefferson County Historical Society and the Northfork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology were jointly named as the 2009 recipient of the S. K. Stevens Memorial Award by the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations for the exhibit *Native American Lifeways in Western Pennsylvania*. The Special Achievements award program was held on November 9th at a special ceremony in Columbia, Pa.

In presenting the award PHMC Executive Director Barbara Franco said "Opening in 2007, this exhibit showcased the culture and lifestyles of the first people of western Pennsylvania through evocative presentation, solid archaeological research, and the imaginative exhibition of significant artifacts. The 800-square-foot exhibit was recognized statewide with an award from PFMHO in 2007 and nationally by the American Association of State and Local History in 2008.

The project was an outstanding example of what can be accomplished by a county historical society with a small staff and very modest budget. Exhibit techniques combined the use of visual aids, historical artifacts, innovative presentation of objects, labels produced in-house, and supporting educational materials for teachers and students.

PFMHO honors the special achievements of its members from around the state through its awards program as an opportunity for the field to come together and recognize Pennsylvania's outstanding museum professionals and projects for their excellence and contributions to the field." Included with the award was a \$500 cash prize.

In 2008 the SK Stevens award was earned by the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.



Carole Briggs JCHS Curator, Diana Farley JCHS President, Ed Kaufman Chapter 29 President and Ken Burkett JCHS Executive Director at the PFMHO awards ceremony



Debora Pontzer and Mark Corrigan representing Senator Joe Scarnati presented JCHS President Diana Farley and Northfork Chapter 29 President Ed Kaufman a proclamation by the Senate of Pennsylvania congratulating them for the Native American Lifeways exhibit.



Living On The Land - Opening Day!

Events Calendar

December

Wed. Dec 1, 7 pm
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

Fri. Dec 4, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Bowdish Model Railroad

Sat. Dec 5, 9 am - 4 pm
JCHS Antiques, Collectables
and Unique Gifts show and
Sale Brookville YMCA

Sat. Dec 5, 12 - 3 pm
Bowdish Model Railroad

Thu. Dec. 10, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Sat. Dec 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Bowdish Model Railroad



January

Wed. Jan. 6, 7 pm
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

No Bowdish Model RR Show

Thu. Jan. 7, 6:30 pm
Board of Directors

Fri. Jan. 15, 7 pm
Northfork Chapter 29



February

Wed. Feb. 3, 7 pm
Bowdish Volunteers Meeting

No Bowdish Model RR Show

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

Fri. Feb. 19, 7 pm
Northfork Chapter 29



Events and Happenings

JCHC Annual Giving Campaign

Serving as our honorary Chairpersons for the 2009 Annual Giving Campaign, Bill and Vada McCracken have been long time supporters of the History Center. Over the years they have contributed to the collections a significant number of artifacts including the Twyford Motorcar, many items relating to lumbering and mining and of course Bill's wonderful miniatures which add to the Bowdish Model Railroad where he volunteers on the staff.

It's still not too late to participate in this years Annual Giving Campaign with your tax deductible contribution. Volunteers, contributors, and donors such as the McCrackens and you that make it possible to have, hold and make available the important historical collections of the Jefferson County History Center.

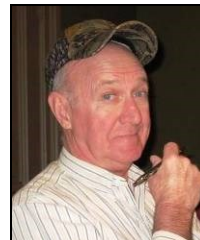


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New Board Members and Officers

James Zimmerman of Emerickville (pictured right) was elected as the newest member of the Board of Directors at the JCHS October Annual Meeting. Also re-elected to the Board were Ed Kaufman, Jon Noonan and Kathy Smith.

The new JCHS officers for 2010 - 2011 are President Ed Kaufman, Vice-President Paul Sorek, Secretary Kathy Smith Secretary and Treasurer Jon Noonan.



2009 Annual JCHC Awards Recipients



Don Altman presents the Arthur Altman Award to Randy Bartley in recognition of his long interest and activities relating to history education including his recent book *Remembering Jefferson County*



Paul Corbin accepts the Kate Scott Award from Ken Burkett on behalf of the Jefferson County Commissioners who were recognized for the restoration and conservation work at the Jef-

JCHC Board of Directors

- Ed Kaufman-2012
President
- Paul Sorek -2010
Vice President
- Jon Noonan -2012
Treasurer
- Kathy Smith -2012
Secretary
- Dorrie Altman -2010
- Diana Farley -2010
- Joni Kerr -2010
- Dick Beck -2011
- Bill Crain -2011
- Melanie Darrin -2011
- Mark McKinney -2011
- Jim Zimmerman -2012

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- Harry Neuhard
- Herman Eisenga
- Art Schreckengost
- Ray Hannold
- Bill McCracken
- Jo Schreckengost
- Sandy Simchak
- Quinton Boroi
- Wilma Gilstrap
- Roger Fye
- Jackie Fetzers

DECEMBER EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORY CENTER

- ***Living On the Land*** is now open to the public and includes sections titled Out of the Mist, the Settlers' Lot, Clear-cuts & Conservation, Working the Fields, Moving About, Buried Treasure, Business & Industry, and Into the Woods
- ***Then & Now: Photographs of Frederick E. Knapp and Wrayanne Clapie*** Features 100 early and modern comparison photographs of Brookville. This exhibit will close after the holidays.
- ***No Batteries Required: Toys*** Bring the kids and grandkids and take time to play a game when you visit this one.
- ***Ada Edelblute Pearsall Parlor*** You will be transported back in time when you step into this room of more than a century ago
- ***History in a Hobby*** Ruth Clarke's collection of mesh and beaded handbags twinkles like Christmas ornaments and closes after the holidays
- ***Frasier Blacksmith Shop Excavation at Clear Creek*** Imagine what these rusty objects must have looked like when the blacksmith at Frasier finished making them
- ***Welcome to the Seat of Jefferson County*** View this exhibit, then visit the newly preserved Jefferson County Court house.
- ***Watercolors of Shirley VanAtta*** Arranged chronologically, the Indian portraits of Seneca Indian Shirley VanAtta shows the story of some of our Native Americans.
- ***Cancer Quilt*** The Awesome Angels raised \$14,000 by selling names for this large and beautiful quilt designed by quilter Carol Kenemuth.
- ***Charles Albert Bowdish: An Old-fashioned Feller*** The story of the creative genius behind the Miniature Railroad & Village™ at the Carnegie Science Center
- ***Bowdish Model Railroad Exhibit*** There's always something new on the layout - see if you can discover what our Bowdish Volunteers have created in 2009!
- **And in our show windows**

Logging

Agriculture

Bowdish Model Railroad

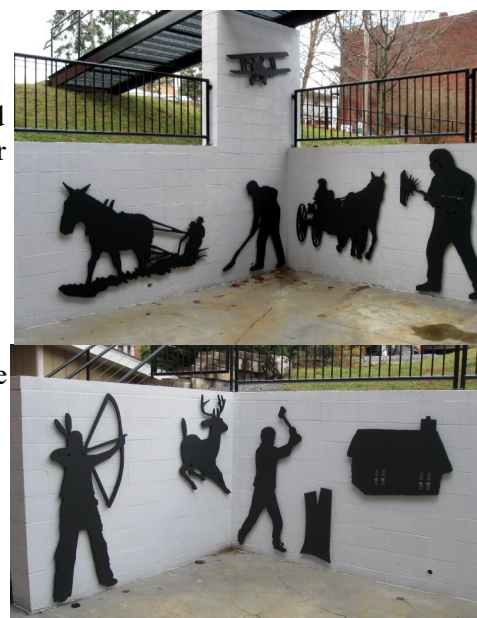


Patio Completed

Safety fencing and a gate were recently installed around the patio at the rear of the History Center by Dan and Don Heitzenrather from Albion Machine in Punxsutawney.

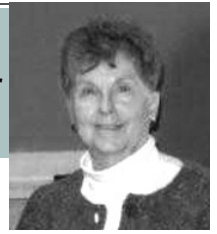
After the walls were painted, John Briggs used his CNC machine to cut out 10 silhouettes that represent people and objects from the various section themes through time of the Living on the Land Exhibit that were then mounted on the walls.

The patio is used as an open air area for educational programs and more formal receptions.



Curator's Corner

Carole A. Briggs, Curator



Have you been enchanted by the little beaded and mesh bags displayed in a second floor exhibit case this fall? These sparkling little jewels that Ruth Clarke has collected through the years have delighted many of our visitors, young and old.

Our *History in a Hobby* exhibits have proven interesting to a wide variety of the folks who came to the old museum building on Jefferson Street and now to the new History Center on Main Street. Children especially enjoyed Jane Hetrick's collection of Snow White memorabilia. Others have enjoyed Deena Greenberg's postcards, Emma Wingert's toy cannons, and Richard Merz's model plane.

Some things, like Ruth's little purses, are simply beautiful to behold. We could have hung them in the case with her name and people would have enjoyed them. Instead we chose to hang them in two groups and added a bit of text explaining the difference between them. These case exhibits are interesting and low-cost for us as well. Just what goes into creating them?

First, we chat with folks to learn about interesting hobbies or collections they themselves have or that they may know about. In Ruth's case, we were present at an event where she'd displayed some of her collection. In another, a researcher mentioned a collection of pencils and provided Pauline Shaffer's Summerville phone number.

Next, we talk about how the objects might be exhibited. And how much information or "storyline" is needed to make it interesting. In other words, what do we think people would want to know? Working with Pauline, we learned her collection had started when she was ill in the 1930s. When people visited they wanted to bring a gift. Money was scarce because the Great Depression was affecting almost everyone, so her visitors took to bringing her a special pencil—perhaps from a place they'd visited or from a store or one promoting an event or politician. Pauline's pencils filled a case and convinced us that there is a lot of history in a hobby.

We enjoy working with folks to discover together the history in their hobby or collection and we hope some of our readers will Email us or pick up the phone and let us know they want to take a more active role in our exhibit process. For Ruth, it meant spending a morning with me arranging and rearranging her beautiful pieces. For me, it meant learning about beaded and mesh bags. For our visitors, we hope it has meant a pleasurable time standing before a twinkling exhibit case.



Debra Ponzter (right) presenting a citation for the LOL exhibit from Congressional Representative Glenn Thompson to Ken Burkett and Carole



Carole Briggs, Instructor Laura Stanton Ken Burkett and Judy Brady at a recent program on collections care led by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts

WANTED

Even though *Living on the Land* is open to the public, there are a few objects we have yet to find: a perk coffee pot (not electric), aluminum glasses, BB gun, old traps, an old wire wastebasket and beer bottles typical of brands consumed during the 1950s (how about a Duke?)

Jefferson County Historical Society, Inc	
Statement of Revenue, Expense & Changes in Net Assets	
Period Ending December 31, 2008	
Revenue	
Contributions	\$20,091
Exhibit-Specific Contributions	62,145
Grants	63,422
Fees Earned	3,517
Events and Exhibits	13,255
Dues	6,645
Museum Sales	7,921
Interest	4,347
Total Revenue	\$181,343
Expenses	
Accounting/Legal	\$1,892
Advertising	781
Depreciation	22,700
Exhibit & Event	19,718
Insurance	2,210
Maintenance/Equipment/Custodial	17,159
Museum Shop Costs	4,408
Operating Expense	5,723
Payroll Taxes	1,445
Postage	1,189
Supplies	634
Utilities	10,090
Wages	17,947
Total Expenses	\$105,896
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$75,447
Retained Earnings 12-31-07	\$709,111
Earnings Year Ending 12-31-08	\$75,447
Sales Tax Liability	\$100
Retained Earnings 12-31-08	\$784,658

Annual Report from the Treasurer

For 2008 the Society had a net income of more than \$75,000 as we prepared for the *Living on the Land* exhibit now under construction and scheduled to open next month. Total assets at year-end 2008 were \$784,657 with almost 80% held in buildings, improvements and capitalized exhibits.

Total income included about \$63,000 in grants and \$62,000 for *Living on the Land* matching donations. The Annual Giving Campaign netted the organization over \$18,000 and the remainder of income was monies collected through memberships, research, shop sales, admission and event fees, contributions, memorials and rentals.

Major expenses for 2008 (beyond normal operations) included the additional salary for a paid executive director; work performed on the Brady-Craig and Johnson Archives buildings, including exterior painting, porch repair and security alarm system installation; new computers/software and a new photocopier; and exhibit work.

We met our three major goals for 2008: improving technology, hiring an executive director and raising matching money for the *Living on the Land* exhibit. Our 2009 board goals include designing, constructing and opening the *LOL* exhibit, initiating quarterly membership activities, using *Save America's Treasures* grant money to complete Edelblute building repairs, and reviewing/improving our financial position and board planning processes.

Judy Brady, Treasurer

New Publication

In 2006 the *Brookville Mirror* and *County Neighbors* newspapers invited us to write monthly columns. Our readers tell us they find these pieces interesting, so we have collected three years of columns into the first of three upcoming booklets about the people, places, and events of Jefferson County. You've read their stories month by month. Now three years worth are available in one book.

The People of Jefferson County by Carole A. Briggs

Available now in the JCHC Gift Shop - \$10.00

Recent Acquisitions

WWI Book, William & Dorothy Briggs, OH
 Aerial photograph Brookville 1950, R. C. Stewart, TX
 Black Coat 1960s, Gloria Wolfgang, Summerville
 Photographs and Ephemera, Barbara Brinkley, DuBois
 Cookbooks, Robert & Jane Hetrick, Brookville
 Wedding Gown 1949, Barb Receski, Brookville
 Mining books, William & Vada McCracken, Warsaw Twp
 Photographs, Kenneth Burkett, Fairmount City
 Digital Images, Bob and Dan Mohny, Brookville
 Cottle Photo Album, Randon Bartley, Brookville
 Gas Drilling Equipment, Henry Plyler, FL
 Grandfather Clock 1914, Dona Dick, Brookville
 Photograph, April Crance-Miller, Brookville
 Crate Opener, Robert Rigg, Cooksburg
 Grass Seeder, Susan Haugh Moore, Washington Twp
 Broadside, Edwin Thompson, FL
 Turkey Calls, James L. Smith, Summerville
 Spittoon, Flour Sifter, Don & Dorrie Altman, Brookville

New Members

Phyllis Gray
 Joe Burkett
 Nancy Hardy
 Mable Cassatt
 Cynthia Knoblock
 Jim Zimmerman
 William & Nancy Carrier
 Amy Lombardo
 Joan Logan

Looking for a Special
 Christmas Gift ?
 Consider a Membership
 with the Jefferson County
 Historical Society

Birthdays or reunion coming up? Check with members of Brookville High School's Class of 1959. They had a great time at a reception at the History Center as part of their 50th reunion.

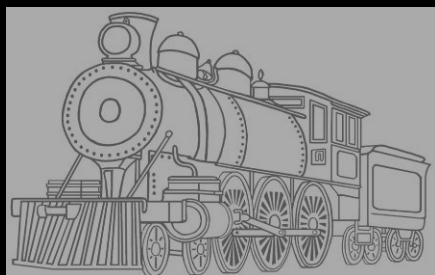
Phone 849-0077 to learn more about our programs and facilities

Antiques, Collectibles and Unique Gifts Show and Sale

The Jefferson County Historical Society will be sponsoring an **Antiques, Collectibles & Unique Gifts Show and Sale** during Brookville's Victorian Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Brookville YMCA..

Come to Brookville and make a Day of it by also stopping at the History Center gift shop for Christmas needs, visiting the new Living on the Land exhibit and taking in the Bowdish Model Railroad show.

There are many holiday activities and shopping benefits in town that day to be enjoyed by the entire family so - make plans to visit us now.



Bowdish Model Railroad TRAIN SCHEDULE

Friday, December 4th 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, December 5th 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Friday, December 18th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

No Shows in January or February

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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JCHS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Opportunities to meet others interested in Jefferson County history • Unlimited use of the research facilities • Free admission to exhibits • Voting privileges at the annual meeting • Four issues of *The Jeffersonian* • History Center Shop Discount Days • Reduced admission to special events
• 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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