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ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS DINNER

JCHS held its Annual Meeting, Dinner & Awards presentation on October 8, 2022 at the Pinecrest Country Club, Roseville.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to E.M. "Jack" and Jean Parker in recognition of their exceptional service and significant contributions to the success of JCHS over many, many years. Mrs. Parker accepted the award, presented by Traci Zents, President and Kat Lyons, Operations for both herself and Jack Parker, Jr. who passed away in March of 2018. This is the 2nd year this award has been given. The Parkers were here for extensive remodeling of the historic Edelblute-Pearsall building into the History Center beginning 2001 through the Grand Opening in March 2004. The 1st floor "Living on the Land" Gallery was established by Jack and Jean in honor of Jack's parents, E.M. Parker Sr., and Genevieve (Fish) Parker. The pair went on to donate many artifacts and documents, chaired the Annual Giving Campaign in the past, and funded the Scripture Rocks Pavilion, dedicated summer 2017. A member since 2004, Jean became a Life Member in 2010. Their combined philanthropy continues.



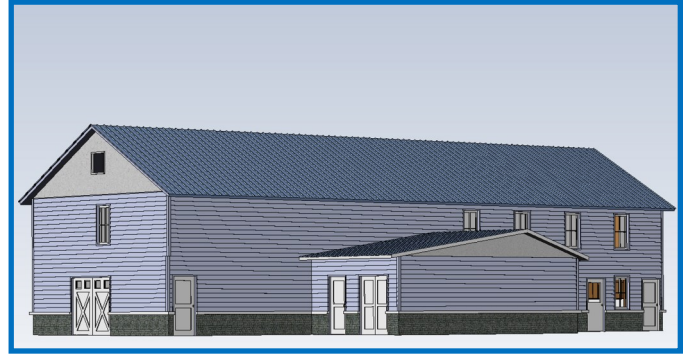
The Arthur Altman Award was presented to Art and Jo Schrecongost, in recognition of their service to the JCHS Board and operation of the Bowdish Model RR & Miniatures Diorama. They have been volunteering on the Bowdish Crew since 2005 and became JCHS members in 2011. Art runs the trains using an iPad and explains to kids how he manages to run 3 trains at once and speed them up or slow them down. Jo passes out the Bowdish brochure and encourages kids to look for the list of animated people and creatures in the exhibit and find past and present miniature buildings. Every January, they take down the trains and track, clean them all, and make any needed repairs to the animations. *Continued on Page 3...*

JCHC In the News

NEW ARCHIVES FACILITY UPDATE

The siding is going up and should be completed by December, plus the new office on the 1st floor for Staff and researchers. We project those wanting to access the 1st floor to conduct research will be able to do so by late December 2022-early January 2023

Approximately one third of our entire archives and collections have been moved at this point from the Brady-Craig House and Margaret Johnson Archives building on Jefferson Street to the New Archives Facility. We will be moving the rest by Spring 2023.



Thank You to All in the Community, County and Out of State for your Help!

**To Donate, Go To jchconline.org
Or please send your check to
JCHC, P.O. Box 51, Brookville, PA 15825**

MARTIN STEPHAN ART EXHIBIT: LAST CHANCE



Martin's Blue Jean Elephant

Martin's unique art is unlike anything you've ever seen, and will have you in awe. He views his subjects in a different way than you or I. Martin uses many natural materials to create his artwork, painstakingly using teeny wild cherry pits or bamboo sticks cut into 1/4 inch pieces. He affixes these on a pre-sketched canvas and paints over them. He even uses blue jean threads!

Martin plans to be here on Light-Up Night, Nov 25th, 5-8 PM, to tell you about his art process and amazing creations!



**THROUGH DEC 31ST 2022
DON'T MISS IT!**

ANNUAL GIVING UPDATE REMINDER

Our annual giving campaign runs through December 31st. To receive a tax deduction, send your checks in before that date!

ANNUAL MEETING, DINNER & AWARDS



They switch out buildings and people to give the exhibit a new look. Art is a confirmed train enthusiast and travels every year to a model train event in Lancaster County. If it wasn't for them (and fellow crew member Bill McCracken) we wouldn't still have the Bowditch Model RR & Miniatures Diorama Show!

The Kate M. Scott Award was presented to Dale Luthringer by Kat Lyons for his continuing contribution educating the public on the history of Cook Forest and Clear Creek State Parks of Jefferson County. Dale is the DCNR Environmental Education Specialist at both Parks since 1996.

He is no stranger to JCHC. In 2010, he led a guided walking tour of Cook Forest's Old Growth Forest Cathedral for a JCHS Summer Membership Day and became a JCHS member.

Dale can also tell you anything you want to know about the wildlife of these two parks and

where to spot them, from eagles to otters, from fish to waterfowl. His research and educational programming includes remnants of 1800s mill races, grist mills, sawmills, and tanneries along the Clarion River. If you go on his canoe/kayak floats, you will learn a lot of history! Dale is also one of our presenters for the 4th grade visit to Scripture Rocks Park each May, leading the tour on forest trees, past lumbering, current conservation practices, and park birds.



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ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS DINNER

New this year, the Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Wayne Kocher, a former Board Member and member since 2011. Wayne has been instrumental in building bookcases that we need for several donated collections in our JCHC Research Library and for our voluminous County Record Archives at the new Archives Facility. He donates his labor while JCHC covers materials.



Wayne also helps to move heavy artifacts and equipment when we need help, like moving the Pittsburgh & Shawmut (P&S) Steam Engine #200 Bell (no easy feat at 800 lbs!) from the Gold Eagle Inn to JCHC.

Wayne is also one of the main contributors to the P&S RR exhibit, as he had many artifacts and photos, being a Kocher family 3rd generation prior employee of the P&S early on. Unfortunately, Wayne could not be present for his award. We thank him for his continuing contributions.

The Program: SFC Army Retired Steve Appleby, Curator, Education & Programs Eldred WWII Museum, McKean County

After a wonderful dinner catered by Bo Lockwood of Red River Roadhouse of Clarion, a brief meeting and the awards presentations, the program for the evening commenced. SFC Army Retired Steve Appleby, Curator, Education & Programs at the Eldred WWII Museum, McKean County presented "The Greatest Generation: Teaching Youth about WWII." Steve is a prolific speaker and had the dinner crowd transfixed. A few older members who went through WWII were greatly moved – Bill McCracken spoke of his experiences at the end of Steve's presentation. Steve covered more recent wars as well—the Gulf War, Korea and Vietnam. He made it clear how these wars affected all of us – from the men and women in service at the time to the wives and families left behind here in the states. Several audience members were present who had served in these wars appreciated Steve's recognition of their service.

His presentation was accentuated by the many artifacts of war that he brought with him, from canteens to weaponry. He gave examples of how he responds to youth who feign no interest, with stories that put them in awe. A very moving presentation by a deeply committed man, we are proud to have him at our meeting and will bring him back in the future.

To arrange a Special Tour or Program of the History Center, Call us at 814-849-0077 or email kburkett-jchc@windstream.net or klyons-jchc@windstream.net. Don't forget to check our website. jchconline.org and [facebook/jchconline](https://facebook.com/jchconline) for updates. Also find us on Instagram.com/jchconline.

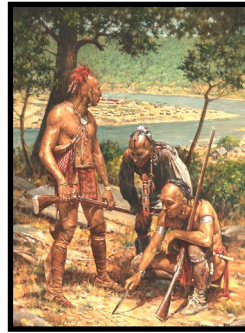
RECAP of SEPTEMBER EVENTS

16TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE RIFLES & INDIAN ARTIFACTS SHOW

SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2022: Another successful well-attended show! 25 Gun Vendors and 14 Indian Artifact Exhibitors set up, plus flint-knappers John Cornman and John Bohsan who kept all the kids entertained. Of course, North Fork Chapter 29, who we share this event with, set up the ever-popular Atlatl Throw and drew quite a crowd.



There was a feeding frenzy over the Griffing print. Bob Mikolaus of Cabot PA and the Butler SPA Chapter won the Griffing print. Dennis Polluck of Callensburg, SPA Chapter #29 won the Door Prize, a history book, "The Civil War in Pennsylvania."



4th ANNUAL FAMILY BICYCLE RIDE, POKER RUN & PICNIC

Another great sunny day! 65 adult bicyclists and 24 kids participated in this ever-growing event on Sunday, September 18th. This event includes a picnic and prizes, and this year an Ebike raffle. Congratulations to Hansel Lucas of Performance Kayak, Knoxville, who won the Ebike. Hansel's family participates in kayak to bicycle races to cross country runs, so it's fitting that he won. Even better, the Ebike is for his mom! Guess it runs in the family...

A big thank you to Doug Hess of Donut Bandit Bikes & Boards (formerly located in Brookville), for providing us with his shop demo Beaumont Rev "Retrospec" Ebike. This was a popular raffle, drawing

ticket buyers from several counties away. We even had a lady bicyclist from Florida who purchased Ebike tickets!

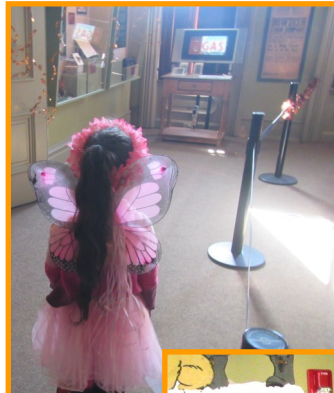
We award prizes in 4 age categories for the kids, as well as 2 prizes for best and worst hand in the Adult Poker Run. The women riders ruled the Poker Run! Linda Schiel of Punxsutawney won Best Poker Hand and Toni Henry of East Brady won Worst Poker Hand.

Kids Winners: We had one 'Tots rider,' Jacob Solada, age 3, who scored 31 points, so he was the winner! (In bicycle buggy, right). Others were: Haylee Fiscus of Brookville and Cora Stroup of New Bethlehem; Megan White of Brookville and Christopher Pasekoff of New Bethlehem. Richard Elliott of Brockport and Clara Coulson of Clarion.



RECAP of OCTOBER EVENTS

BOWDISH HALLOWEEN



Fairies & Goblins, Devils & Pirates and One Little Historian by the name of George Washington!



RECAP of OCTOBER EVENTS

MOONLITE DRIVE-IN THEATRE Our local Drive-In presented a night of zombies and ghouls as a benefit for JCHC. This 1968 epic film was the first modern zombie film that set off the horror genre. The

film follows 7 people trapped in a rural farmhouse in western PA (sound familiar?), who are under assault by cannibalistic Zombies (ghouls who won't stay dead). Initially, the film industry and viewers were in shock.

However, a little bit of history: In 1999, the film was deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress and preserved in the National Film Registry. In 2013, JCHC brought a screening of this film to Brookville at the Columbia Theatre, complete with screenwriter John Russo and producer Russ Streiner in person, along with a "Best Zombie" contest.



GEORGE A. ROMERO'S

NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

A PITTSBURGH 1968 HORRIFIC MOVIE EXPERIENCE !

STRANGERS STRANDED IN A WESTERN PA FARMHOUSE EATEN BY CANNIBALISTIC ZOMBIES THEY WON'T STAY DEAD !

Moonlite Drive In
Thursday OCT 20 6:30PM
Rte 322 West, Brookville

Admission by Donation benefits Jefferson County History Center

EERIE TALES: Eerie Tales returned this Halloween with six stories by Randy Bartley. Actors were volunteers and members of Brookville Community Theatre and the Clarion Players. "The Test" told of Victorian methods of testing a corpse. Without the widespread use of embalming, crude methods were used to test if the deceased was truly deceased. The undertaker was certainly surprised by the undead corpse.!

The story of the missing "Boy in the Box" found in a wooden chest in a barn overhead is still an unresolved mystery that remains unsolved.

In "Ghostbusters," two mischievous girls "borrowed" their father's ghost hunting equipment but found out ghost busting wasn't as easy as it looked.

At the Columbia Theater, "The Eternal Aria" act told the mysterious tale of the deceased singer, Miss Anastasia.

A little "skullduggery" was afoot by a famous French surgeon planning to do a bit of trepanning on a patient (drilling into the skull). The surgeon tried to start the operation a bit early on his patient but she was saved just in time by the local doctor.

The finale was the saga of Earle Sandt, Brookville's first pilot, whose fatal crash at the age of 25 was retold at the History Center by Eric Armstrong.

Thanks to McKinney-d'Arcy Funeral Home, Castle d'Arcy, the Jefferson County History Center, the Columbia Theatre and the Brookville Chamber of Commerce for the use of their facilities. Eerie Tales will return in 2023.

Brookville's
EERIE TALES


Tour with the Jefferson County History Center Guides and hear mysterious and spooky tales about some of the little known strange legends in our town.

Saturday, October 29, 2022
6:00 pm

Meet at Jefferson County History Center
\$10 per person
(Limited Tickets Available at the event)

Advance Tickets
Jefferson County History Center
(814) 849-0077 or jchc@online.org

Brookville Chamber office at 278 Main Street



JCHC NOVEMBER Current & Upcoming Events

ESCAPE ROOM. "HIDDEN TREASURE"

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS OCTOBER–NOVEMBER
OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

**ADMISSION: \$20 ADULTS / \$10 STUDENTS.
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. CALL JCHC AT 814-849-0077**

JCHS Brady-Craig Building, 232 Jefferson St., Brookville. The JCHC Escape Room Event is BACK after a hiatus of 2 years! This event will be at the historic Brady-Craig House, the oldest house in Brookville still standing (circa 1840), and holds the record for creakiness and creepiness. Dare to experience the 1-hour puzzle-filled "Hidden Treasure" Escape Room, based on a true story:

'An old miser from days gone by has recently passed on and his valuable "Treasure" is yours if you can find it and make your escape out of the room within an hour. Years of ill-gotten gains from deceived victims have lined the pockets of this notorious figure from Brookville's past!'

This year's brand new brain-rattling Escape Room has hourly sessions with start times of 6:30PM, 7:45 PM, 9:00 PM and 10:15 PM. Other days and times available upon request. This event is suitable for groups of 2-6 people, age 14-Adult. Under 14 must be accompanied by a parent.

Hidden Treasure Escape Room

Fraturdays and Saturdays
October 14 - 29
Hourly between 6:30 - 10:15 pm
Other days/times available
Groups of 2 - 6
Adults - \$20
Students - \$10

New Location
232 Jefferson Street
Brookville, PA

Advance Reservations Required
Contact the Jefferson County History Center
(814) 849-0077 or online at jchconline.org

VETERAN'S DAY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11TH—SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY

**FREE ADMISSION
TO VETERANS
OF ALL WARS**

**AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY
NO DONATION REQUIRED**

**FRIDAY NOV 11TH
11 AM — 4:00 PM**

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
HISTORY CENTER**

THANK YOU VETERANS !

*Navy
Honoring All
Armed
Services
the Men and Women
Who Have Selflessly
Served Our Country
Army
Coast Guard*

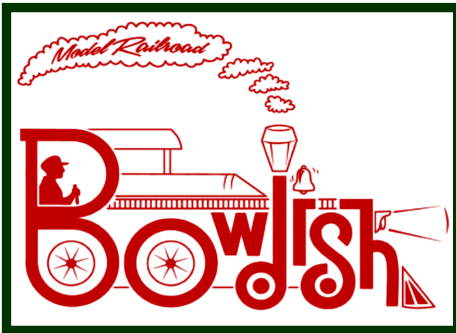
Veterans Day

JCHC is offering Veterans and their immediate families a free day at the History Center—NO DONATION REQUIRED. The Brookville Area School District is once again honoring Veterans with a parade this year and asks businesses to participate via decorations or other support. The parade starts at Memorial Park and continues to Main St and then up the hill to the schools.

JCHC looks forward to hosting our Veterans from throughout the county.

JCHC NOVEMBER—DECEMBER Upcoming Events

LIGHT-UP NIGHT Friday November 25th BOWDISH CHRISTMAS SHOW



The enchanting Bowdish Model RR & Miniatures Christmas Show will once again take you back to yesteryear with all the nostalgia of Christmases past. The Bowdish Crew will also have the kids' favorite, Tommy Train and the Ice Skaters, on display. Bring the kids and have a good time, letting the kid in you come through! There will be candy for the Kids !
5PM—8 PM at JCHC



Train approaching the Hilton Diner.

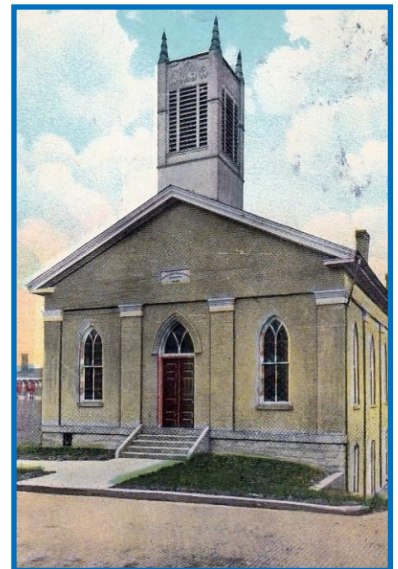


Tommy Train Santa Claus Express

2nd Annual Holiday Historic Church Tour Saturday afternoon Dec 10 from 1-4 PM.

The Holiday Historic Church Tour is a walking tour of our downtown historic churches. We hope to coordinate brief remarks by the Church pastors, Christmas carols and highlight architecture, organs and Christmas decorations. The downtown churches are all within walking distance of each other and the others just a short drive away. As with last year, the tour will proceed every half hour to the next venue and people can join in or depart the tour at any time throughout the afternoon.

- 1:00 PM Presbyterian Church - Main St
- 1:30 PM First United Methodist - Jefferson St
- 2:00 PM Grace Lutheran - Franklin
- 2:30 PM First Baptist - Main St
- 3:00 PM Holy Trinity Episcopal - Pickering
- 3:30 PM Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Graham Ave
- 4:00 PM Evangelical United Methodist - White St



*1856 Methodist Church at
Jefferson St. & Diamond
Alley*

SRHP In the News

JCHS Scripture Rocks Heritage Park News

The Rockin It Guided Tours were a complete success this year. Our guides hosted up to 30 at a time who came to hear the Douglas Stahlman story.

The Pollinator-Pond Habitat is effectively complete this year except for some groundcovers we will be adding this late fall, pending weather, or early spring. Ken and Kat attended Centre County Historical Society's fall low cost plant sale late September to purchase some native herbaceous plants we didn't already have. Director and friend Mary Sorenson told us of free trees at a Boalsburg native plant arboretum, sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Foundation. We obtained Flowering Dogwood, Elderberry, Serviceberry, Spicebush and Button Bush, a total of 8 shrubs and trees which are now planted around the pond.



Above: Ken Burkett leading the first tour of the year in May. Below: Larry Anthony leading a tour in June.



Pollinator-Pond Habitat in Full Bloom, July 2022



We are seeking donations to help keep up the maintenance of the Park and pay for amenities such as Porta-Potty and security lighting. We receive no local, state or federal funding for this privately owned park. We rely on YOUR donations. WE ARE IN NEED OF A RIDING MOWER—DONATION OR LOW COST.

**Checks designating the funds to be used for "SRHP" can be mailed to:
JCHC, P.O. Box 51, Brookville, PA 15825**

WE ALSO WELCOME VOLUNTEERS !!!

Check out the Park at scripturerocks.com.

To arrange a Special Tour or Program of the Park, Call us at the History Center 814-849-0077 or email kburkett-jhc@windstream.net or klyons-jhc@windstream.net. Don't forget to check our website. jchconline.org and [facebook/jchconline](https://facebook.com/jchconline) for updates. Also find us on Instagram.com/jchconline.

Events Calendar

Bowdish Model RR

Board of Directors & Staff

2022 Events Calendar

JCHS Annual Dinner & Awards
Saturday, October 8
6:00 PM
Pinecrest Country Club

JCHC Escape Room
October—November
Fridays & Saturdays
6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15
Brady-Criag House
232 Jefferson St., Brookville

Light-Up Night
Friday, November 25
Bowdish Model RR
5PM—8PM

December TBA

2023 Events

SAVE THE DATE!
Bowdish Birthday Bash
&
New Exhibits Opening
Saturday, February 25

Model RR & Animated
Miniatures Show

2022 FALL

Saturday, September 24
Noon—3PM

Saturday, October 29
Noon—3PM

Light-Up Night
Friday November 25
5PM—8PM

December
Bowdish Christmas TBA

2023 Events

January
Bowdish Closed

SAVE THE DATE!
Bowdish Birthday Bash
Saturday, February 25

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http://jchconline.org
and scripturerocks.com

Museum Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday
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.

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UPDATES**

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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Annual Membership Application**

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

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Brookville, PA 15825

Credit cards by phone or at jchconline.org

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.