

History Day for Leadership Centre County

By Lee Stout

Suppose you were going to train a group of eager potential leaders for our community organizations – would teaching them the history of the county be the first subject you would cover? In the case of Leadership Centre County (LCC), it is.

Centre County is blessed with numerous non-profit organizations dedicated to the greater good of our communities. But these groups are constantly challenged to find people who are willing to serve in leadership roles and do the work these groups seek to accomplish.

LCC has, for more than twenty-five years, been dedicated to recruiting and training civic leaders who can step into organizations that interest them and boost their contributions to the community. Each year, a “class” of up to 40 individuals is selected to take up the challenge of learning about the county and its needs.

For ten months, the class meets for a day every month for presentations and meetings with community experts in health and human services, governance, the economy, the environment, education, and the arts. But the first program they take part in is History Day. Over the years, classes have toured historic sites such as Curtin Village, the Rowland Theatre in Philipsburg, or the Boal Mansion. They have visited museums in Aaronsburg, the Centre Furnace Mansion, and Snow Shoe’s Lions David House Heritage Museum.

Interspersed with the site visits, they hear talks providing an overview of Centre County history and explore specialized topics such as Native Americans in Centre County and the nineteenth century iron industry. The LCC History Day Committee, consisting of historians, librarians, educators, and interested alumni of LCC, plans and leads these programs every year.

But to return to our initial question, why start the year-long program with history, or even include it at all? Couldn’t you step into a leadership position in one of these organizations without a background in county history? If you just want to solve a problem immediately confront-

ing you – perhaps a needed facility upgrade or a complex fundraising effort, then yes, knowing the history might not be immediately necessary. But realistically, it is hard to solve a problem if you do not understand where the problem

came from; in other words, you need to know something about your organization’s past.

Of course, that discrete organization does not exist in a vacuum. There is a broader historical context to discover. To help our community organizations achieve their missions and goals, LCC provides a background in the history of Centre County.

There are an infinite number of topics the class could examine, but they only have a day to work with. In the past, they started at 8 a.m. and finished at 5 p.m. But in these pandemic times, social distancing and other precautions require us to change our methods.

Instead of in-person presentations, we have created video lectures and tours, and we have given class members a list of sites to visit, learn about, and create their own short videos to share with their classmates.

While we explore historic places in the county, we encourage the class to consider fundamental questions. When did the Native Americans first appear in what’s now Centre County and what happened to them? Who were the various European peoples who came here and how do their cultures persist? What was the nature of the land and resources in the various parts of Centre County and how did it influence our economy for both agriculture and industry from the start of European settlement?

Manufacturing was a major factor in nineteenth-century Centre County; how has it changed along with the rise of the commercial and service sectors of the economy? Why is Penn State located in Centre County and how has its growth influenced the development of the county? When we look ahead for the twenty-first century, what changes can we foresee? What do we want to promote and what is worth preserving? What do we want our county to become?



Leadership Centre County History Day 2016 at the Centre Furnace Mansion with CCHS Docent Steve Gentry presenting.

About the Centre County Historical Society

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Public tours at the Centre Furnace Mansion are currently being delayed until further notice due to waterline and related landscape and walkway repairs. We are also continuing to monitor the local status of COVID-19.

The gardens and grounds remain open for strolling, but we ask that you use caution with repairs underway. CDC health protocols for wearing masks, hand sanitation and maintaining physical distancing apply.

CCHS Office Hours:
 MON-FRI, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Research at the Centre Furnace Mansion:
 Research requests can often be handled remotely by email. Special arrangements for on-site research may be made by email or calling the office. For additional information, staff may be reached by calling 814-234-4779 or by emailing info@centrecountyhistory.org.

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Founded in 1904, the Centre County Historical Society, the County's official historical society, is an educational organization that promotes appreciation and research of Centre County's historic and natural resources through its properties, collections, programs, publications, and advocacy.

A community and volunteer-based organization, the Society is headquartered in the Centre Furnace Mansion, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This site includes the restored and furnished ironmaster's home, furnace stack, and landscaped grounds and gardens. Centre Furnace was home to the earliest 18th century industry - charcoal iron making. In the 19th century Centre Furnace played an important role in the beginnings of Penn State University. The Society also owns and operates the nearby Boogersburg one-room school.

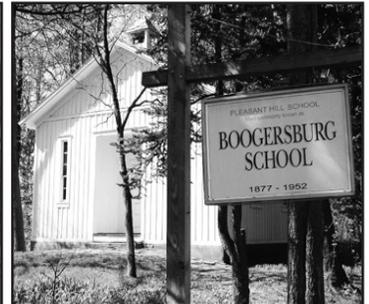
The Centre County Historical Society depends on financial contributions that help support our free public programs and educational opportunities for children, and provide necessary funds for the maintenance and operation of the Society's facilities and collections. Your membership and generosity are sincerely appreciated. Donations may be made at <https://centrecounty-historical-society.square.site/> or by simply sending in the form on the back of this newsletter.

Society members and others in the community are also invited to support these activities by contributing to the Centre County Historical Society Endowment Fund, managed by Centre Foundation at CentreFoundation.org.

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President's Corner



State College's First High Rise

My original intention in writing this was to focus on this new wave of high rises that has infiltrated State College in the past few years. My starting point was the first high rise in town - the Glennland building. My memory of that building changed my story.

If you went to Penn State in the 1960's and were a male you had to pass a swimming test. I flunked and had to take a swimming class. The only suitable pool was in the Glennland building at the corner of Pugh and Beaver. As a freshman, and required to live on campus, the Glennland building might have been my first visit to downtown.

I recall going in a side door off of Pugh Street, on to a landing then down a few steps then to the right. Ahead was the pool area which was covered with an endless number of small tiles. It seemed strange that such a building would have hidden this impressive indoor pool.

Actually it was, and is, an interesting building. It was built in 1933 and the tallest building in State College until 1973 when the first wave of high rises occurred. It was also the first building in town to have an elevator. The building was a joint project between Grover Glenn, physician, and O.W. Houts who decided to build "Pennsylvania's largest and most beautiful indoor pool". The building also had 40 apartments. In 1946, the building was sold to two prominent Centre County legends, Henry S. Elder and R. Paul Campbell. WMAJ's studio was a tenant for nine years. And local aviator pioneer Sherm Lutz, lived in the Glennland building from 1933 until his death in 1998.

By coincidence, Sherm was the focus of our recently closed CCHS exhibition: *Up, Up and Away, Sherm Lutz and the State College Air Depot* in our Ice House exhibit building.

Other notable tenants in the 1940s were women's Phys. Ed. Director Marie Haidt, campus librarian Katherine Stokes, chemical engineering head Merrill Fenske, and English professor and tennis coach Theodore Roethke, who would later become a nationally-known poet.

My connection with the Glennland building did not end in my freshman year as I took another, more advanced, swimming class in the fall of 1963. Upon leaving the building after class and approaching the landing just inside the Pugh Street door, another student came through the door. I paused as the landing was narrow in order to let him get by. He looked at me and said "The President's been shot." It was Friday, November 22, 1963.

With thanks to Lee Stout for his additions.

~Bob Hazelton



The Glennland Building



The Glennland Building swimming pool

Activity Calendar

History Talks will be held online on the Zoom meeting platform for now unless noted below. Please watch you email for program updates and more information and links for the program.

Online Holiday Market

Online through December 16 with order pickup through December 19.

First Night Turns 25

Virtual talk by Rick Bryant

Sunday, December 13, 2:00 p.m.

CCHS & Central PA Civil War Round Table joint program for Tuesday, December 15 has been cancelled.

CCHS Office & Mansion Closed

December 24 - January 3

32nd Annual John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards

Sunday January 31, 2021, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Pennsylvania: The Cradle of Cable Television

Virtual talk by Patrick Parsons

Sunday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrehistory.org or 814-234-4779 with any questions concerning about how to access virtual programming

Director's Message

Being Thankful

According to a recent survey by the American Alliance of Museums, one third of U.S. museums expect to lose over 40 percent of their annual operating income this year. The same percent anticipate reduction in staff. And one third of respondents felt their organization may not survive 2021.

This is troubling news for the cultural sector, to be sure. Yet, as this audience knows, those who work in, advocate for, and support museums and historic sites are an optimistic and imaginative crew whose passion and dedication to preserving collections, maintaining historic treasures, and telling the stories of our past are resolute.

To say that we are grateful for all of your support during this unforgettable year would be an understatement.

In the coming weeks and months at the Historical Society, we will be working on making progress scheduling virtual programs, completing exhibitions and collections initiatives. We are getting back to the CENTRED AT HOME project to collect Centre County COVID-19 related photographs and captions, for our digital archive (page 8.)

We also look forward to the John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards in January as we reflect on the great work being done throughout Centre County to preserve the county's rich history and historic sites.

We are excited to be moving steadily forward with plans to replace the Centre Furnace Mansion's roof and restore its porches. More information to come in the next newsletter.

If you have tried accessing our CentreHistory.org website, you may have realized that our old site is down. We are working hard to transfer all of its best content to our new site. See page 5.

We all recognize that the past year has been a challenging time for everyone, but especially those who have lost loved ones or those working on the front lines of this pandemic with its resurgence now so close to home. It is easy to lament the daily activities that take longer and are clumsier to accomplish during this time. But as I adjust my mask and swipe everything clean with disinfectant, I take a deep masked breath and remember with gratitude and concern all those who have been and continue to be impacted in their daily lives.

Wishing you and yours peace, good health and many joys this holiday season.

Mary Sorensen

Upcoming Programs and Events

Virtual presentations are held on the Zoom meeting platform and last for about 45 minutes. There will be an opportunity to ask questions afterward.

These programs are free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated. The program has a limit of 100 registrants, but it will be recorded and made available on the CCHS YouTube channel. Please contact Mary Sorensen at 814-234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org if you have any questions. Current CCHS members will receive advance notification of program link by email. Please confirm your email if you are not receiving CCHS email updates by contacting Johanna at jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org.

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Sunday, December 13, 2:00 p.m.

Who remembers getting your photo taken next to an ice sculpture, or jettisoning down the ice slide at Central Parklet [or wanting to!], or ringing in the New Year to good music during First Night in State College? Even though First Night's in-person activities are cancelled this year, Rick Bryant, executive director of the Central PA Festival of the Arts, will take us on a retrospective of First Night's first 25 years.

Pennsylvania: The Cradle of Cable Television

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Sunday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.

The state's mountains and hills blocked television signals from reaching many towns, frustrating viewers. Starting in the 1940s, local entrepreneurs put up television antennas on the highest points in a community and ran cable lines into the town, thus providing reliable service for the first time. Dr. Patrick Parsons, Professor of Telecommunications at Penn State and author of *Blue Skies: A History of Cable Television*, will discuss the beginnings of the first community antenna systems in the Keystone State, an important chapter in broadcasting history.

Programs to See Again

If you missed any of our fall virtual programs, they have been recorded and are held on the CCHS YouTube channel. Many thanks to Rebecca Inlow for her presentation on *The Rowland Story*, Tom Berner for his presentation on *We Had Ink in our Blood*, co-edited by Terry Nau, and Lee Stout for *Football in the Fall: 130 Years of Penn State Fan Experiences*. Books by these authors are available in our online museum store. Search YouTube for Centre County Historical Society to see past programs.

John H. Ziegler Historic Preservation Awards of CCHS

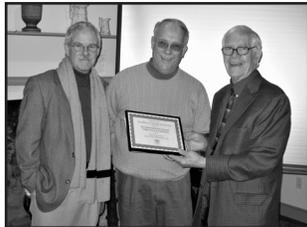
Presented virtually Sunday, January 31, 3:00 p.m.

As CCHS fall activities continued to multiply and grow over the years, we made a decision last winter to move the timing of the Historic Preservation Awards ceremony to January. Little did we know how fortuitous a decision that would be! The extra time has allowed us to give this special program tradition the attention it deserves.

We have a strong lineup of Award Nominees for the 32nd annual John H. Zeigler Historic Preservation Awards ceremony that embody the vitality of historic preservation and “doing history” in Centre County:

- Education and Advocacy - Matt Maris, Local Historia blog and walking tours
- Preservation and Restoration - Bellefonte Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Restoration, Centre County Commissioners, Sue Hannegan, Alan Popovich, Alberto Romero M.A. and Alec Romero
- History and Heritage - Penn State All Sports Museum, Ken Hickman
- Support and Volunteerism - Rebecca Inlow
- President’s Award - CCHS Stocking Stuffer Committee
- Jacqueline J. Melander Award - Alan Popovich

We hope you will join us on January 31 to celebrate and learn about their amazing work and dedication of the award nominees. The program will be held on the Zoom platform. Registration will be opened and shared by email in January.



John Ziegler presenting a 2009 Award to Bill Kelly and Dave Wills for the restoration of Penn State’s Borland Building.

For more information about this program or to how to submit a nomination, contact Mary Sorensen at (814) 234-4779 or msorensen@centrefurnace.org.

Website Woes

Our old and faithful website was the latest CCHS victim of 2020. When our website crashed, we made the decision to start transitioning the information to our new site still under development. That way, website visitors were not left with a blank screen.

However, we are not alone in this endeavor as Graphics & Design, who has been handling the design of our new website, has been working hard to help us transition..

It will take several weeks for us to move the large amount of content from our old site. In the meantime, if there is information that you are looking for, please feel free to contact us at info@centrecountyhistory.org or call us at 814-234-4779.

Check back in the coming weeks and months as we update our new website at CentreHistory.org.

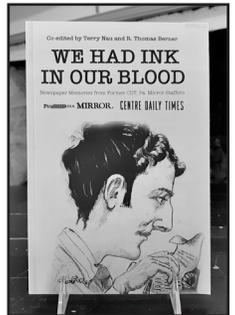
Museum Store

Temporally at <https://centrehistory.ecwid.com>



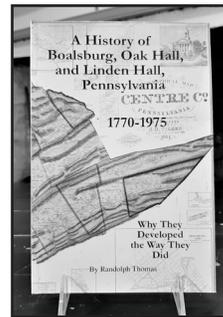
You might be surprised to know that we have over 100 different publications available in our Museum Store at the Centre Furnace Mansion. Not all publications are yet available online so if there is a particular topic that you are interested in, please call us and we will see if we have something available for you.

Recent additions include *A History of Boalsburg, Oak Hall, and Linden Hall Pennsylvania* by Randolph Thomas. Also we have *We Had Ink In Our Blood* co-edited by Terry Nau and R. Thomas Berner. At the Centre Furnace Mansion, we also carry the complete cemetery series published by the Centre County Genealogical Society.



While our new website is under construction, you can continue to shop our online museum store by visiting <https://centrehistory.ecwid.com>. If you would rather stop by and shop in person, you are welcome to give us a call to schedule a time.

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Randolph Thomas for donating 25 copies of *A History of Boalsburg, Oak Hall, and Linden Hall Pennsylvania* to benefit CCHS.



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STAY CONNECTED



If you are not receiving our email updates for programs and other activities and would like to, please contact Johanna Sedgwick at jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org, or call 814-234-4779. Or visit: **CentreHistory.org** and sign up at the bottom of the page.

Can't remember if you renewed your membership? Check the outside of this newsletter – your membership expiration date will be noted on the lower right-hand corner. No date? We invite you to become a member!

Preservation Corner

Since our last newsletter, the repair work related to the waterline has been completed thanks to the generosity of many. With the beautiful work done by Alex's Proscapè to replace the brickwork on the walkways and patio and restore the lawn, you would never know it happened. To our great surprise, they donated all of the labor and materials for their landscape work. We cannot thank Alex Popovich and his team at Proscapè enough for this generosity, especially during this challenging time.



Brick Patio replacement and lawn restoration by Alex's Proscapè.



If you have driven on College Avenue near the Centre Furnace Mansion recently, you may have noticed the Centre Furnace Stack and surrounding site is a lot more visible. We have many to thank.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Penn State Office of Physical Plant and their Arborist team for their generous contribution of tree work including removing the large Norway Maple next to the Centre Furnace Stack. Penn State OPP has for many years assisted us with tree



Penn State Arborists removing Norway Maple near Furnace Stack.

and landscape work as part of the United Way Day of Caring, and we appreciate that they have generously kept us on their schedule for this year.



PennDOT placing the Centre Furnace Historical Marker

Thank you to PennDOT for their contribution of moving the state PHMC Centre Furnace Historical Marker from Porter Road to College Avenue so that it can be better seen from the road.



JustServe Volunteers clearing brush near the Furnace Stack.

We are grateful to a small but mighty team of volunteers coordinated by Nancy Taylor from JustServe who worked with Bob Hazelton during several work days this fall to clear brush in the drainage swale and seed the banks with a low maintenance grass. It was a tremendous help.

Our sincere appreciation to Robert M. Kurtz, Jr., a descendant of one of Centre Furnace's founders, Col. John Patton, for his donation to help offset expenses related to the Furnace Stack site.

We are humbled and grateful for the outpouring of donations, service, expertise, time and good wishes that have made this summer's property projects a great success. Remember that the grounds at Centre Furnace are open for strolling from dawn to dusk. We hope you will visit to see all of the good work!



View of the Furnace Stack and newly placed Historical Marker.

2020 Online Holiday Market

WITH THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR, MIMI BARASH COPPERSMITH

Our annual online holiday market is underway! While we sincerely miss our volunteers and shoppers at the Mansion this holiday season, we have been able to transition to a virtual holiday market for you to purchase books and gifts. Visit CentreHistory.org and click on "Holiday Market."

Choose from a variety of holiday gift giving ideas including:

- Books on local history.
- Antiques and vintage gifts that have been donated by members and friends to benefit CCHS.
- Bunches of greens donated and assembled into bouquets by the Centre Furnace Gardeners.
- Hand crafted honey dippers made from a walnut tree that once grew next to the Mansion.
- Holiday facial masks hand crafted by Suzanne Thompson to benefit CCHS.
- Our signature "Birthplace of Penn State" gift basket.



A Birthplace of Penn State themed gift basket for the Penn Stater on your holiday list!

The *Birthplace of Penn State* gift basket contains the books *The Centre Furnace Story* by Sylvester K. Stevens, the *Pennsylvania State University* edition in the Arcadia Post Card History Series by Thomas E Range II, a pewter ornament by pewter artist Jerry Jackson, the *Stocking Stuffer Cookie Cookbook*, a holiday Mansion mug, a pack of 8 seasonal Mansion greeting cards and a holiday mask. This is a great value at \$60 plus tax.

Have a Penn Stater you would like to mail to? We will pack the contents for mailing and ship directly to them, just let us know!

Orders are available for curbside pickup Friday, December 11, & 18 and Saturday, December 12 & 19. Other times may be arranged by giving us a call at 814-234-4779 or email info@centrecountyhistory.org.

Honey dippers crafted by Kenneth Nuttle



As with most of what we do, it takes a cast of many to be successful. This year it was a smaller cast so that we could keep safe. We would like to thank Holiday Market Chair Deb McManus and all who contributed time and donations: Pam Calkins, Lisa Coggins, Joyce Christini, Elizabeth Dutton, Michele Ebaugh, Katie Frieden, Marshall Garrett, Karen Hazel, Louise Heberling, Judy Heberling, Mike Husband, Chris Igo, Beverly Lipski, Lou Mayer, Jo Merrell, Ruth Merritt, Gloria Nieweg, Carol Phillips, Heather Ricker-Gilbert, Deb Raykovitz, Lynn Royse, Joy Schon, Judy Speedy, Betsy Taylor, Suzann Tedesco, Suzanne Thompson, Cynthia Dawson Van Druff, Linda Wallace, Marty Warner, Linda Witmer, and Nancy Wolf.

If you need assistance with online ordering or would prefer to pay by check, please call the CCHS office at 814-234-4779 and we will be happy to assist you. Additionally, you can call and schedule a time to stop by and shop our Museum Store.

Proceeds from the holiday market benefit the Centre County Historical Society. We appreciate your support and wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Thank you to long time Stocking Stuffer vendor Angela Pope for donating a portion of her online sales on Dec. 4-6 to CCHS for the Holiday Market.

Food Bank Donations

Many of our neighbors have been adversely impacted during this extraordinary time. We offer the Centre Furnace Mansion as a convenient spot to drop off canned food and other non-perishable items to support the State College Food Bank and we will see to it that these items are promptly delivered to the Food Bank. Please see the list of current needs here: <https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list>.

If you are ordering from our Holiday Market, please feel free to bring your food and non-perishable donations when you pick up. If not, please reach out to us any time at info@centrecountyhistory.org or call 814-234-4779 to get drop off instructions.

Garden Corner

We are having our first light snowfall at this writing as we rather sadly wrap up gardening season at the Centre Furnace Mansion this year. The outdoor activity provided safe respite for friends to weather the pandemic after the stay-at-home orders were lifted in the spring. And much was accomplished.

Most recently, Mike Canich and Dennis Gioia (pictured) undertook the stabilization and, in some areas, rebuilding of the stone wall and steps in the Kitchen Garden with Joyce Christini assisting. This work revived a charming garden area and will be a wonderful garden to plan and plant.



In September we held our first ever online plant sale with curbside pickup and, with everyone's help, it was a success! It was great to see some of our Plant Celebration shoppers, even if only for a few moments!



Curbside pickup at the plant sale!

For generous contributions of time, hard work, plant donations, armloads of greens and materials for the Holiday Market, snacks and good spirit, we take off our garden hats in

gratitude to: Lucy Boyce, Mike Canich, Joyce Christini, Michele Ebaugh, Katie Frieden-co-chair, Dennis Gioia, Judy Heberling & Mike Husband, Chris Igo, Beverly Lipski-chair, Jo Merrell & Floyd Todd, Ruth Merritt, Carol Phillips, Sharon Phillips, Suzann Tedesco, Jan Villastrigo, Marty Warner and Steve Wheeler.

Docent Corner

It has been a strange year without tours to be sure! But we thank our Docent Committee for their help with the Holiday Market and collections and other projects for now. We will meet again virtually in the new year to prepare for the time when we can safely welcome visitors back to the Mansion.



Betsy Taylor polishing the Thompson beverage set.

StoryCorps

StoryCorps Connect is a free platform that enables anyone to record an interview with a loved one remotely using any internet browser. The audio and a still photo from each interview are preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Interviews become part of American history, and hundreds of years from now, future generations will listen in.



Specifically, the technology enables connection with friends and family during the COVID-19 pandemic and, in the process, contributes to the creation of a unique first-person historical record of this unprecedented time.

The Centre County Library & Historical Museum, Schlow Library, and CCHS worked together to develop the Centre County Memories community within the StoryCorps Connect platform where individual recordings by area residents can be uploaded into a unique collection of interviews.

Archiving stories through the StoryCorps Connect tool is a way to connect to Centre Countians, wherever they are, to provide context for our past and present for future generations.

Log in or create a free account at the StoryCorps Archive at <https://archive.storycorps.org>.

Centred at Home, a Covid-19 Project

Help us capture Centre County history in real time. We are looking for photos accompanied by a brief caption - up to 150 words, to begin a digital photo archive to document this unprecedented time in our history.

If you have been taking photos that are unique to the COVID-19 experience in Centre County please keep us in mind. It could be signage of temporary closures, restaurants and stores posting about how you can order take-out or delivery, chairs and tables stacked in restaurants, your home makeshift office. These are just some ideas.



Stay Positive was the message in the window on E. Linn St. in Bellefonte

To submit photographs, please contact Mary Sorensen at msorensen@centrefurnace.org.

Scotia - Building a Model Railroad Depiction and Saving History

By Bob Hazelton

Scotia was a town a few miles west of State College that has all but disappeared in the forest of State Game Lands 176. It was home to about 400 people, had the area's first railroad, and was a huge iron ore mining complex.

It was Andrew Carnegie's vision that Scotia would become a model town. And that is exactly what we are doing today - making a model. A group of us are embarking on an HO scale model of Carnegie's town of some 20 buildings. It was the scene of iron ore mining using steam shovels loading narrow gauge ore cars transported ore to a three-story high ore washer building. The washed ore was then hauled using a standard gauge rail line which eventually went to Pittsburgh. In support of this operation there were perhaps 200 workers. To house these men that had families, 14 double homes (we call duplexes today) were built as well as a boarding house that could have accommodated 100 or more single men. There was a railroad station, church, company store, barber shop, a stable for horses and mules, and a superintendent's house that is best described as a mansion. It was a community with a band and baseball team. The focus of Scotia was the ore washer and the boiler building which dwarfed all the other buildings.

Scotia was a town and an iron ore mining operation that used the highest technology of its day and as such played a significant part of our local history. This model railroad depiction serves as part of the need to preserve Scotia history.

This Scotia project started with a conversation with

local model railroad enthusiast Gary Moyer. Another team member is Bryce Boyer whom I have been working with for over 10 years researching and exploring Scotia. Coincidentally, Bryce's brother-in-law is Don Reed of Microscale Model Railroad and Trains. Don designs and sells kits for models and has been very generous in designing and supplying kits for the Scotia double

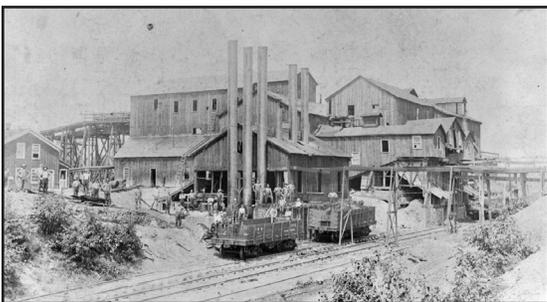
house (pictured to the right) and is presently designing the superintendent's house. Don works from the historical photos we have of the buildings. Gary has mentored Bryce who has built several of the houses. Meanwhile, Gary has done his magic in designing and building the ore washer which is 99% complete.



Scotia double house designed by Don Reed.

When completed we envision an 8 x 10-foot layout of the town and mining operation. We have some finance issues, but Gary has donated a significant portion thus far. Ideally, when this is completed, the virus will be over and places to display it will surface as it will be a traveling exhibit. We have a few ideas but are always looking. It will be of a modular construction such that mini exhibits such a house or two or the ore washer can be displayed along with appropriate signage. Meanwhile, we will have photographs along the way and perhaps a video to promote Scotia history and the Centre County Historical Society.

If you have an interest in Scotia, modeling or railroading history and would like to help, please contact: Gary Moyer, garygmoyer@comcast.net Bryce Boyer, bryce43boyer@yahoo.com Bob Hazelton, Rhazel4988@aol.com



Adding to the Boiler Building



Final configuration, late 1880's



Scotia Ore Washer - HO scale model

In Memoriam Remembering Friends

Carolyn Ann Clinefelter Smith

Carolyn and husband Tom began their involvement with CCHS soon after the Mansion's entree as a public historic site. She served on the CCHS Board of Governors in the late 80s and early 90s and played an instrumental leadership role in the Docent Committee and with collections initiatives and other educational activities. Carolyn had a passion for architecture, and the Smiths' led efforts to have the miniature Mansion model built which has grown to be an ongoing favorite spot on Mansion tours providing an interesting way to interpret the architectural timeline of the Mansion.



Carolyn showing Johanna how to hang the bunting in 2019.

They also kept a tradition of decorating the Mansion for the Fourth of July that continues today.

CCHS President Emerita Jackie Melander remembers Carolyn as a friend and a "rock" who was highly organized and committed to any project she worked on. As many of you can relate to, whether it was an educational project, service on the Board, or cleaning the Mansion, there was little she wouldn't roll up her sleeves and do. A photographer herself, Carolyn was central in collecting historical photographs for the State College Centennial Collection of the CCHS in 1995-1996. The collection, funded by the Borough of State College, contains 788 prints or copies, from before 1880 to 1996. She was also involved with CCHS's Places & Spaces Centre County historic photo collecting project in 1998. Both collections continue to be well utilized internally and by researchers.

Carolyn will be remembered at CCHS through her lasting and meaningful contributions with gratitude.



Dr. Frank Aplan

Dr. Frank Aplan was a long-time CCHS member and supporter. Dr. Aplan was a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Penn State University in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. We are thankful to Dr. Aplan and his family for directing memorial donations to CCHS.

Virginia Walker

Virginia Walker, also known as Ginnie, was an active life member of CCHS with her husband Philip. They have been generous supporters and collection donors



over many years. When CCHS was collecting to furnish the Centre Furnace Mansion after opening its doors to the public, it relied on collections donations to help tell the story of Victorian life. Virginia was a collector of antiques with a keen interest in the Mansion. Several beautiful examples of period furniture, artwork and artifacts that are

in the Centre Furnace Mansion today are gifts from the Walker family and are featured prominently on tours of the Mansion. We are thankful.



We thank the Centre County Government and the Board of Commissioners for funding from CARES Act COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Non-Profit Grant..

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While all those questions suggest an emphasis on why people were attracted to Centre County and how they would make a living, all the other topics which have days devoted to them, come with an historical context that is useful to understand.

Consider the arts. Even before the modern-day Penn State created and fostered so many arts options, there was a long tradition of music and theatre – the public arts. Talented architects such as Anna Keichline and artists such as George Grey Barnard have Centre County origins and their work is represented here. The arts thrive here and impact the quality of life as well as enhancing the economy through arts festivals and galleries.

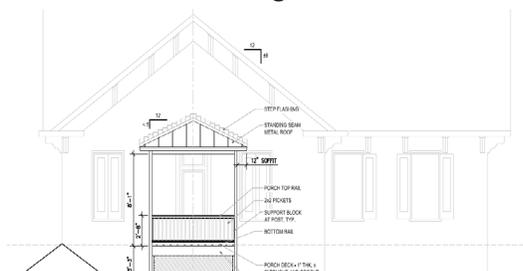
As we look at every sector of life in our county, there is always value in pondering "how did it get that way; what happened, how did it change, and why?" History Day cannot answer all those questions, but it does provide a forum to learn and to discuss them in preparation for a year of exploration and developing our future community leaders.

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