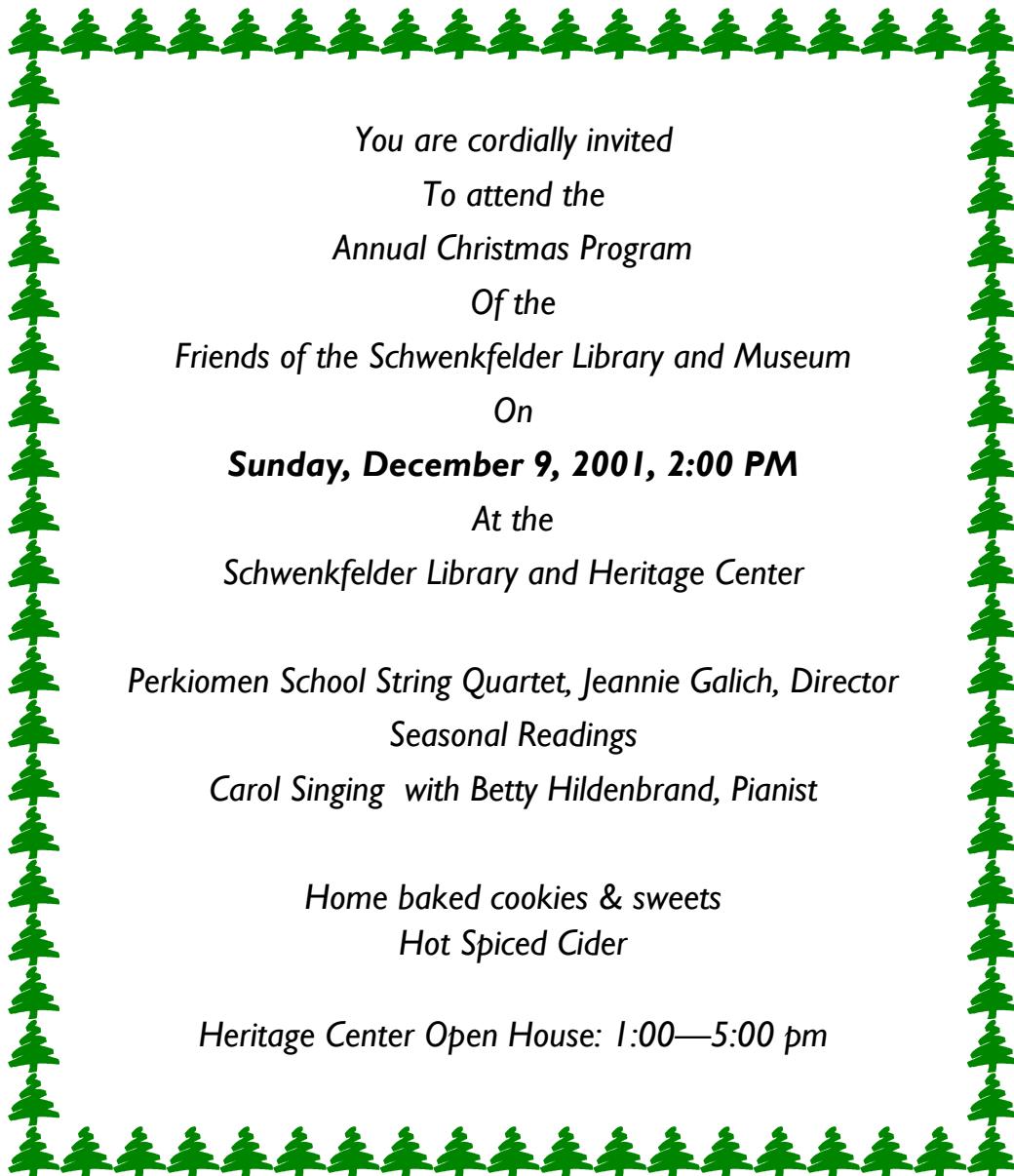


Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum Newsletter

Schwenkfelder Library
and Heritage Center

2001-2002



You are cordially invited
To attend the
Annual Christmas Program
Of the
Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum
On
Sunday, December 9, 2001, 2:00 PM
At the
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center

Perkiomen School String Quartet, Jeannie Galich, Director
Seasonal Readings
Carol Singing with Betty Hildenbrand, Pianist

Home baked cookies & sweets
Hot Spiced Cider

Heritage Center Open House: 1:00—5:00 pm

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Nov. 17, 2001-Jan. 12, 2002
Christmas Putz—
Miniatures depicting various farm, woodland and nativity scenes.

Dec. 2, 2001-Mar. 30, 2002
Celebration of Pennsylvania Fraktur—
New selection of pieces from our Fraktur collection

December 2, 2001, 2:00 PM
Susanna Heebner and the Garden in Schwenkfelder Fraktur—
A lecture by Dr. Peter C. Erb, Associate Director

Going Once, Going Twice: Auctioneers' Tales

The annual mid-winter "Back Porch" panel discussion, "Auction Experiences to Remember", will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 3 (snow date February 10), at 2:00 pm in the meeting room of the Heritage Center.

This year's panel will consist of
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Annual Meeting 2002: March 17, 2:00 PM

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum is making plans for the 10th annual meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 17, 2002 at 2:00 pm in the meeting room of the Heritage Center.
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Annual Meeting 2001

The ninth annual meeting of the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum was held on March 18, 2001 at 2:00 pm in the social hall of Palm Schwenkfelder Church.

The nominating committee presented the slate for election to the Board of Directors of the Friends as follows:

Vice president: Kay Bachkai

Secretary: Naron Gebert

Members at Large: Ronnie Backenstoe, Betty Hildenbrand, Lucy Kern

The candidates were unanimously elected.

The members present then approved a change in the By-Laws to increase the Board of Directors to 10 to 12 members from the current total of 8, including President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 to 8 members at large.

Earl Garges then presented a very informative and interesting program on the history of the cigar industry in the area and a demonstration of the craft.

The afternoon concluded with refreshments and a social time.

Back Porch Seminar, 2001

On February 4, 2001, 2:00 pm, in the Sunday School rooms of Palm Schwenkfelder Church. Ronnie Backenstoe moderated a "Back Porch" Panel of driver-salesmen who made door-to-door delivery in bygone days.

The panel consisted of Bob Wood of Woodson Dairy, Homer Schueck of Longacre Dairy, Leroy Heffentrager and Charles Gery of Brunner's Bakery, and Malcolm Wehr of Raleigh

Products.

The five-member panel related many interesting and humorous incidents as they recalled their day-to-day routines. Various members of the audience asked questions and shared their recollections as well.

A time of socializing and reminiscing around the refreshment table concluded the afternoons activities.

Annual Meeting 2002: March 17, 2:00 pm

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As usual, there will be an election of officers and members to the Board of Directors of the Friends.

A special program is being planned for the afternoon. An announcement for the meeting and planned speaker will be sent in February.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

Going Once, Going Twice: Auctioneers Tales

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Auctioneers who will relate their experiences in conducting auctions in auction halls and in homes. The panel members will be Ted Maurer, Sam Morgan, Jr., James Ritter, and . Ronnie Backenstoe will serve as moderator.

A social time with refreshments will follow the program.

Ghost Stories with Charles Adams

Charles J. Adams, III, noted reading area radio personality, appeared at the Heritage Center Sunday, November 4, 2001. Adams intrigued those present with ghost stories of Montgomery County and surrounding communities.

Not to be outdone by an out-of-town guest, a number of local folks shared their stories as well. A ghoulishly entertaining time was had by all!

The morning air personality on WEEU radio in Reading, Adams is also chief travel correspondent for the Reading Eagle-Times newspaper. He also writes a bi-weekly feature, *Berks the Bizarre*, for that paper.

Adams has written 19 books on folklore, ghost stories, shipwrecks and train wrecks in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. *Ghost Stories of Berks County* and *Ghost Stories of Montgomery County* are but two of his books familiar to many Friends.

Adams is in heavy demand for lectures, talks—or just to tell stories. We were fortunate to have him with us for an afternoon of fun.

Executive Director's Remarks

This has been a very exciting year for the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center. Our staff has accomplished many amazing achievements.

We have completed a major construction/renovation project, raised almost \$4 million and started learning how to operate out of a much larger facility. **Administrative Assistant Rebecca Kummerer** has been critically important in organizing these efforts. Over 3,800 people have visited our new facility from May through September.

Jennifer Allebach, our Educator since February, 2001, has been busy contacting schools and creating programming to meet educational needs for surrounding school districts. She has created summer History Camps which brought over 100 boys and girls to the building and to explore their past. She is currently working to provide a professional docent training program at the Heritage Center.

We are particularly excited in recent weeks to have accomplished the transition of exhibits in the local history and art galleries. The development of new exhibits will become a regular feature of the Heritage Center with something new to be found regularly. **Curator of Collections Candace Perry** brings well honed experience and skills to this task and we are very fortunate to have her on staff.

Archivist Hunt Schenkel has been organizing and creating user aids for our books and Archival collections. Researchers and scholars visiting our new reading room are

pleasantly surprised to find a wealth of local history and genealogical resources readily available for their use.

Almost every day brings something new to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.

Don't miss the Excitement!

Membership Information

<i>Individual Memberships</i>	76
<i>Family Memberships</i>	86
<i>Life Memberships</i>	<u>50</u>
Total	215

Financial Information

<i>Checking Account</i>	\$ 3,706.87
<i>Savings Account</i>	\$ 2,425.55
<i>CD (7/01)</i>	<u>\$ 4,399.16</u>
Total	\$ 10,531.58



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Heritage Center Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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2002 Membership Categories
(Please Circle One)

Individual	\$ 10.00	Family	\$ 15.00
Student	\$ 3.00	Corporate	\$ 250.00
		Life	\$ 150.00