



Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center

PA German Dialect Program

Sunday, February 4, 2007

2:00 pm

Join the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center for a fun time reminiscing—spoken in the PA German Dialect! A moderator and panel of local dialect speakers will tell stories about their growing up years.

The PA German dialect is a rapidly disappearing local tongue which was spoken in our communities for hundreds of years. This day is an effort at preserving this part of our local heritage.

"Mir wolle mol Deitsch schwetzel!"

Annual Meeting 2007

Back Porch Seminar on Bake Ovens

Join Moderator Alan Keyser and a panel of experts—Nancy Roan and others—in a discussion of cooking in the bake oven of years ago. The program will follow the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 18, 2007 at 2:00 pm

What foods were cooked? How were the ovens prepared? Was the bake oven used for more than just baking? How often was the oven fired up for baking? What were some favorite recipes? These questions and much more will be discussed by our panel.



Jennifer Allebach steps down as President

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center regrettably accepted the resignation of President Jennifer Allebach at their Board meeting on Thursday, September 14, 2006.

Sighting work and family time commitments, Allebach stated her commitment to the 4H Sewing programming as well her confidence in the current members of the Board of Directors.

She will certainly be missed and the Board offers her the very best wishes as she pursues her new position.

Friends need you!

Our Board of Directors is looking for people willing to help in a number of ways as well as people with ideas and suggestions for programs.

If you are willing to help with refreshments, cookie baking at special times, decorating the Heritage Center for Christmas—please call Lucy Kerns or Rose Parry and let them know your interest!

If you have any suggestions for future programs or are interested in helping plan our programs or serve on the Board of the Friends—please talk to any Board member. We are always looking for new ideas or people with some enthusiasm to help keep our group active and strong!



The Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center exists to provide on-going support for the purposes, projects, programs and goals in both preservation and education to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.



Looking Back...At the Year 2006

Heritage Center Christmas Boutique December 3, 2005



The Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center helped to make this a special time for a record number of visitors. The Friends Board of Directors created quite a spread of cookies for our shoppers to nibble on. And beautiful music filled the galleries as gifted pianist Betty Hildenbrand played cheery music on our Steinway baby grand piano. Over 200 shoppers browsed the special Father Christmas Boutique and our ever popular gift shop for fine gifts and one of a kind treasures. Many people visited all three venues for the day: Goschenhoppen Historians in Green Lane, Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville and, of course, the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.



Bradley Hendershot: A Sense of Place Pre-Opening Reception Sponsorship

The Friends came through once more with a \$500 donation to sponsor the reception for the Bradley Hendershot exhibit. Hendershot is a regionally recognized artist who grew up right here in the Upper Perkiomen Valley and still calls our valley home.



Nearly 200 guests dropped in to see the artwork and sample the delicious deserts our support provided. We sold many prints and Christmas cards as well as several paintings. Each sale generates income for the Heritage Center.

The building was all decked out for Christmas by the Friends efforts the week before. Several Board members helped with serving refreshments and we had beautiful fresh flower arrangements to decorate the tables.

Hereford Township Back Porch Seminar

The Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA invite the general public to a "Back Porch Seminar" on Sunday, February 5, 2006 at 2:00 pm. A panel of current and former Hereford Township residents who attended a one room school house in Hereford Township met on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm.

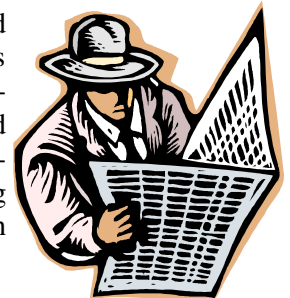


Panelists Winifred (Strunk) Moyer, Lucile (Fox) Jones, Clyde Masemore, and Wilson Wetzel related their comments to selected slides from the recently published book "Early Times in Hereford Township". A fun time was had as they shared their memories of school activities, life on the farm, the family business, and other topics regarding growing up in Hereford Township.

Town and Country Newspaper: Its past and future—Larry Roeder March 19, 2006

Hearthstone Town and Country Publisher and Upper Perkiomen Valley resident Larry Roeder told us about the history of the paper and its small town community beginnings. For more than 106 years the weekly publication has continued to serve the community in one form or another.

We learned about the Publishers who guided the paper during its early days and the editors who managed it after being sold to larger corporations. Also, we heard about some plans for the newspaper as it continues to grow today. Mr. Roeder explained how the newspaper operates in today's technologically enhanced and competitive business world. He responded to audience questions on various aspects of operating the paper, selecting stories to publish and dealing with controversial issues.



Mr. Roeder helped us to better understand the long tradition of service and integrity of the Town and Country newspaper and how he will endeavor to carry on this important community tradition.





**Minutes of the
Annual Meeting 2006
Sunday, March 18, 2006**

The fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center was held Sunday, March 19, 2006 at 2:00 pm in the Heritage Center Meeting Room.

The Minutes of the March 13, 2005 Annual Meeting were read by Secretary Roselyn Parry and approved as read.

Treasurer Kim Jacobs reported the audit of the books is still in progress at this date. The following balances were reported:

Checking: \$ 3,626.89
Savings: \$ 2,652.54
CD's: \$ 4,801.91

He also read a letter of thanks from the Heritage Center Director, David Luz, acknowledging the Friends' recent monetary gift to purchase a digital camera for the Heritage Center.

Membership Chairman Betty Hildenbrand, reported the following:

55 Life Memberships
83 Individual Memberships (25 not yet paid—6 nonpayment for 2 years)
98 Family Memberships (21 not yet paid—8 nonpayment for 2 years)
0 Student Memberships
236 total members

Notices were sent reminding about memberships due for 2006. Everyone is urged to seek out new members to join and support the work of the Heritage Center.

Board Investigating New Microphones

The Friends programs invariably involve people who are not used to speaking in front of an audience using a microphone. Many times, the audience members find it difficult to hear and understand the person speaking.

The Friends Board is currently inquiring as to a recommendation for microphones which would help to minimize the discomfort of those speaking who may not be used to using a microphone and to ensure that those listening will be able to hear all that is said.

Hopefully, by the time we have our first program in February, 2007, the Friends Board will have found and purchased the microphones to make this happen.



Heritage Center Director David Luz spoke of the items the Friends' group has donated to the Heritage Center through their funding:

- Two Heritage Center flags
- A commercial vacuum cleaner
- Chair mats
- A digital camera
- A mannequin head
- A dry erase board
- Air blowers for the stacks

He expressed sincere thanks for the Friends' donations and programs. Rev. Luz also outlined some of the exhibits and presentations that are currently in the Heritage Center or will be coming to the Heritage Center in 2006, such as the PA Germans and their Victorian Taste exhibit and a talk on early stone houses.

On behalf of the nominating committee, President Allebach presented the following slate of officers and Board members for 2006:

President: Jennifer Allebach
Treasurer: Kim Jacobs

Board Members: Kay Bachkai, Ronald Treichler, William Schultz, Edmund Kuhns.

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Kay Bachkai moved to close the nominations, seconded by Robert Kern.

President Allebach thanked outgoing Board members Naron Gebert and Peter Reigner most sincerely for their many years of dedicated service with the Friends' group as well as giving many extra hours working "behind the scenes" at the Heritage Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm on a motion by Ruth Yoder and a second by Naron Gebert.

Immediately after the meeting, local historian and newspaper publisher, Larry Roeder, presented the program for the afternoon giving the history of the local Town and Country/Hearthstone Press Newspaper as established by Charles Hillegass in Pennsburg and that continues today under Mr. Roeder's leadership in Red Hill.

Attendance—36 people—respectfully submitted, Rosalyn Parry, Secretary

Board of Directors 2006/2007

President: Vacant
Vice President: Lucy Kern
Secretary: Roselyn Parry
Treasurer: Kim Jacobs
Membership Chair: Betty Hildenbrand
Members at Large: Edmund Kuhns, Bob Schong,
Ruth Yoder, Ron Treichler, William Schultz, Kay Bachkai

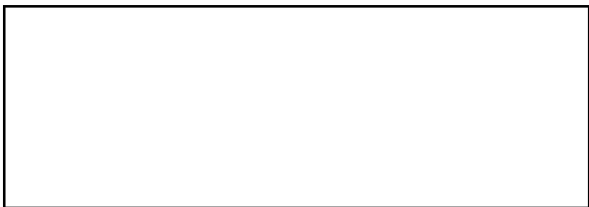


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Current and Upcoming Exhibits

Through December 31, 2006
18th Century Schwenkfelder Correspondence

Through January 14, 2007
Bradley Hendershot—"A Sense of Place"
Sponsored by: Harleysville National Bank

Through January 30, 2007
Christmas Putz

Through January 30, 2007
PA Dutch Button Collectors Club

Through March 25, 2007
Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tale Characters
by Stacy Clark

January 5—February 28, 2007
Publications of Caspar Schwenckfeld

February 18—March 31, 2007
"Valleyanna": Local Advertising and Memorabilia

February 18—March 31, 2007
Flora Heebner Chinese Textiles

Hours

Mon CLOSED
Tues 9 - 4
Wed 9 - 4
Thurs 9 - 8
Fri 9 - 4
Sat 10 - 3
Sun 1 - 4

Programs and Events

January 13—7:30 pm
North Pennsmen in Concert

January 17—noon
Lunch-talk with Dr. Viehmeyer: Publications of Caspar Schwenckfeld

January 18, 2007—3:30 pm

Genealogy for Kids

January 20, 2007—10:30 am
Family Trees

January 27, 2007—10:00 am
Volunteer Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

February 1, 2007—3:30 pm
Brothers Grimm Birthday Party

February 4 (snow date February 11) -2:00 pm
PA German Program

February 25—2:00 pm
Flora Heebner, Missionary—Phyllis Prizer

March 2 and 3
Used Book Sale