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CHRISTMAS MARKET:

Experience the Warmth of Yesteryear

Saturday, December 4—9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 5—12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas celebration with the Heritage Center, the Goschenhopp-
pen Historians in Green Lane and the Mennonite Heritage Center in Harleysville! In addition to excellent
shopping therapy for the holiday season, all of our organizations are presenting variations on the theme of the
Warmth of Yesteryear. Here at the SLHC we'll be featuring a special exhibit of nativity scenes and, of
course, our annual Christmas Putz. Additionally, the artwork of Montgomery County artist Bob Koenig will
grace the walls of the Meeting Room.

Why not make a girlfriends' outing of the day, or even the weekend, and join us for the fun? There
are lovely bed and breakfasts in the area and national chain hotels plus restaurants for nearly any palate! Call
the Heritage Center for your options for visiting the area.

Start out with us:

SHOP: FATHER CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: Fun and affordable holiday
décor and gifts

EXHIBITS: Traditional Christmas Putz, Artwork by Bob Koenig, Schwenck-
feld's World, and Autumn Requiem



Then on to the Goschenhopp- pen Historians:

SHOP: Vintage Christmas Collectibles, Home Baked Goodies, Unique Historical
and Pennsylvania German books, Folk Festival Craftsmen's Wares

EXHIBIT: Period Christmas Trees, large Standard Gauge Trains, Christmas Garden and Quilts,
Local Christmas displays

LOCATION: Red Men's Hall, Routes 29 and 63, Green Lane

Finish your day at the Mennonite Heritage Center:

SHOP: Pennsylvania German Folk Art Sale: over thirty fine artisans working in traditional crafts

EXHIBIT: The new exhibit will be "Everyday and Sunday Best: Mennonite Clothing of the late
19th and 20th Centuries", Craft Demonstrations on Saturday, December 4: Marilyn Diener—scherenschnitte
and Joanne McIlmurray—rug hooking

LOCATION: 565 Yoder Road, Harleysville

For more information, directions, or decisions about inclement weather call the Schwenkfelder
Library & Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 or the Mennonite Heritage Center at 215-256-3020.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN—2010—2011

Folded within this newsletter you will find the **2010—2011 ANNUAL FUND
CAMPAIGN LETTER** with its request for you to consider a financial gift to the
Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center.

Please help us to sustain the health of the Heritage Center by sending your
donation for the ANNUAL FUND, which is designated to provide essential operat-
ing funds as we serve the greater Schwenkfelder and the Upper Perkiomen Valley communities.

Thank you in advance for your considered support of this campaign.

Please note that Annual Campaign 2010—2011 will conclude March 31, 2011.



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**UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY
BASEBALL MEMORABILIA**

Through October 31

Once again we feature our annual exhibit of local baseball memorabilia: photos, uniforms, baseballs, and bats for a special exhibition in the hallway between the Local History Gallery and the Library. On view are some recent additions to the Heritage Center's baseball collection. Check out the roster of local leagues in the early and mid-20th century!



SCHWENCKFELD'S WORLD

October 22—February 13, 2011
Exhibition in Ground Floor Galleries

What else was going on across the globe when Caspar Schwenckfeld was alive? That's a loaded question because the answer is extraordinary. The period immediately before, during, and right after the life of Schwenckfeld (1489 -1561) was one of the most remarkable in the course of human society. Watershed moments in faith, in the arts, in exploration, and technology during the 15th and 16th centuries would change the world forever and usher in the modern age.

Our Schwenckfeld's World exhibit has a two-fold purpose: to showcase manuscripts and books normally hidden away in our vault that date to the 15th and 16th centuries, and to put Schwenckfeld into the broader context of what was happening elsewhere in the world during his lifetime. Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, the SLHC's Associate Director of Research, is curating the special exhibition of period materials that will be featured in the exhibit.

From Peru to China to central Europe, life was changing rapidly and often violently in the 16th century. It was a time of the greatest expressions of the human spirit by Renaissance masters and a time of profound human suffering wrought by the conquistadors. Schwenckfeld's World is a journey to the time that made us who we are today.

**PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS
BY BOB KOENIG**

November 28, 2010—February 27, 2011

Visit us during the holidays and experience the delightful work of Montgomery County artist Bob Koenig. Bob enjoys experimenting with different media, and his work is a diverse visual treat! Bob currently offers painting workshops for residents at Brittany Pointe Estates and has had work entered in juried art shows for groups throughout the county and the Delaware Valley.

**THE ARTWORK OF
EVELYN SCHULE**

October 3—November 21
In the Meeting Room

A special exhibition of the work of the late local artist Evelyn Schule will be featured in the Meeting Room during October and November. Her skillful and charming interpretations of wildflowers and landscapes will be the perfect grace note for the lingering Indian summer.



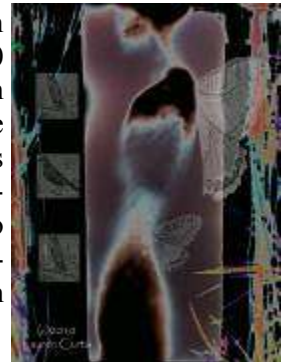
Mrs. Schule studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and had work exhibited in many group shows on the eastern seaboard and in Canada plus one-woman shows at the Philadelphia Art Alliance and at Longwood Gardens. Don't miss this retrospective of her beautiful work!

**PASSING ON:
AUTUMN REQUIEM
BY LAUREN CURTIS WITH
MOURNING OBJECTS FROM THE
HERITAGE CENTER COLLECTION**

October 17— March 13, 2011

Join us for a haunted afternoon!

There will be spirited times in store on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 pm as the Heritage Center once again welcomes renowned writer on the Pennsylvania supernatural, Charles Adams, for a talk on ghostly goings-on in our region. And stay after to meet artist Lauren Curtis at the reception for Passing On: Autumn Requiem by Lauren Curtis.



You know Charlie from his entertaining – and terrifying – books of Pennsylvania ghost stories and from his column in the *Reading Eagle*. A selection of books will be available for purchase.

Lauren Curtis' captivating multimedia work will capture the essence of the darkening days of autumn. A specially selected group of objects focusing on mourning, drawn from the Heritage Center collection, will also be on exhibit as a complement to Lauren's fascinating art.

Come in costume and have a chance to win a special door prize for best dressed! Yummy refreshments will be served during the reception. Don't miss this fun and frightening afternoon!

SCHWENKFELDER HERITAGE TOUR 2010 HOME SAFE AND SOUND

Twenty-two travelers traversed the lands of our Schwenkfelder ancestors July 26 through August 10, returning safe but tired to Newark International Airport.

They visited Goerlitz, Germany, where many of our forebears sought refuge after fleeing persecution and intolerance in their homeland of Lower Silesia. The group also saw the Catholic church in Osiek, Poland, once the von Schwenckfeld family church. Echoes of Heritage Tours of many years ago emerged in Osiek with the appearance of a delightful retired teacher, Antonina Buchta, who spoke with the travelers, telling them of her first meeting with a Schwenkfelder Heritage Tour in the 1970s and how she helped them see the church and the large apartment house where the Schwenckfeld family estate once stood.



But perhaps the greatest thrill for the visitors was to stand on the sacred ground of the Viehweg Monument. One of many sites where Schwenkfelder dead were buried after being refused burial in the sacred church cemeteries. After a memorial reflection with Polish Pastor Cezary Krolewicz offering the message, hymns were sung. The group then posed for traditional photos—the whole group, Schwenkfelder descendants, and then families and individuals.

Much more will be shared at the January, 2011 Brown Bag Lunch talk and lecture on January 12 and 16.

PHMC General Operating Support Grant

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the receipt of a 2009/2010 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) General Operating Support (GOS) Grant in the amount of \$6,664.00. This grant is to support the salaries of the Museum Educator and the Curator of Collections. The Heritage Center was one of over 120 museums statewide to receive GOS Grant funds this year.

The PHMC grant program to museums and historical organizations has, in recent years, been drastically cut and, in some cases, eliminated all together. The 2009/2010 budget approved last summer for the PHMC allowed for the General Operating Support grant program to distribute much needed funds to institutions across the state. The Heritage Center is most grateful for these urgently required funds to continue to bring to the residents of the Perkiomen Region the variety of programming and quality of exhibitions for which the Heritage Center is known.



Coming in 2011:

A year of Fraktur

Two great fraktur exhibitions

- *Mazes, Labyrinths and Puzzles in Fraktur in the spring*
- *Beyond Folk Art: the Beauty and Sophistication of 18th Century Fraktur*

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR NEEDLEWORK TEA

Sunday April 3, 2011

Join Curator Candace Perry and sampler expert Kathy Lesieur for the *Tiny Needlework Treasures Tea* at the Heritage Center on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and seating is very limited, so make your reservations soon!

Our guests will be treated to a special show and tell of small embroidered and stitched objects as well as needlework tools in the Heritage Center collection. Guests will have the chance to view these “tiny treasures” up close—a very special opportunity indeed! Candace and Kathy will provide insight into the history and construction of these wonderful works.

Afterwards, Kathy will provide a brief class in queen’s stitch—a beautiful embroidery technique seen in many needlework examples in the collection. Guests will learn to stitch a traditional strawberry motif. All supplies will be provided.

And don’t forget the delicious tea and time to socialize and meet some new friends! As mentioned, seating is very limited. Call Michelle at 215-679-3103 for your reservations soon.

FALL/WINTER FAMILY & HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Animals, Plants, and People in Fraktur

Tuesday, October 5, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, October 7, 3:30 pm—5:00 pm

Explore the calligraphic letters, lines, colors, and symbols in the SLHC fraktur collection. Identify common motifs and create a work of fraktur back in the classroom.

Reformation Portraits

Tuesday, October 19, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, October 21, 3:30—5:00 pm

Schwenckfeld had his portrait painted six years before he died. Take a closer look at his reformation portrait, other period portraits in our collection, and learn more about Schwenckfeld's world. Students will create their own portrait of him based on specific themes and events from his life.

Block Prints

Tuesday, November 2, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, November 4, 3:30—5:00 pm

Explore engravings and woodcuts in the Heritage Center's Schwenckfeld's World exhibit. Using soft-kut blocks and lino-leum cutters, create block prints inspired by images from the Reformation. Ages 6 and up.

Art of the PA German Gravestone

Tuesday, November 16, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, November 18, 3:30—5:00 pm

Explore mourning and funerary artifacts in the Heritage Center's collection. Discover the imagery and symbolism that identifies a PA German gravestone.

Letterpress Holiday Cards

Tuesday, November 30, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, December 2, 3:30—5:00 pm

Print a set of holiday cards on folded and cut paper in time for the holiday season. Be inspired by our fraktur and scheren-schnitte collection to create your cutwork card. Ages 7 and up.

Nativity

Tuesday, December 14, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, December 16, 3:30—5:00 pm

What elements make up a nativity? Explore the nativity in the Putz and collection of nativities on display and engage in a craft activity back in the classroom.

PA German Log Houses

Tuesday, January 4, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, January 6, 3:30—5:00 pm

What did the Schwenkfelder log houses look like in the colonial period? We'll learn the story of the "Krauss palace", one of the larger log homes in this area, built in 1743. Explore the typical architecture of the Schwenkfelders in the 18th century and make your own log cabin out of simple materials.

PA German Furniture

Tuesday, January 18, 1:30—3:00 pm

Repeated Thursday, January 20, 3:30—5:00 pm

Explore German and PA German furniture and discover the variety of colors, patterns, and designs on chairs, beds, and trunks in our gallery. Create your own painted design back in the classroom.

Family Workshop cost is \$5.00 per participant/workshop unless otherwise noted.

Registration information is available at www.schwenkfelder.com

or call 215-679-3103 or email rebecca@schwenkfelder.com

Art Classes for Homeschoolers

Enroll in our second session of art classes for homeschoolers this fall. Open interpretation and personal expression is emphasized around a curriculum combining visual culture, material culture, and studio art practice using the Heritage Center's collection as a foundation. At least one local historian and exhibiting artist will be invited to come to class to work with students. Courses will be taught by Heritage Center Museum Educator Rebecca Lawrence.

Art I is designed for 6–13 year olds. Each class size is restricted to a maximum of 13 to allow for individualized attention. Visit our website for more information or call to speak with our Museum Educator Rebecca Lawrence.

Fall 2010—Art I Session II

Tuesdays, 9:00—10:30 am

\$80.00 per student, Ages 6—13

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

December 7, 14, 21

Spring 2011—Art I Session I

Tuesdays, 9:00—10:30 am

\$80.00 per student, Ages 6—13

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8, 15, 22



PA German Dialect Conversation Group (for adults)

“Mer wolle widder Deitsch Schwetze“

1st Meeting, November 11, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Join members of the PA German community to listen and talk about various subjects in “Deitsch”. The Heritage Center will provide coffee and tea for all participants. The group will meet approximately four times a year. Free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

1st Annual Children’s Grundsau Lodsch

“Grundsau Lodsch fer Yunge“

February 6, 2011 (Snow Date: February 13, 2011)

Meeting at 4:00 pm, meal to follow

Join us February 6th, 2011, for the Heritage Center’s first annual Groundhog lodge “Grundsau Lodsch” meeting for kids “Yunge”! Families can now be a part of the tradition of celebrating PA German culture and honoring our culture’s most important symbol: the Groundhog, “die Grundsau”.



Enjoy a simple late afternoon meal, learn and sing songs in “Deitsch”, learn Pa German dialect phrases, and more! All “Yunge” initiated will be given special insignia. All family members are welcome. \$5.00 donation for each participant, children will be given special recognition.

R.S.V.P to Rebecca 215-679-3103.

German and Latin for Homeschoolers

To accommodate busy schedules, options provided are: classes 10:00 am—11:30 am OR 1:30 pm—3:00 pm Wednesdays and classes 10:00 am—11:30 am OR 1:30 pm—3:00 pm Fridays, completing a total of three hours of instruction per week.

There are eight classes per monthly session. Visit our website www.schwenkfelder.com or call 215-679-3103.

Beginner—Advanced Latin, Beginner—Advanced German

10:00—11:30 am or 1:30—3:00 pm

Ages 7—18

\$50.00 per participant, Instructor:

Dr. Allen Viehmeyer

**Dates for monthly sessions:**

October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, December 1, 3

December (1/2 session, reduced rate \$25.00) 8, 10, 15, 17

January 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28

**Valley Grind Community Photo Exhibit**

Join the Heritage Center and the Valley Grind Coffee Shop (231 Main Street, East Greenville) beginning in mid-September through the fall season as we explore the history of the community through photos of the past and present.

Do you remember what it was like back then? What are your favorite places in your community? Check out historical photos of East Greenville, Pennsburg, and Red Hill from the turn of the century, add comments about your favorite places, and add your photos to our comment boards in the Valley Grind.

If you have web access, upload your favorite photos of the Upper Perkiomen Valley to the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center’s photostream on Flickr! This exhibit was organized by our summer intern and East Greenville resident Lori Calvario.

HUMANITIES ON THE ROAD BROADCASTS

We are delighted to announce that Humanities on the Road, Season 1, airs on PCN beginning September 10. Shows (repeated over a weekend) can be seen on PCN: Fridays from 6:00—7:00 pm, Saturdays from 2:00—3:00 pm, and Mondays from 10:00—11:00 am.

The Heritage Center hosted the taping of one show, Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges with William Donner, on Sunday, April 25. The show will be broadcast Friday October 29 (6:00—7:00 pm), Saturday, October 30 (2:00—3:00 pm), and Monday, November 1 (10:00—11:00 am). Don’t miss this presentation filmed at the Heritage Center.

Shows are also available as streaming videos during broadcast on www.pcntv.com, offered On Demand to Comcast subscribers, and will be on PHC’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/humanitiesontheroad.



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Books

Pennsylvania German Broad­sides / by Trudy Gilgenast—donated by Trudy Gilgenast.

A Father's Legacy / by LeRoy S. Oelschlager—donated by LeRoy S. Oelschlager.

Early Charcoal Iron Works in Montgomery County, PA, 1744-1800 / by Dan Graham—donated by Dan Graham.

Mit Pennsylvaniaisch-Deitsch darich's Yaar: A Pennsylvania German Reader for Grandparents and Grandchildren / edited by German-Pennsylvania Association—donated by German-Pennsylvania Association.

From Desperation to Fulfillment: The Life of Blanche Perkins Zimmerman / by Natalie J. Peterson—donated by Peter Meschter.

A Collegiate Anthology: A Collection of Verse Written by Ten Students of Albright College / Compiled by Anders C. Schultz and Lloyd C. Iredell—donated by Susan Mae Watts Ayres.

The Hanging of Susanna Cox: The True Story of Pennsylvania's Most Notorious Infanticide & the Legend That's Kept it Alive / by Patricia Earnest Suter and Russell & Corinne Earnest.

Archival Material

DVDs of obituaries from the *Pottstown Ledger*: 1911—1919—donated by Mike Osiol.

Jacob and Elizabeth Bolich family and their descendants: the library edition—donated by William and Annette K. Thompson.

Lovina Yeakel (Krauss) Gery's red velvet photo album, including a "photo essay" and oral history of Elva Lovina (Kurtz) Meyer by Michael Kurtz—donated by Nancy Dozier and Michael Kurtz.

**BUILDING THE PHILADELPHIA
SUBURBAN WATER COMPANY DAM
IN GREEN LANE**

Sunday, November 7, 2010, 2:00 pm

Join the Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center for a discussion of the project which shaped the Upper Perkiomen Valley as we know it today. Local historian Bob Wood will lead our conversation as we consider the impact of the new reservoir on the farms and families living in the Valley in the 1950s. A special showing of documents related to the planning and building of the dam will be offered. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

COMBINED MEETING

of the

**SOCIETY of the DESCENDANTS
of the SCHWENKFELDIAN EXILES**

and

THE SCHWENKFELDER CHURCH

Sunday, October 24, 2:00 pm

The public is invited to hear Dr. Peter C. Erb speak on "The World in Schwenckfeld's Day and the World in Ours: Are there lessons for the present in the past?"

The Exile Society's Annual Meeting will begin at 2:00 pm. At 2:30 pm Dr. Erb will present his program. At the conclusion of the

talk and questions (about 4:00 pm), the Fall General Conference of The Schwenkfelder Church will be called to order by the Moderator, Mr. H. Drake Williams, Jr. The day will conclude with a light supper about 4:30 pm.

While official actions will be taken by both organizations, non-members of either group are more than welcome to enjoy the program and stay for the meal. A free-will offering will be received to help defray the cost of the meal.



**THE ICE INDUSTRY IN THE
UPPER PERKIOMEN VALLEY**
Sunday, January 23, 2011, 2:00 pm
(snow date: January 30)

The Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center invite the public to a discussion of the ice industry in the Upper Perkiomen Valley. Speakers will be Jason Flexer, Nolt's Ice Company in East Greenville, and Larry Roeder, local historian and owner of the *Town & Country* newspaper. Don't miss this look back at a business that brought many jobs and opportunities to the Upper Perkiomen Valley. Refreshments will be served.



The World in Schwenckfeld's Day: *A Symposium on Everyday Life in 16th Century Germany*

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, October 23**, for an exciting peek at everyday life in 16th Century Germanic Europe! This symposium is designed for the general public curious about life in a former time. **Advanced registration is required, so call today!**

9:00 am—Welcome and Keynote Address—**Religion and Society in 16th Century Germany**
Dr. Emmet McLaughlin, Professor of Early Modern History, Villanova University
Dr. McLaughlin will speak on the role of religion in a society very different than our own.

10:00 am—**Arguing in Public: How Printing Changed the World of Debate**

Rev. Luka Ilic, Doctoral Candidate, Lutheran Theological Seminary

Rev. Ilic will discuss the use of the public, and relatively new, printing press as a way for holding public debates.

11:00 am—**Food and Sin in the 16th Century**

Dr. Jill Furst, Consulting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Sixteenth century religious teachings identified almost all foods as occasions of sin, depending on the many different circumstances the food was prepared or served.

11:45 am—**Drinking and Tavern Sociability in 16th Century Germany**

Dr. Ann Tlusty, Professor of History, Bucknell University

Sixteenth-century attempts to sober up early modern drinkers were often at cross-purposes with the demands of society, the needs of the government, and even the interests of religious leaders.

12:15 pm—Lunch—foods reminiscent of medieval times

1:15 pm—**Popular Reformation and Popular Rebellion: the German Peasants' War**

Dr. Michael Baylor, Professor of History, Lehigh University

Dr. Baylor's presentation will explore Europe's greatest popular insurrection prior to the French Revolution and its links with the Reformation.

2:00 pm—**Music both Common and Noble in the 16th Century**

Dr. Hilde Binford, Associate Professor of Music, Moravian College

Dr. Binford will explore the role of music in the 16th century as experienced by the various social strata.

3:00 pm—**From Altarpiece to Woodcut: Visual Culture in Reformation Germany**

Dr. Lisa Norris, Associate Professor of Art History, Kutztown University

Dr. Norris will explain the traditional function of altarpieces, liturgical sculpture, and such objects as reliquaries and prayer books that would have been a part of Schwenckfeld's world.

3:45 pm—Presenters' discussion led by Dr. Peter Erb

For speaker's biographies and more details regarding the presentations, please see our website, www.schwenkfelder.com or call the Heritage Center and we'll mail you a flyer.

Advanced registration is required. To register, please call Michelle at the Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 or by email: info@schwenkfelder.com. There is a fee of \$30.00.

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Federal-State Partner
National Endowment for the Humanities

This Symposium is sponsored by:

The Ladies Aid Society of Central Schwenckfelder Church
and the

Pennsylvania Humanities Council

This program is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities' *We the People* initiative on American history.

FALL/WINTER LECTURE SERIES



As is our custom, we are offering a variety of lectures in various formats. The popular Brown Bag lunches are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon. Bring your lunch—beverages provided—and enjoy a lecture while you eat. These lectures are normally repeated the following Sunday at 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 13, noon only
Funerary Practices in the PA German Community
Presented by Candace Perry and David Luz

Join Candace and Dave for a discussion of the ideas and traditions associated with death and funerals among the Schwenkfelders specifically and the PA Dutch in general.

Sunday, October 17, 2:00 pm only
Ghost Stories with Charlie Adams

Ghost storyteller extraordinaire Charlie Adams will be sending shivers up our spines as only Adams can with stories of the mysterious and macabre.



In his own words: "I like to tell ghost stories. I like to scare people. Any meeting room, library hall, restaurant, or stage becomes my campfire around which I spin my eerie yarns. I don my top hat, cape, and walking stick and try my best to transport my audience into another era and onto another plane. My intent is to continue the time-honored art of live storytelling. Ghost storytelling."

Wednesday, December 8, noon only
Midwife Rosina Heydrich's Diary

Hannes Haug, August 1, 1770, is the first name listed; Schneÿder 1819 is the last. Altogether about 1000 births were recorded by midwife Rosina Heydrich in a manuscript diary she kept for some fifty years. This slide presentation highlights some of the families mentioned as well as the rare comments written next to some births.

Presented by Allen Viehmeyer

Sunday, December 12, 2:00 pm only
Furniture of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Lisa Minardi will present highlights of her research for the forthcoming book and exhibition *Paint, Pattern & People: Furniture of Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1725-1850*. Focused on well-documented furniture and the people who made and owned it, this ground-breaking study offers a comprehensive look at the region's colorful and diverse furniture traditions, including those of the Germans, Scots-Irish, and Quakers.

Presented by Lisa Minardi, Assistant Curator of Furniture at Winterthur Museum

Wednesday, January 12, noon
Sunday, January 16, 2:00 pm
The 2010 Schwenkfelder Heritage Tour

The latest Schwenkfelder Heritage Tour was from July 25 to August 10. This slide presentation will report on the tour activities including sites visited and wonderful meals.

Presented by David W. Luz



Wednesday, November 10, noon
Sunday, November 14, 2:00 pm

Daniel Sudermann: South German Schwenkfelder



Like most of his fellow Schwenkfelders Daniel Sudermann (1550-1631) was not prone to call attention to his embrace of Schwenkfeldianism, yet he played a considerable role in the perpetuation of his faith. This illustrated lecture presents the

few known facts about Sudermann's biography and explores his collection of mystical and spiritual writings, his publications of poetry, emblems, hymns, and writings by Caspar Schwenckfeld.

Presented by Allen Viehmeyer and Rebecca Lawrence



Fall/Winter 2010/2011 Programs and Events

October 3—5:00 pm

Fund-Raising Dinner Honoring Dottie Heebner

October 5—1:30 pm, October 7—3:30 pm

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October 13—noon

BB Lecture: Funerary Practices in PA the German Community

October 17—2:00 pm

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October 19—1:30 pm, October 21—3:30 pm

Family Workshop—Reformation Portraits

October 23—8:30 am

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April 3, 2011—2:00 pm

Tiny Needlework Treasures Tea with Kathy Lesieur

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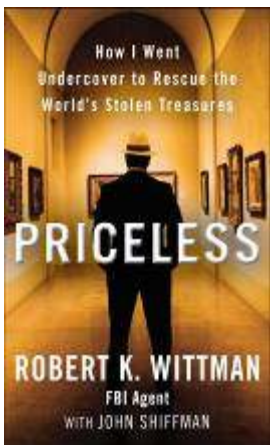
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Join us for a dazzling presentation by the founder of the FBI's Art Crime Team as he pulls back the curtain on his remarkable career. Sit spellbound as Robert (Bob) Wittman weaves true stories of intrigue and daring which are guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat!

Rising from humble roots as the son of an antiques dealer, Wittman built a twenty-year law-enforcement career that was nothing short of extraordinary. Armed with a scholar's passion, a con man's smile, and a daredevil's nerves, he worked undercover to catch art thieves, scammers, and black-market traders in Paris and Philadelphia, Rio and Santa Fe, Miami and Madrid.

By the FBI's accounting, Wittman saved hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of art and antiquities. He says the statistic isn't important. After all, who's to say what is worth more—a Rembrandt self-portrait or an American flag carried into battle? They're both priceless.



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