



Heritage Headlines

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Scholar Ends His Residence

The Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center Board of Directors invited select contributors to join them in thanking Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, Scholar-in-Residence, for his service this past year. The reception was held on Sunday, July 11th, in the Heritage Center Meeting Room. Allen shared his "findings from the vault", which included significant letters, writings, hymnals and historical records that he discovered during his research.

Board President George Meschter thanked Allen for his service to the Heritage Center and presented him

with a gift certificate as a token of the Board's appreciation.

During his sabbatical leave from Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, Allen continued his work on the correspondence of Schwenkfelder immigrants Christoph and Rosina Hoffman who were writing to relatives in Silesia from about 1750-1790. He held monthly book club discussions and gave presentations on various Schwenkfelder topics. Allen assisted researchers and continued his own research into Ephrata Community hymns and hymn tunes as well as Schwenkfelder

hymnology.

He also led Heritage Center staff in a German to English translation independent study course based on the Center's manuscript (continued on page 2)



Above: Allen displays a copy of Fr. Carl Regent's Verzeichnis (Register) of Schwenkfelders living in Silesia.

The Return of the Spooky Tale...

Join us on Friday, October 22nd, at 7 pm for an evening of entertaining stories and tales of the strange and supernatural. Heritage Center story tellers Candace Perry and David Luz will be joined by Upper Perkiomen High School Drama teacher Michelle Fowkes to send shivers of fright and fun up and down your spine!

Our storytellers have

planned a fun, family centered evening of entertainment with campfire stories and other creepy tales both young and old will enjoy.

This event is intended to help raise funds for the Heritage Center operations. Tickets are available from the Heritage Center front desk or on the night of the program for \$5.00 per per-

son. Light refreshments will be served. Call 215-679-3103 for tickets or more information.

For those of you who would rather read spooky tales than hear them, the Heritage Center Gift Shop offers Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh, and Berks County ghost stories by local author Charles Adams. Stop in any time to pick up a copy.

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CURRENT EXHIBITS

Make a Joyful Noise: Music in the Lives of Pennsylvania Germans

Exhibit ends October 31, 2004

"Make a Joyful Noise" will explore the role of music in the spiritual and secular lives of the Schwenkfelders and other Pennsylvania Germans. The exhibit features examples of Notenbuchlein (manuscript music books), many decorated with fraktur writing and folk art drawings. Printed hymn books, including the 1762 Schwenkfelder Gesangbuch, will further illuminate the traditions of hymn singing in Pennsylvania German worship. Examples of musical instruments made and used by the Schwenkfelder Krauss family -- most prominently known for their organ building -- will be displayed. Materials from the rich musical heritage of marching bands such as uniforms, photographs and music manuscripts from the Red Hill Band, the Hereford Band, and other local institutions are included in the exhibit.



Sponsored by



Kulp Family Wagonmakers

Exhibit ends October 3, 2004, Art Gallery

The Kulp/Kolb family wheelwright business started circa 1765 with George Michael Kolb and ran continuously until the death of the fifth generation wheelwright, William H. R. Kolb, in 1929. This exhibit tells their story and introduces us to a very important craft which has virtually disappeared today. Through historic wagons, furniture and a wheel making scene, the visitor will learn how a wheel is made, the various tools used and the family which continued this important craft for over 150 years. Research and artifacts for this exhibit provided by descendants Robert and Richard Kulp of Perkiomenville.

Hereford Hurrah: Folk Objects and Art from Hereford Township

Exhibit ends October 24, 2004, Local History Gallery

In commemoration of Hereford Township's 250-year history, a collection of fraktur, quilts, textiles, art, tools and memorabilia hailing from Hereford are on display in the local history gallery. Exhibit sponsored by Quigley Chevrolet, Bally, PA.

Scholar (continued from page 1)

collection and worked with German teachers from local school districts.

He provided invaluable assistance with translation and his knowledge of Pennsylvania German colonial heritage.

The staff and volunteers have enjoyed working with Allen this past year and wish him well in his remaining semesters of teaching at Youngstown State University.

HELP WANTED

A volunteer who loves working with antiques and collectibles willing to learn museum cataloging, object handling and storage, and exhibit development.

Requirements: at least 4 hours per week, patience and good humor.

Compensation: working with the Center's wonderful museum collection and the undying appreciation of the curator. Contact Candace Perry at the Heritage Center 215-679-3103.

Correction to the Report to Donors 2003-2004:

The gift in memory of Dorothy Fetterman, Foster Schultz and Warren Schultz should read "Leroy W. and Audrey K. Fetterman" and not Dr. and Mrs. Bill Walls, as was listed in the Summer 2004 Heritage Headlines.

We apologize for this error and have corrected our records accordingly.

Educational Programs & Workshops

for Children and Adults



Sewing at the Schwenkfelder

Get Ready for Winter - Come to the Heritage Center and learn how to make a scarf, hat and warm, fuzzy mittens. Bring your lunch in case you get hungry! Cost is \$15 per participant plus the cost of fabric. Workshop is held on **Saturday, October 2, 2004, from 10 -2 pm** for children ages 8-19.

After School 4H Sewing Club - Are you interested in sewing after school at the Heritage Center? This year you can enroll in our after school club. Please come to a free **informational meeting on Tuesday, September 28th, at 3:30 pm** to learn about 4H programs, meet the staff, see some of the projects you can learn to make and enjoy refreshments. This is a new venture for the Heritage Center and a schedule will be made after the informational meeting.

The club cost is \$5.00 per session per person and will be open to boys and girls ages 8-19. (Your 8th birthday MUST be prior to Jan. 1, 2004).

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Education Dept. Wish List

- Quilting cotton, all colors, prints, etc. Must be 100% cotton and in 1/2 yard or more cuts OR a gift card to Jennifer Ann or Joanne Fabric stores.
- Rubbermaid storage boxes to store fabric or a Walmart gift card.
- Crocheting and/or knitting teacher on a temporary or permanent basis.
- 4H Sewing Assistants for programs and after school club.

Scouts at the Schwenkfelder

Bring your Girl Scouts to the Heritage Center this school year (2004-2005) for fun-filled and educational workshops. Scout programs will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis at a mutually convenient time. Select from the following badges:

Brownies - Manners, Puppets, Dolls, Plays, Stitch it Together and Listening to the Past.

Juniors - My Heritage, Sew Simple, Folk Arts, Yarn and Fabric Arts.

Cadettes and Seniors - Heritage Hunt, Women through Time, Folk Arts, and Museum Discovery.

The cost of each scout program is \$5.00 per scout, adults are free. Fee includes badge and crafts. Scout leaders can also reserve a room in advance for their troops to eat a brown bagged lunch.

Become a Junior Friend of the Schwenkfelder Library by sending an additional \$5.00 donation. You will receive a membership card with your confirmation. Membership benefits include a 10% discount in our museum shop.

Please return the form on the back of this page with your non-refundable fee. A program packet will be mailed to you with further information and program confirmation. Mail to: Jennifer Allebach, 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg, PA 18073. 215-679-3103.

Teachers/Educators, Schools, Groups & Child Care Centers

The Educational Program Guide for the 2004-2005 school year will be available September 20th.

This guide will outline programs offered for field trips this year. All programs will directly relate to current Heritage Center exhibits and feature PA German culture and history as it relates to the Pennsylvania Standards.

A highlight for this school year is **Tales of the Belsnickel** which can be developed for any grade level. Why not treat your class to a December field trip when activity level is high and engaging them can be challenging due to the excitement of the holiday season?

Email Mrs. Allebach at jennifer@schwenkfelder.com or call 215-679-3103 to be placed on our mailing list and receive more information.

Fraktur Classes for Adults with Fraktur Artist Michael S. Kriebel

Beginners Class - includes an overview of the history of fraktur, penmanship exercises for lettering in cursive, printing and drawing on paper. Guided instruction for executing a fraktur piece with three main elements: design, color (done in inks) and lettering. **Saturday, October 9th, from 10 - 4.** Cost is \$30.00 and includes all materials plus a copy of the artist's Fraktur Manual.

Advanced Class - For persons who have already taken Michael's beginner class or who have familiarity with fraktur lettering and design, including coloring. Students must bring their own supplies to create an original piece based on one of Michael's fraktur designs on **Saturday, November 6th, from 10 - 4.** Cost is \$20.00. Students are encouraged to bring artwork to share with the class.

Registration is limited to 20 participants in each class. Please bring a bag lunch.

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center Program Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Name of individual attending program if different from above _____

Program Date	Title of Program	Cost
_____	_____	_____
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Method of Payment: Check Visa, MasterCard or Discover Total \$

Name on card _____ Number _____

Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

Fall Events & Exhibits 2004

September 2004

- 9/11 Pennsburg/East Greenville Community Days**
Visit our tent, shared with the Upper Perkiomen High School Band Boosters, along Main Street from 10 - 4pm.
- 9/19 Flora and Fauna—A Trip Back in Time Traveling the Perkiomen Railroad 2 pm**
A narrated slide show of plants and creatures inhabiting the areas around the Upper Perkiomen Creek presented by Aaron Heckler.

October 2004

- 10/2 31st Annual Apple Butter Frolic at the Indian Creek Road Farm 10 - 5 pm**
Come visit our table along with the Mennonite Historian's Folk Craft Demonstrations, PA German Food, Stage Programs, Children's Games and Old Farm Equipment Demonstrations. For more info visit www.mhep.org.
- 10/2 Sewing Workshop for Kids 10 - 1 pm**
Cost \$15, see page 4 to register.
- 10/9 Beginning Fraktur with Michael Kriebel 10 - 4**
Learn the basics of Fraktur writing and decoration with instructor Michael Kriebel. See registration form - page 4. Cost \$30.
- 10/16 Many Hands Art Exhibit/ Silent Auction**
Art in a multitude of mediums and styles is presented by Partners for Community Preservation in their annual fund raiser. Opening reception October 16 from 7- 9 pm. Closing reception and end of silent auction is Nov. 6, 2004, from 7 - 9 pm.
- 10/23 Mini Hands with Many Hands 10 - 12 noon**
A "hands-on" art program for children ages 8-12 taught by local artists. Children will have the opportunity to create a piece of original art under the direction of one of the artists. A \$5 registration fee is required. Call Lynne Theis of Partners for Community Preservation at 215-541-0707 for details and registration.
- 10/24 2003 Schwenkfelder Homelands Tour Highlights 2:30 pm**
Following the Annual Meeting at 2 pm of the Society of the Descendants of the Schwenkfeldian Exiles, there will be a presentation of highlights of the tour that visited historic settings in Poland, Germany, and Switzerland with emphasis on Schwenkfelder heritage and the Viehweg Monument Re-Dedication.

November 2004

- 11/6 Many Hands Art Exhibit/Silent Auction Ends**
Closing reception 7 pm. Bidding ends at 9 pm.
- 11/6 Advanced Fraktur Workshop 10 - 4 pm**
For persons who have taken Michael's beginner class or who have experience. See page 4 to register. Cost is \$20 per participant.
- 11/7 Friends of the Schwenkfelder Library 2 pm**
The PA German Potato with Nancy Roan.
- 11/25 Heritage Center Closed for Thanksgiving**
- 11/28 Christmas Putz Exhibit Opens**
The "Putz" is a traditional Pennsylvania German miniature village recreating scenes of the local community including the farm, church and home. Commonly displayed at Christmas time in local homes prior to World War II, the nostalgic charm of the Christmas Putz delights young and old alike. Exhibit ends Jan. 30, 2005.
- 11/28 Plain & Fancy Teddy Bear Exhibit Opens**
A Community Exhibit & Silent Auction
Enjoy the character and charm of our costumed teddy bears on display in the art gallery. Vote for your favorite bears and place your bids in the silent auction until Feb. 5, 2005.
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- 11/28 Folk Art Belsnickels by Stacy Clark**
Stacy Clark will present her glorious handcrafted Belsnickels and other holiday gift givers, each with its own fascinating heritage in Europe and the U.S. Exhibit ends Feb. 27, 2005.
- 11/28 Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming**
The words of this ancient Christmas carol will be interpreted with selections from the Heritage Center's collection of folk art images of roses, including fraktur, needlework and quilts. Exhibit ends May 1, 2005.

December 2004

- 12/12 Christmas Open House 1- 4 pm**
The Friends of the Heritage Center will host a holiday musical program at 2 pm. Visit the Christmas Putz, Belsnickel Folk Art and Plain & Fancy Teddy Bear Exhibit/Silent Auction. Home-baked cookies and punch will be served.



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Wish List

SPECIAL NEED CONTINUES THRU FALL 2004!

- We are half way to our goal of \$ 500 for **photography** of important items in our museum collection. We are looking for **5 more sponsors at \$50** each to fund this photography project for traveling lectures, displays and programs. Please help us share our unique treasures such as fraktur, textiles and pottery with people who are not able to visit the Heritage Center.

LIBRARY/ARCHIVAL

- Bookshelves for archivist work area \$ 850
- Oversized archival newspaper boxes \$ 26 ea.

OTHER

- 3 ft. type 1-A frame fiberglass ladder \$ 53
- 6 ft. type 1-A frame fiberglass ladder \$ 70
- HP 1240 Plain Paper Fax Machine \$ 175

MUSEUM

- Artifact display cubes and pedestals \$ 200
- Rare Book, "Printed Textiles" by Florence Montgomery \$ 400

Some Wishes Do Come True...



The Heritage Center would like to thank **Mary Hitchner, Shannon Delp** and **Allen Viehmeyer** for their contributions toward the photography project. Due to these generous donations we have raised half of our goal of \$500.

Frank and Helen Schlegel granted another wish, that of a 12 ft. type 1-A frame fiberglass ladder.

Thank you for supporting the needs of the Heritage Center!

Please contact the Heritage Center at 215-679-3103 if you are interested in making a donation towards a Wish List item. Contributions in any amount are greatly appreciated.