



Becky Gentzler - Archaeology Intro

NORTHERN YORK COUNTY HISTORICAL & PRESERVATION

40th Anniversary Society

August 2024 Newsletter

“The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark.” ~ Thomas Paine

Our week long History Camp at Dills Tavern (July 15-19) reflected another year's success in fulfilling NYCHAPS commitment towards education. As in all our events, the Dills Tavern property along with our volunteers created a potent setting conducive for learning. The students who attended History Camp gained knowledge about early American life through presentations, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences. We give heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers for sharing their time, interests, and talents with us during the week of camp.

Karen Nellis & Viki Wonders - History Camp Coordinators



David Reed
Grain Presentation

Our History Camp "village" of Volunteers

Demonstrators:

- David Reed - grain processing
- Karen Phillippi - floor cloth painting
- Linda Zeiders - chicken corn chowder
- Mindy Bower - hearth baking
- Gary Reneker - gardening
- Karen Nellis - wheat weaving
- Greg Weaver - candle dipping
- Cindy Knisley - indigo dyeing
- James Nellis - corn
- Becky Gentzler - archaeology

Group Leaders:

- Becky Gentzler
- Carol Hugar

Multi Assistance:

- Char Knudsen
- Robin Conley
- Clair Zeiders

High School:

- Sarah Briant
- Sarah Tarka

College Intern:

- Zach Davinroy

Demonstrators / Assistants:

- Wooden Candle Holders
 - Bud Cobb
 - Gary Reneker
 - Don Bradenbaugh
- Colonial Clothing
 - Char Knudsen
 - Sherry Morgan
- Tin Punch Picture
 - Don Peroni
 - Jim McClay
 - Jim Hugar

August Events

Join up with NYCHAPS at National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6th; 5:00pm - 8:00pm at Logan Park

80 Logan Road, Dillsburg PA



The Carroll Township Police Department wishes to invite the residents of Carroll Township, Monaghan Township, Franklintown Borough, and Dillsburg Borough to attend our annual National Night Out. Officers from the Carroll Township Police Department will be having a cookout with exhibits presented by local fire departments, law enforcement agencies, and businesses. Come enjoy some live music, free food, prizes, and meet the Police Officers and first responders that serve you.

NYCHAPS will have a "booth" to display membership brochures, event rack cards, and sell quilt raffle tickets and could use assistance in covering this. Please contact rdougr@aol.com if you are available.



Saturdays

Farmers Market - Every Saturday
8:00 am - noon

Music

August 24th - Dillsburg Brass at 10:00 am
August 31st - Matthew Dodd at 10:00 am



August 17th - Dillsburg Library
Storytime at the Market with Ms. Sue
10:00 am



August 3rd - Tavern Tour
10:00 am & 11:00 am
\$5 adult
\$10 immediate family



Distillery Tours
Every Saturday
Beginning on the hour
at 10am, 11am, 12pm,
1pm, 2pm, & 3pm
\$10 per adult

August 10th - Cooking Demo
August 17th - Garden Talk
August 24th - Children's Activity

Sundays



Distillery Tours Every Sunday
afternoon at:
1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 pm
\$10 per adult



Tavern Tours - Every Sunday
2:00 pm & 3:00 pm
\$5 adult / \$10 immediate family



Spinning Demonstration
August 11th during Tavern tours

September... Looking Ahead



Grand Opening of the Eichelberger Distillery at Dills Tavern!

September 7th; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This family friendly event will include ongoing demonstrations of carpentry, blacksmithing, 18th century brewing, fiber arts, and tomahawk throwing; living history reenactors from the mid and late 18th centuries; educational talks on the engineering behind wagon wheels, 18th century plants, the Conestoga pony story, 18th century herbalism & medicine, and the making of an 18th century pot still; and kids' games with a live story illustration! Our cooper will be doing the annual harvesting of the cattails and will deconstruct, resurface, rechar, and rehoop a cask. An early 19th century firearms display and a quilt raffle will round out the day.

21+ activities include Tastings and our 4th Annual Cherry Bounce Contest, both of which will run from noon to 3pm with the winner of the bounce contest being announced at 3:30pm.

The official Grand Opening Ceremony begins at 11:00am. Come watch us "brand a whiskey barrel" with the official Eichelberger Distillery at Dills Tavern brand.

Music by Across the Pond and Stone House Breakdown.

This event is rain or shine and all are welcome!

If entering the Cherry Bounce Contest...

Contestants wishing to enter their very own Cherry Bounce into the competition should contact Karen Nellis by email (knellis@northernnyorkhistorical.org) or phone (312-810-8306). **A minimum of 2 750 ml bottles of the same recipe needs to be entered.** Judging criteria will be based on color, clarity, complexity, consistency, and conclusion.

[Click here for Murray's video!](#)



4th Annual Cherry Bounce Contest



The 2nd Celtic Chest

A Historic Trades Story

by Clair Zeiders

The first "Celtic Chest" was created for the 2024 Celtic Festival. It was a joint effort of Karen Phillippi for the graphics, Jason Metzger fabricating the

famous "Dragon Hinges", and Clair Zeiders making the chest. It was a lot of fun and seemed to attract some attention for the event.

Pictures of the handmade chest were posted on Facebook and other media resulting in NYCHAPS being contacted by a lady in Virginia. Her question was, could there be another one made for her daughter's wedding? Karen, Jason and Clair put their heads together and came up with a response of "Sure!"

Clair contacted "Mom" and ironed out the details. Yes, the Celtic painting on top can be done again--no, we do not need dragons for hinges--yes, we can change the color of the trim. Can it be ready for the May 4th wedding? Sorry, no can do. The solution... Mom indicates that she will be going to England later this year, where the young couple will be living. The chest will go along with her at that point to be delivered.

Clair was going to add an antique ivory "escutcheon" (an ornamental piece around the keyhole). Clair checked on sending a piece of ivory into merry old England. We quickly discovered that documentation of the age of the ivory would probably be necessary to do it legally along with other paperwork. Hmmm. Mom and Clair decided to use an antique brass escutcheon instead. No need to get stuck in customs in merry old England over a small piece of antique ivory. It was a fun project for all of us. Just be very careful the next time that you plan to take your antique ivory chess set to England!





Volunteer Spotlight - Frank Wilmarth

Background...

My long-time interest in firearms drifted toward flintlocks when I wanted one to hang over the fireplace in a new home I was having built in the mid-1970's. That resulted in assembling my first "kit" gun - a late-1700's "Golden Age" .50 cal. longrifle that I still occasionally bring to the Tavern for period portrayals. My interest in living history started a good bit later when my wife Jan and I encountered

Dill's "emicaries" Steve Pancoe and George Plats during our involvement with the "Friends" group up in Halifax, PA. That group was then promoting development of the F&I fort site situated there along the Susquehanna River near our home in Dauphin. With Steve and George's encouragement, my interest in living history began evolving and I identified once-local 18th Century personality "Simon Girty, II" as a persona to portray attending various living history events. Jan has participated as Girty's wife Cathrine at Dills Tavern and elsewhere including at Ft. Loudoun, the Isaac Meier Homestead in Myerstown, PA, and, most recently, at the John Harris Mansion in Harrisburg.

How did you come to know Dills Tavern/NYCHAPS?

It was through our relationship with Steve and George that Jan and I were first introduced to the Tavern and the many interesting, friendly, and like-minded folks involved there (... it's a long list of those folks and I've learned over the years never to attempt identifying any of them in particular for fear of leaving someone unrecognized).

In what ways have you been involved with Dills Tavern? (Past and/or present)

In addition to our interest in attending 1st Friday functions, our primary involvement has been setting up and manning the tomahawk-throwing stand there at Saturday Farmers Markets and at special events.

What are your favorite things about Dills Tavern or living history?

Our favorites are all the new friends that Jan and I have met participating in various Tavern functions. Of course, we're also particularly fond of the "Tastings" provided by Murray Small, et. al., at the Tavern itself.

What additional things would you like members to know about you?

Born and raised in northwestern PA, I graduated from Penn State in 1970 and graduated from Dickinson Law School in 1974. I served six years in the PA Army National Guard from 1970 to 1976. I retired as an attorney with the PA Public Utility Commission in 2009 after working there for 35 years. I have two grown sons, both US Army Veterans. Jan and I live in Dauphin, PA with our beloved Doberman Pinscher, Shiloh. In addition to our involvement with Dills Tavern, we are active volunteers down at F&I Fort Loudoun outside Chambersburg, Duncannon American Legion Post 340, and with the Dauphin County Veterans Court program where I have participated for 13 years and Jan with me for the last nine.



NYCHAPS 40th Anniversary Giving Challenge

The list below represents **specific “asks”** that will be important in the coming year. Designating where you would like your contribution to go allows you to support NYCHAPS in a way that resonates with you and we want you to be able to tangibly connect to our mission. Donations that are “unspecified” are just as important to our work as the funds support operational expenses. Either way, **we appreciate financial support of any amount... it all adds up!** The list below has progress notes and will be updated each month. Donations may be made using our [website here](#) or mailed to: NYCHAPS, P.O. Box 340, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Below are the opportunities to invest your donation directly to the program you would like to support!

Education / Living History		
1. Student Scholarship(s) for the Children’s History Camp	DONE	\$130/260
2. Supplies to support the Children’s History Camp		\$500
3. Guest speaker(s) fees		\$500
4. Tavern candles		\$200
5. Colonial Garden Supplies	1% funded	\$250
Preservation		
1. Archives room map cabinet	7% funded	\$1500
2. Archives room oversize scanner	60% funded	\$1000
3. Preservation of antique fiber arts objects in archives	Pledged	\$5000
Maintenance		
1. Replacing Maple Shade Barn gutters		\$5000
2. Replace Maple Shade Barn printer	DONE!	\$500
3. Painting the exterior of the Dills Tavern west side	36% funded	\$5500
4. Painting the Dills Tavern soffits and third floor windows		\$6500
5. Painting the Tavern modern kitchen exterior		\$5000
6. Repairing/replacing sections of Baltimore Street sidewalk		\$15000
7. Repainting, replacing, and repairing Dills Tavern Fencing	DONE!	\$3000
8. Adding new electrical to the Dills Tavern property		\$3500
Education / Distillery		
1. Distillery pumps/buckets		\$200
2. Distillery totes	DONE!	\$300
3. Distillery Potable Water hose	DONE!	\$100
4. Fermenting Barrels (3 @ \$350 each)	33% funded (1 barrel)	\$1050
5. Distillery Storage racks		\$500
6. Distillery Lab Equipment for Proofing/gauging	DONE!	\$1000
7. Bottle Filler		\$375
8. Distillery scale		\$1500
9. Distillery hydrometer	DONE!	\$500
10. Brix Reader (mash)	DONE!	\$400
11. Stainless taps	DONE!	\$200
12. Distillery Laptop		\$500
13. Mini Digital Projector/Bluetooth speakers for distillery		\$700
14. Distillery Handheld Alcohol Gas Detector		\$500

Community Interests

Quilting 101 Class

The Maple Shade Quilters will be offering an 8-week (16 hour) Quilting 101 class! This class will meet every other Monday from Sept 9th thru Dec 16th at the Maple Shade Barn, 35 Greenbriar Ln, from 1:00p-3:00p. This class was organized by the Harrisburg Area Homeschoolers Assoc (aka HAHA) but is open to any child, male or female, 6th grade or older.



This class will teach more than just sewing. It will teach color, design, attention to detail, and perseverance. The final product of this 8-week class will be a 40"x40" lap-size sampler friendship quilt.



The 1st lesson will discuss color theory and the students will choose a block pattern to make (see pictures on HAHA website). Then they will create "accessories" in which to keep their supplies and their work.

Lesson 2 will commence with the making of the block of their choice. They will make 1 block for themselves and 1 block for each attendee. When they are finished with their blocks they will add their initials. Then they will swap blocks and piece them all together. Their quilt will be a forever reminder of the weeks spent with new friends.

There will be fabric to choose from, however if your child has (100% cotton) fabric that they would like to use, they are free to bring it along. The student will also need to supply a rotary cutter (which looks sort of like a pizza cutter but with a smaller blade – again, see picture on HAHA website. These can be found at Walmart or Joanne's - hint: Walmart is cheaper), as well as tiny scissors (no more than 2", just to cut threads), a seam ripper, and needles (#9 quilting needles). Fabric, thread and a cutting mat will be provided.

The cost is \$150/HAHA students and \$175/non-HAHA student and includes both materials and instruction. You can register for this amazing class here: https://www.homeschool-life.com/346/admin/events/event_update?categoryid=all&eventid=3589744. (Please pay via PayPal at time of registration).

Questions should be directed to Beth Mellott. Her e-mail is:

HomeschoolLegacy@gmail.com

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Coming Soon!

A new volunteer management system is in the works! This will replace our current use of SignUpGenius. NYCHAPS is looking forward to using time saving features with improved communication and documentation of volunteer efforts.

You will be notified by email when the transition is complete!

Speaking of volunteers...

Fullfilling the mission of NYCHAPS is largely a volunteer effort. In addition to education, there is always a need for helping hands to maintain the Dills Tavern property. Just look what this group accomplished on a very sunny and hot day!



Fence painting thanks go to: Woodman Life Insurance, Zachary Kile, Clair Zeiders, James Nellis, Murray Small, Jayden Meade, Doug Riley, Dara and Brian Kane, Karen Phillippi, Dory Maguire, Chuck Deeble, and Mindy Bower



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