

Quakertown Historical Society News

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Burgess Foulke House

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *Quakertown Historical Society News*. The Board of Directors intends to, as one of its goals, communicate openly and often with the members of the Society and the community at large.

It is a “new day” at the Society. There is a determined commitment to bring the Society back to a point where it is valued and respected as it was years ago. There is a lot to do and it will require the efforts of not only the Board but also the efforts of members of the Society. We feel that the work involved will be well worth the effort. **The object of the Society is to foster and perpetuate interest in the history of the greater Quakertown Community.** We have a rich history here in Quakertown and, we believe, it must be preserved for future generations.

Annual Meeting

The 2018 Quakertown Historical Society Annual Meeting was held on October 1, 2018 at the 7:00 PM at the McCooles Arts & Events Place, 10 S. Main Street, Quakertown, PA. Twenty-Three members were in attendance. A new Board of Directors was elected to serve. They are: Frank Licopoli (3 Yrs.), Jack Schick (3 Yrs.), John Wyatt (3 Yrs.); Christina Landis (2 Yrs.), Aimee Pattison (2 Yrs.), Robert Roth (2 Yrs.); Jan Hench (1 Yr.).

A financial report was presented by Treasurer Tara King and approved as presented. A discussion took place regarding the financial challenges that the Society has going forward.

Various Board Members shared goals that the Board has for the Society long-term and short-term. Suggestions were solicited and noted from the members in attendance. Several members in attendance showed a willingness to become more involved in the Society.

Election of Officers

Immediately following the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors met and elected officers for the coming year. They are: President—John Wyatt; Vice-President— Jack Schick; Secretary—Robert Roth; Treasurer—Aimee Pattison. They will serve for a one-year term.

Society Membership

On May 10, 2018 at a regular meeting of the Board, new Bylaws for the Society were adopted. The new Bylaws now allow for a membership of the Society. The Board has been actively soliciting individuals that are willing to become a member. The only “requirement” for acceptance as a member is that there be an interest in the work of the Society. There are no dues or other financial responsibilities. Currently there are 64 members.

Quarterly Membership Meetings will be held to update the Membership on the progress of the Society and to get the members input and involvement.

If you know of anyone who would like to join, they can apply at historicquakertown@gmail.com or call the office at 267-227-3864.

Walking Ghost Tour Fundraiser

On October 26, 27 & 28 the Annual Walking Ghost Tour Fundraiser was held under the leadership of President John Wyatt. It once again proved to be a great success in spite of the bad weather that was encountered. Over \$3000.00 was raised to benefit the Society’s general fund. Some 229 tickets were sold and groups of patrons were led along Main Street in Quakertown. President Wyatt thanks all who attended and particularly those who volunteered at the event.

Burgess Foulke House

The Burgess Foulke House received a new roof during the summer thanks to Quakertown Borough. The old

shaker roof had seen its better days and was starting to leak. The side porch received a necessary facelift, thanks to the efforts of Kevin Greger.

The building still has some significant needs as far as repairs are concerned (including the windows and the fascia boards as well as a new paint job) and the borough has agreed to work with the Society in getting these items addressed over time. The Society has a lease with the borough to use the facility but the borough actually owns the Burgess Foulke House, the Barn and Liberty Hall.

There has been a considerable effort, led by Frank Licopoli, to organize the items on display in Burgess Foulke House and to consider what items are to be kept on display going forward.

Archives

The Board has made it a priority to take an inventory of all items in the Society's possession and record them in the archives electronically. Frank Licopoli has been the leader in this area also, and considerable progress has been made.

The Board is still very much interested in receiving, by way of contribution or on loan, any items of historical significance to Quakertown Borough. The Society is a registered 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution to the society would qualify as a charitable donation under the Internal revenue Code as appropriate. Please feel free to contact us either by the phone number listed or by e-mail at info@quakertownhistoricalsociety.org.

Board of Directors News

At the Board Meeting on November 7, 2018 the Board extended the number of Board member positions from seven to eleven. As a result of this action the following individuals were appointed to the vacant positions: Jim Lukens (3-year term), Linda Treffinger (2-year term), Victoria Blackmore (1-year term) and Shawna Serpe (1-year term).

Also, at the same Board Meeting, the following committees were established: Events & Fundraising, Property Maintenance, Archives & Display, Membership, Finance, and Public Relations.

If you, as a member of the Society, would like to serve on one of these committees, please contact President John Wyatt @ historicoptownquakertown@gmail.com or 267-371-2341.

Luminary Sales Fundraising Program

The Society is selling luminaries (paper bags w/candle) to raise funds for the Society. Members are asked to place orders and are encouraged to make friends and neighbors aware of the sale. Many years ago most of West Broad Street in Quakertown was lined with luminaries on Christmas Eve. Our goal is to raise funds but it would also be great to see a new tradition started all over town and in neighboring communities. Please note the flyer below.

QUAKERTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LUMINARIA SALES

\$0.75 PER INDIVIDUAL SETS

50 SETS -- \$35 100 SETS -- \$65
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