

HALDEMAN MANSION PRESERVATION SOCIETY
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
2010 4TH ISSUE

230 LOCUST GROVE ROAD
BAINBRIDGE, PA 17502



KRISTKINDTLE MART



Saturday

November 20, 2010

10:00 to 4:00 PM


This will be the 3rd year for the special Kristkindtle Mart at the Haldeman Mansion. Kristkindtle (Christ Child) Mart is modeled after the traditional outdoor German markets.

This event will feature local artists and craftworkers who will be displaying a variety of unique and unusual hand-made items. You can choose jewelry, candles, shirts and totes, photography and more. We will also hold a silent auction.


Before, during or after your shopping you can enjoy hearty soups, chili, or freshly baked desserts and pastries, topped off with a cup of steaming hot cocoa or mulled cider, so take along your appetite as well.

Bring your holiday spirit and recapture some of the childhood magic of the season. This year's Kristkindtle Mart promises to be bigger, and better than last year's – so mark it on your calendar NOW and plan on spending the day with us!

The Haldeman Mansion is located at 230 Locust Grove Road Bainbridge, PA 17502. For more information, contact Chairperson Jody Stuart at 717.939.9839.



**All the money raised at this event will be used for
maintenance, expenses and repairs of the mansion.**





What a beautiful day for the sixth Annual Haldeman's **Apple Fall Festival!** Throughout the day, the people kept coming. This was the best Fall Fest ever!

which all were sold. We ran out of beans and had very little left of the rest of the food.

The *Martin Family Band* and the group *Three Times*



Through were enjoyed by all who came. I heard one comment from a man, "I would have paid \$8.00 for the \$2.00 hot dog just to hear the music." We are lining them up for next year.



Our hearth cooks, Jim & Diane Leonard and Vada Clemens served bread with apple butter, sausages and pork that had been cooked in Summer Kitchen.

Darl Williams made apple cider with apples donated by the Masonic Village. A donation jar sat beside the apple press and \$153.00 was collected.



The apple peeling contest had a nice showing. First place went to Cheri Garber with 98-1/4 inches. Second place was Kitty Boice with 54 inches and Brenda Sauder, third, was one inch behind with 53 inches.



Our apple dessert contest was a hit in more ways than one. We had fabulous desserts entered and it was a tough decision to pick the best three. Our judges, Lilli Ann Kopp, Gina Mariani and Sue Hamilton said all the desserts were excellent! The three winners were first place, Wayne Rullos - apple cheese cake, second place, Jody Stuart, her husband's favorite dessert for all holidays - moist apple cake and third place, Louise Reichart - apple cake.

The three winners donated their prizes to the silent auction, helping to raise more money for the roof.



We had a wonderful group of Girl Scouts that were led by Chris Goodpaster. They demonstrated various sewing and weaving techniques.

The best part were all the volunteers who made this event possible!

See page four (4) for a complete listing of the volunteers and sponsors who made **Fall Fest of 2010 a Great Success!** A total profit of \$3,276.55 was realized with \$1,119 being deposited into the roof fund.



Tavern Dinner Report



The group picture includes those who worked to make the Tavern Dinner a success: Gail Yurkovic-chair, Jody Stuart, Keith Shearer, Vada Clemens, Ellen Rhoads, Tina Mark and Sally Williams. Missing from this photo was Judy Kay Bard.



This was the first Tavern Dinner hosted at the Mansion. The meal was delicious from the appetizer to the desserts. The dinner was fashioned after typical 18th century tavern fare, that would have been served to travelers.



There was even music provided by Ben Zimmerman on the fiddle. What a wonderful evening the attendees had. We are hopeful that in 2011 the HMPS will host another Tavern Dinner and that you will be able to attend.



The committee members responsible for this event were: Gail Yurkovic, Jody Stuart, Keith Shearer, Ellen Rhoads, Tina Mark, Doris Sites & Elaine Jackson.



APPLE HARVEST FALL FEST
WE THANK EACH ONE OF YOU FOR
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Giant Food Store - Elizabethtown
Weis Market - Elizabethtown
Karns - Middletown
Sharp Shopper - Middletown
Masonic Village: apples for the
apple cider making
- Karen Schatz and her church:
apple dumplings
- Alma Zeager: apple dumplings
- Doris Sites, Jody Stuart & Elaine
Jackson: donation of pork
- Elaine Jackson, Jody Stuart &
Donna White: baked beans
- Conoy Township: Porta Potties
-Ellen Rhoads: Pork preparation
- Norma Bair, Faye Burke & Ellen
Rhodes: chicken corn soup
- Elaine Jackson: caramel apples,
rice crispy treats, apple dessert
- Gail Yurkovic: Whoopie Pies
- The Falmouth United Methodist
Church: Chairs, the hot dog skillet
and apple dumplings
-All who donated desserts

PRIZES FOR THE
APPLE DESSERT CONTEST:

Dutch Apple Theatre
Hershey Theatre
Fulton Theatre

PRIZES FOR THE
APPLE PEELING CONTEST:

Karen Schatz

GIFTS FOR JUDGES:

Apple frames with sayings

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AND
GIFT CERTIFICATES:

Jody Stuart – 3 Baskets
Elaine Jackson - 3 apple theme
baskets, apple canister set, Boyd's
Bear Bag and other items
Nissley's Winery - 2 bottles of wine
Judy Kay Bard - tea basket
Wes Gerber - mums
B & G Lumber
Muellers' Flower Shop
The Black Gryphon
Twin Kiss
Dog's Family Fun Center
Sight & Sound Theatres
Spence Candies

VOLUNTEERS AT FESTIVAL:

Norma Bair, Barbara Baker, Judy Kay
Bard, Diane Burke, Vada Clemens,
Mary Corcoran, Joyce Droege, Doris
Fogey, Lorraine Gangemi, Ashley
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4-H Group, Trudy Guttshall, Sue
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Karen Schatz, Keith Shearer, Kyle
Shearer, Doris Sites, Jody Stuart,
Steve & Irene Villanueva and their
daughters, the Girl Scouts; Elizabeth,
Angela and Miriam, Donna White,
Darl Williams, Heather Williams,
Arlene Wilson, anyone who helped
but were missed in this list and those
who entered the apple dessert
contest.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Elaine Jackson, Chair, Norma Bair,
Tina Mark, Karen Schatz, Keith
Shearer, Doris Sites, Jody Stuart,
Donna White, Gail Yurkovic.

CLEAN UP THE DAY BEFORE:

Elaine Jackson, Gail Yurkovic, Jody
Stuart, and Keith Shearer



This Place Matters



“I Remember Pappy”

by Odessa Hixon Biesecker

In 1930, I moved to Locust Grove, Bainbridge, PA with my family when my father became engaged in farming on the J. E. Baker Co. farm. This was 80 years ago and things have changed.

The other inhabitants of the small village, at that time, included the B. F. Hoffmans in the Haldeman Mansion on the hill, Mr. and Mrs. Gueisteweite, occupying a small tenant house on the property, “Grammy” Schrum in the house across the road, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poole in the house across the creek.

Since I was too young to be completely involved in the farm work like my brother and sister, and I had no other children to play with, I occupied much of my time tagging after Pappy Gueisteweite, the Hoffman’s gardener. Many hours were spent – helping to pick up bristle sticks, as he called them, small twigs and branches that fell from the trees and had to be picked up before the mowing could be accomplished. There were no self-propelled, power riding mowers back then, just “Pappy Power,” and the lawns were always beautifully manicured.

As we picked, raked and trimmed, he never failed to keep me spellbound with his many tales of the “good old days.” As we worked around the ice house, he would tell me how, in winter, they would cut the ice in huge blocks from the creek or river and sled it to the ice house where it was packed in sawdust and stored for next summer’s use.

A short distance from the terraced lawns laid the old canal bed, now grown with a dense under brush and trees. He told me how the boats were drawn with mules, how the locks worked, and how the supplies were brought in and taken out of the canal boat. On the one boundary along the creek on the opposite bank stood the large tobacco warehouse; its foundation was once a distillery.

I am sure there are still residents in the area who remember the beautiful old stone mill which stood here on Conoy’s banks. I shall never forget the last flower show that was held there before the mill was bulldozed into oblivion, or the many hours I spent playing under the cool spray of the mill dam.

Bainbridge, according to “Pappy” in his day as he put it, must have been quite an industrial village, almost self-sustaining. The dentist made watches to supplement his income.

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The postmistress was a seamstress and milliner. There was a currier and tanner who tanned the leather to make saddles, harnesses, and shoes. The shoemaker, who not only mended the shoes, made shoes while you waited if you had time, that is. "Pappy" demonstrated, for me, how the shoemaker would pour his mouth full of brads or tacks and used his tongue to push them out as needed.

There were a wheelwright and plough maker, a blacksmith and tinsmith, a coal yard, storekeepers and dry goods merchants. A copper shop made "much needed" barrels because everything was stored and shipped in them, including flour, sugar, molasses, salt and fish. There was a tailor, as a sign on Marguerite Gingrich's home will testify, after having been stripped of its many coats of paint that had been hiding there through the years.

We can't forget the doctor who kept the jar of medicinal leeches in his office. He made his calls with a horse and buggy.

There were two hotels and an express station Pappy saw many businesses flourish and die in the wake of progress. He watched the canal reluctantly give way to the railroad. Also the horse-drawn vehicles took to the side of the road for the "gasoline buggies. How much as a fact or how much was fabricated for the amusement of a child I will never know. I shall

always look back upon those fleeting years as a cherished part of my childhood.

I never tired of hearing those stories over and over again. Sometimes after my evening chores were finished, dusk would find me skipping down the road to Gueistweites' house. By the feeble lamp, he would play checkers or dominoes. And always more stories!

"Pappy" and his wife spoke Pennsylvania Dutch. I couldn't understand a word they were saying, but somehow by the tone of her voice and the twinkle in his eye, I got the impression sometimes I was being joshed.

An example of one of these stories: "The Story of the Milkman". The milkman arrived in his horse-drawn wagon with large cans of milk, from which he filled the pitchers and pails of the housewives along the way. Nearing the end of his route and thinking that the dwindling supply wouldn't last, he would stop at the creek to fill and water the milk down a little. That explained why the kids on the beginning of the route were fat, and those on the end, skinny.

The story he enjoyed telling the most, especially to my elders, was the one I liked least.

It was about the barefoot kid he caught in his garden helping herself to the gooseberries and currants. So engrossed in this childish prank, she did not know

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she was being observed from the other side of the hedge until she was startled by the ankle in the crook of his outstretched cane. In her surprised haste, she went tumbling end over end. Yes, you guessed it, the culprit was me.

Then in 1933, Pappy put down his shovel and hoe and went to his reward. He had given me a pair of little crystal mugs, trimmed in gold, that I keep in my hutch.

But his best gift to me has no monetary value. It can neither be bought nor sold. It can only be shared as he shared it with me.



New Release of the Haldeman Mansion Christmas Ornament



Tom F. Hermansader has contacted the HMPS about his latest creation - The Haldeman Mansion Christmas Ornament. It will have his famous view of the front of Mansion on it.

For more information you can visit his website at: www.hermansadersartgallery.com

Tom began making ornaments in 1990. They are very popular and many customers have purchased the entire collection. This is a sample of an ornament made for the Penn State supporters. This view was obtained from Tom's website.

The Haldeman Mansion image is very detailed and is in color. In fact, the stonework in the building is exact! The ornament is about 3" in

diameter, made of fine porcelain and has a brass top.

There will be 1,000 numbered and signed ornaments made. They will sell for \$21.95 each plus 6% state sales tax.

The open edition ornaments are the same except they are not numbered and signed. They are available for \$14.95 each plus 6% state sales tax.

If you want to place an order for an ornament call Tom at 717.684.7899 or email him at:

fthermansader@comcast.net

Tom also mentions that he has one (1) numbered and signed print of the Haldeman Mansion available. He obtained this from the secondary



market. If you or if you know someone who would like to buy this, contact Tom.

These ornaments will be available for purchase at the Kristkindle Mart on November 20th at the Mansion!

A LOOK BACK IN TIME.....



You may not have been with the HMPS since its inception in 1967. Featured here are photos, from the archives, showing the condition of the mansion around the time the HMPS was formed. As you can see we have come a long way since then, but we



still have a long way to go. With **your help**, the day will come when the Haldeman Mansion has been fully restored to its former glory!

We Thank YOU for
YOUR SUPPORT!

OPEN HOUSE REPORT

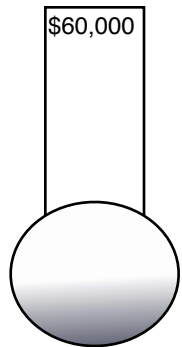
The Mansion was open every Sunday
from May 2nd through October 17th for visitors
from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

We are pleased to report that during this time we had many new visitors who became member of HMPS!

We want to THANK the volunteers who made the visitors feel welcome and shared their excitement about and their knowledge of the Haldeman Mansion.

The **ROOF FUND** is slowly growing with your help! If you haven't observed the condition of the roof of the Haldeman Mansion lately you need to know that it is in dire need of replacement. We need to get a new roof soon to keep the mansion dry inside! We have several ways for you to help. You can purchase individual shingles for \$1.00 each, an entire block of shingles or you can also make a one time donation to the HMPS Roof Fund when you pay your dues. You can use the dues renewal slip and indicate the special donation to the Roof Fund. Send your check to: HMPS, Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502. Help us fill the coffer with your special donations to replace the Haldeman Mansion Roof!

In addition to funds added from Fall Fest, we also raised \$1,300 from the recent Ghost Hunt led by Doug McReynolds.



Total Funds to Date
\$7,777.00

Special Report on a Haldeman Tombstone

Renee Rankin writes to the HMPS that there was a Haldeman tombstone found in the building where she lives. It was found during renovations that her landlord was doing to the building he just bought located on Main Street in Elizabethtown.

The names on the tombstone are Soloman Haldeman, Elizabeth Haldeman and their daughters. It lists dates of Birth and Death for them. At the very bottom on the concrete tombstone it lists the names of Aaron and Amanda.

Arrangements are being made with Renee to bring the tombstone home to the Haldeman Mansion. We thank Renee for contacting us about this important piece of the Haldeman Family History. We look forward to seeing a photograph of this stone and learning of the relationship to our Haldemans.



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Volunteers are the life blood of this organization and we need all who can help in maintaining and restoring this beautiful property full of history. Please express your area of interest.

I am willing to:

Serve on an event committee _____ Help at events _____

Donate food items for events _____ Help paint _____

Carpentry Repairs _____ Do other repairs _____ Help with cleaning inside _____

Clean up yard (Pick up sticks, etc.) _____ Help edit or write for newsletter _____

Do research & help do exhibits _____ Help write grant requests _____

Serve as Volunteer contact (call volunteers to schedule hours) _____

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