

# THE Correspondent



The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill Historic Sites

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## Own a Piece of Hope Lodge!

If you have visited Hope Lodge recently you may have noticed that a few of the large trees have been removed from the property. Age and disease were the culprits, but the trees are enjoying a second life as handcrafted works of art.

John M. Hoetzel of Glenside, Pennsylvania, donated his time and talent to create bowls and plates of black walnut, elm and maple. Mr. Hoetzel, a self-employed carpenter, has been a woodworker for 20 years. For the past three years he has turned his attention to cabinet making, carpentry and wood turning.

Stop by the Hope Lodge Museum Shop to admire and purchase these pieces of Hope Lodge. The pieces range in price from



\$50 to \$25. Each beautifully handcrafted piece is signed, dated and states the type of wood used. A certificate of authenticity is included with each purchase. All proceeds will benefit the many programs at Hope Lodge. A special thank you to Jack Greenberg for bringing Mr. Hoetzel's talent to Hope Lodge.

 Wanda M. Rauch



Debbie Hoffmann (left), Nancy Gingrich (right), and George Gingrich (not pictured) honored William and Alice Degn on September 6, 2006.

## Degn's Gravesites Honored

Did you know that William Degn and Alice Degn are buried less than a half mile from Hope Lodge? To honor our Hope Lodge benefactors, Debbie Hoffmann has started the tradition of visiting the Degn gravesites on September 6<sup>th</sup> and in the month of December. Each September 6<sup>th</sup>, and in honor of the holiday season, volunteers from Hope Lodge will be laying flowers and holiday wreaths on the Degn graves at St. Thomas Church just up the road from Hope Lodge. You may wonder why September 6<sup>th</sup>? This date signifies the death of William Degn (September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1940) and the birth date of Alice Degn (September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1871). If anyone would like to make a contribution for flowers or the wreaths or participate in the 2007 visits, please contact Debbie Hoffmann ([hopelodge@comcast.net](mailto:hopelodge@comcast.net)) or calling the site at 215-646-1595.

# President's Corner

A seasonal retrospect...

The challenges of the past year have for the most part been met. The Friends are adjusting to having a shared administrator who also works with the folks at Graeme Park. Additionally, a Custodial Guide has been hired to augment the staff. Most of the vacant committee chairs have been filled with the most capable of people, some of whom have engaged in extended responsibilities by taking on more than one facet of our operations. As a reminder, you need not be a Board member to chair a committee. Please, if you are interested in a chairmanship, let us know.



It is the volunteers that make Hope Lodge what it is in its current successful state. You, the volunteer, have earned a big thank you for the extended time, talent and effort you have put forth in making our programs a success.

We can look at the excellent programs we have sponsored this past year with many fond memories, while we anticipate the exciting Calendar of Events planned for the upcoming year. The agenda of programs is a mixture of workshops, lectures, demonstrations, concerts, activities geared to the youth of our area and specialty events by and for the groups loyal to Hope Lodge.

Participate and enjoy, with my very best wishes for you and yours in the coming year.

 Jack Washington

## Need a Gift?

**In a quandary? Need a gift for that important birthday or anniversary?**

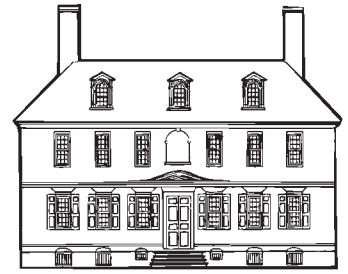
**Visit our Gift Shop!**

**Or, how about a membership to the Friends of Hope Lodge? We always need more members and you'll be giving the gift of new friendships!**

**Call Hope Lodge at 215-646-1595 for more information!**

## HOPE LODGE

Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 for Samuel Morris, a prosperous Quaker farmer, shipowner, miller, ironmaster, shopowner, and owner of Farnar's Mill. Hope Lodge is an excellent example of early Georgian architecture. During the American Revolution, the surrounding fields were used for the six-week Whitemarsh Encampment prior to the Valley Forge winter. The house was used by George Washington's surgeon general, John Cochran. Ownership of the house was transferred to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1957. *Open Wed.-Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm (last tour 4pm). Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and holidays, except Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. Admission charged. Hours may be subject to change.*



## MATHER MILL

Mather Mill was probably built in the late 17th century by Edward Farnar and was included in the 150 acres purchased by Samuel Morris. Samuel Morris's brother sold the mill and four acres of land to Isaac Mather, whose son built the present mill in c. 1820. It continued in operation until the late 19th century.



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# Charter Day 2006

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If you are interested in helping with any of the committees, please contact Hope Lodge for more information. Your help is always wanted. Do as much or as little as you are comfortable with.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**CHARTER DAY**  
Open

**BRITISH CAR SHOW**  
RON DENZEL

**ENCAMPMENT**  
JACK WASHINGTON

**WINTER 2007**



Charter Day 2006, left to right, Jack Washington, Mary Greenberg, Betty Fields, & Sheya Astle.

A big thank you to all those who helped out on Charter Day. The weather did not cooperate for us, but regardless, 76 visitors came by. Three new family memberships were filled out, registrations for summer history camp were received, and the food donation table brought in \$72.67! You all deserve a big pat on the back for your time and energy. I wish to thank Sheya Astle, Erin Agnew, Tyler Bagi, Charlie DiSantis, Mary Eby, Betty Fields, Brian Gallagher, Nancy Gingrich, Lorraine Glausman, Jack Greenberg, Mary Greenberg, Jack Gumbrecht, Heinz Heinemann, Jennie Hibbert, Debbie Hoffmann, Elise Jacoby, Nancy Mitros, Carolyn Moyer, Elaine Panzeter, John Pearson, Gwen Punchard, Wanda Rauch, Bob Reese, Clare Romig, Gene Royall, Cilla Royall, Grace Seitz, Eleanor Simpson, Johanna Simpson and Jack Washington.

✍ Sarah Gallagher

## Attention Friends of Hope Lodge

Did you know that you can receive notifications of Friends of Hope Lodge events via email? For those who supply their email addresses, Friends of Hope Lodge and volunteers will receive email notifications of the events as a reminder to “save the date”. We hope you will also spread the word to your family and friends of the exciting events at Hope Lodge – all are welcome! If you haven’t already provided your email address and would like to get notifications, please send a message to [hovelodge@comcast.net](mailto:hovelodge@comcast.net) so that we may add you to our email notifications. We look forward to seeing you at our 2007 events!

✍ Debbie Hoffmann

## Site Administrator

New! That's how I would describe everything I've encountered during my first months at Hope Lodge. There are new people to get to know, new buildings and collections to

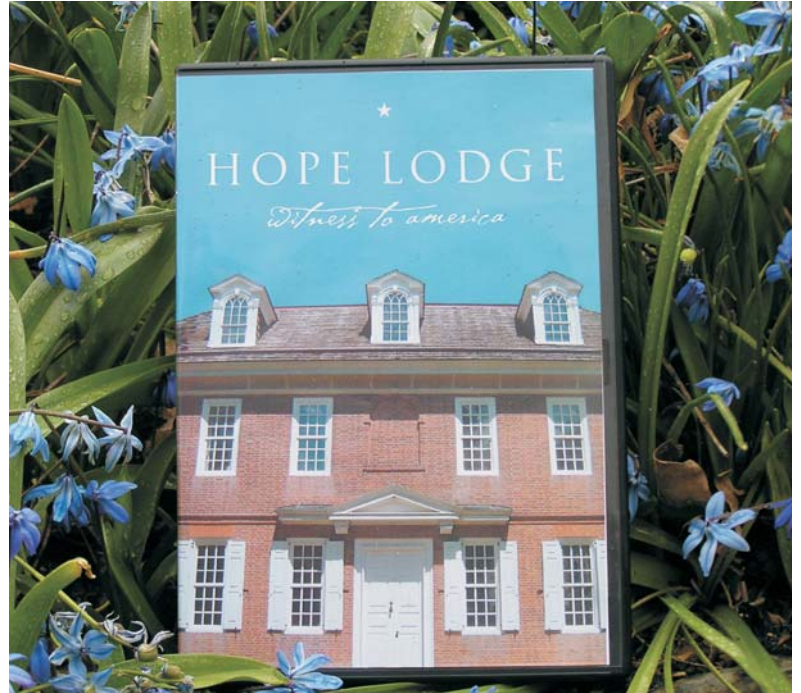


study, new historical stories and programs to learn, and a new office to settle into. Even the computer software is new! Luckily, all that is new to me is familiar to the PHMC staff and the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill. They have patiently answered my many

questions and generously given me their time as I adjust to being a new PHMC employee and the new administrator of Hope Lodge. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for the help that they have given to me. I'm looking forward to the transformation of the "new kid on the block" into the "old hand," so that we may all devote our energies to making this wonderful site the best that it can be.

 **Joan D. Hauger**

## Now available at the Hope Lodge Museum Shop

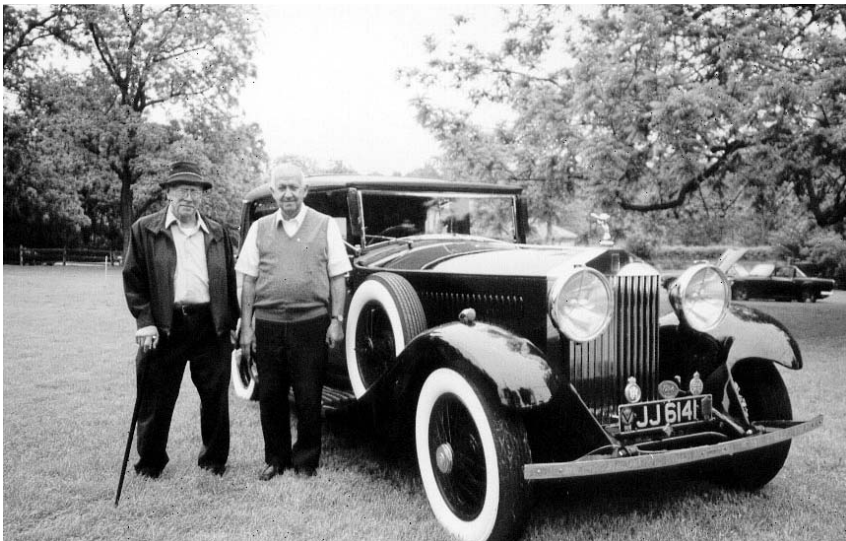


HOPE LODGE – WITNESS TO AMERICA

Bring home a copy today and enjoy the history and beauty of Hope Lodge everyday!

\$9.95 • DVD Format; running time – 16:41 minutes

## The Brits Are Back!



Once again the Friends of Hope Lodge have pulled off a record-breaking event! The 2006 British Car Show trumped the previous car shows in record visitation, car registration, and gift shop sales. Over 670 visitors attended bringing in \$2,800, over 150 cars registered, and the gift shop reported over \$210 worth of sales. Hats off to everyone involved and a big thank you to all for a tremendous event, including Erin Agnew, Sheya Astle, Chrissie Clarkson, Carolyn Denzel, Ron Denzel, Charlie DiSantis, Phyllis DiVenti, Betty Fields, Brian Gallagher, Dennis Gallagher, Nancy Gingrich, George Gingrich, Lorraine Glausman, Mary Greenberg, Jack Greenberg, Arlene Hackman, John Huff, Diane Horan, Elise Jacoby, Bert Laudenslager, Rachel Luckenbill, Carolyn Moyer, Gwen Punchard, Bob Reese, Clare Romig, Grace Seitz, Mary Washington and Jack Washington.

 **Sarah Gallagher**

## Genuardi's Cash-Back Program

Did you know you can have up to 3% of your Genuardi's purchases donated to Hope Lodge electronically through their E-Scrip program? Sign up by going to Genuardi's service desk or to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). By simply designating the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill, Group ID number 149538543, Hope Lodge will benefit each and every time you use your Genuardi's club card. It's easy, it's fast, and it's a benefit that keeps giving each time you shop at Genuardi's!

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## Volunteers for the Year 2005 Honored at Associates Forum

Congratulations to Ron and Carolyn Denzel, who were honored as Hope Lodge Volunteers of the Year at the 31st annual Associates Forum, held at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, on May 6, 2006.

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## Annual Meeting 2006

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill was held on September 8, 2006, in the Barn, following a light dinner. Debbie Hoffmann was honored as Hope Lodge Volunteer of the Year, a well-deserved recognition of the tireless work and countless hours Debbie devotes to the site. The guest speaker was Jenny Rose Carey, Director of the Landscape Arboretum of Temple University-Ambler, who gave a most interesting talk on Colonial Revival Gardens

## Local sheep stop in for their annual haircut at Hope Lodge



*Sheep Shearing 2005, Charlie Thomforde with Briar Rose.*

Hope Lodge held the second annual Sheep Shearing event for students and homeschoolers on April 28, 2006. Demonstrations of colonial sheep shearing, washing wool, drying wool, natural dyeing of wool, and spinning of wool were ongoing from 10 am to 2 pm. Schools in local Springfield Township, Chestnut Hill and Delaware County registered to attend after last year's successful event.

 Sarah Gallagher

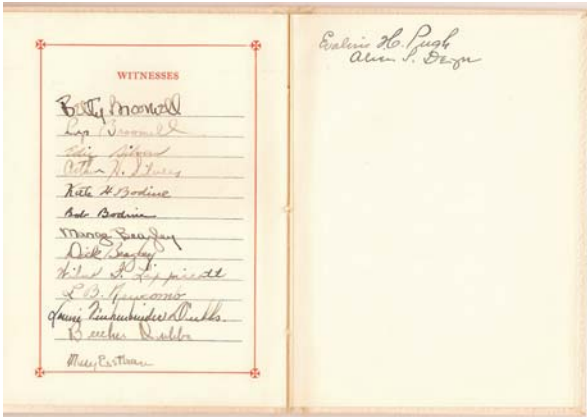
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## Hope Lodge Volunteers stepped back in time during the Collections Cleaning and Care Workshop at Hope Lodge

On March 21 and 22, 2006, Jen Glass, Eastern Regional Curator for Hope Lodge, hosted a collections care workshop at Hope Lodge and introduced our volunteers to some Degn Family collections, West Family collections, and the Wentz Families collections. The workshop began on Tuesday, March 21, with an instructional seminar headed by Jen Glass on handling collections and proper cleaning techniques. The workshop continued into Wednesday, March 22, with collections cleaning and room cleaning. Thank you to all those who participated, including Bob Reese, Christina Cassidy and Ken Benner.

 Sarah Gallagher

# New History Discovered About Hope Lodge!



Signatures of the wedding guests. NOTE: Mrs. Alice Degn is the last signature.

In March, 2006, two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Miller from Stillwater, Minnesota, visited Hope Lodge while in town for a relative's birthday. Mrs. Miller explained that her parents were married in the main hallway of Hope Lodge on September 27, 1941, and the reception was held in the first floor rooms of Hope Lodge. Mrs. Miller has graciously sent copies of the wedding party photographs taken inside Hope Lodge and also copies of the wedding guest book which has Mrs. Alice Degn as the last signer! There is an apparent relationship connection



VanderBuecken-Goheen wedding party, Sept. 27, 1941. NOTE: the Degn's sea grass rug under their feet is the same rug on display in the Mansion.

between Mrs. Miller's family and Mrs. Degn. The relationship is thought to be of a cousin; however, we are working to put together a family tree to discover the exact connection. If you are interested in seeing the additional donated photographs and newspaper announcements, please stop by Hope Lodge's public library in the Visitor Center where they will be on display.

 Sarah Gallagher



Gwen Punchard explains the Degn dining room to a new volunteer.

## Volunteer Open House Succeeds in Recruiting New Volunteers

On October 22, 2006, The Friends of Hope Lodge sponsored a Volunteer Open House Recruitment event. The event was extremely successful in recruiting many new volunteers willing to provide their talents for a variety of activities. The next time you see a new face at Hope Lodge, introduce yourself and get to know your fellow volunteers!

 Debbie Hoffmann

# Encampment News: 2006

The 23rd Hope Lodge interpretation of the American Troop Encampment of 1777 on the grounds and immediate environs of the Whitmarsh estate was an unqualified success.

There was a concerted effort to meet the requests of the unit Commanders of the British and American forces to offer varied versions of the tactical interpretations, such as pathways through the corn crops, the enhanced redoubt in the field at the rear of the Mansion, as well as more activities at the various camps.

The tug-of-war between Crown forces and Americans met with great approval, as well as the fashion show illustrating the various uniforms of the American troops, and continuous demonstrations by the blacksmith, calligraphy, medicine manufacture, candlemaking, colonial writing demonstrations, woodworking, colonial dancing, lacemaking, surgery of troops in the barn, open hearth cooking as well as campfire cooking, Dame School, etc. In the Mansion, Ned Hector as a Visitor from the Past and Michael Callahan with his presentation on "God Save the King!" added more dimensions to our event. The sutlers had an impressive array of goods and responded that it had been a profitable and fun event.

We would be remiss if thanks did not go out to all of the volunteers who made this event happen! The Key Clubs from the schools, and the United Young Marines with their staff all did a fine job. The Encampment would not have received the glowing praise without the talents of Chef Ron Denzel and his supportive wife, Carolyn. Many thanks to Jack Washington for his advice, guidance, and support. A very special vote of thanks must go to our Vice President, Public Relations Chairperson, and Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Hoffmann. YOU all made this event the success that it was!

 Priscilla Royall

# Authentic Colonial Cooking — Authentic Open Hearth



*Colonial Cooking 2006 class, left to right, Diane Reed, Cilla Royall, Christina Cassidy, Dr. Clarissa Dillon, Frances LaPenna, & Robbye Hemminger.*

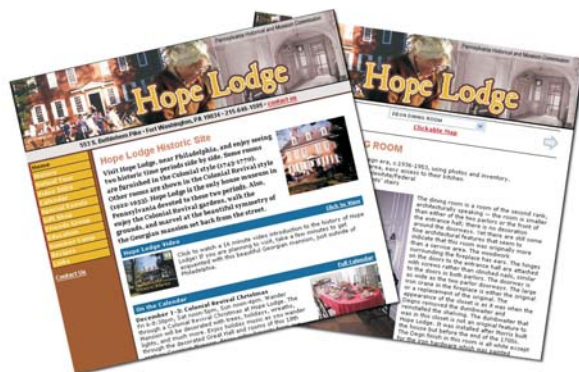
Historic Hope Lodge again hosted three 18th Century Colonial Cooking Workshops, headed by Dr. Clarissa F. Dillon, in response to the popularity of last year's workshops. Unlike using the microwave or a modern range, cooking dinner on the hearth requires a very different set of skills. Adults participating in the cooking class had the opportunity to prepare a late winter meal, learned about food preservation techniques, and prepared a mid-spring meal.

Clarissa F. Dillon, demonstrator and interpreter of the 18th century domestic processes since 1973, instructed the participants on March 18, April 29 and May 20.

 Sarah Gallagher

## Visit Our Website

Surf on over to our website! This newsletter is archived there (if you accidentally misplace it), take a virtual tour, see our full calendar, get the details on our camp and so much more. It's online at: [www.ushistory.org/Hope](http://www.ushistory.org/Hope).



# Quester Tea 2006

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, the Friends of Hope Lodge gave a tea for area Quester chapters to thank them for their continuing interest in and support of historic preservation and the education of young people interested in studying history. Forty-six Questers from various chapters enjoyed tea sandwiches, cookies, cakes and tea under two tents erected in the Hope Lodge garden. In spite of a brief drizzle, everyone kept dry and even managed to enjoy walking around our garden. Quite a few Questers toured the mansion as well.

Hope Lodge has frequently been the beneficiary of Quester grants which have enabled us to purchase faux food, reproduction leather fire buckets, cooking pots and utensils for the Summer Kitchen, and many other items which enhance our interpretation. We were privileged to extend our hospitality to these thoughtful and caring Questers.



 Nancy Straub Gingrich

# Quester Grant 2006



*Left to right: Charlotte Walsh, Kay Ewer, Nancy Gingrich, and Jack Washington.*

On May 19, 2006, Hope Lodge was the grateful recipient of a Quester Grant from Weldon House Quester # 212 with a matching grant from National Questers. A check was presented to Friends President Jack Washington by Charlotte Walsh, President of the Weldon House Questers, and Kay Ewer and Nancy Gingrich, who co-chaired the grant process. The money received will be used to replace the badly worn and deteriorating sisal rug in the Degn parlor and to provide needed Summer Kitchen utensils. Many thanks to the Weldon House Questers #212 for their generous gift to Hope Lodge.

 Nancy Straub Gingrich

# WHITEMARSH ENCAMPMENT 1777

The village of Fort Washington takes its name from George Washington's Whitemarsh encampment in 1777. At Whitemarsh George Washington and his men were encamped from November 2 to December 7, 1777. Fort Hill, which was the site of the encampment, is about a quarter of a mile south of the Reading Railroad's Fort Washington station and a part of Fort Washington State Park.



During the Whitemarsh Encampment the manor house, Whitemarsh Estate, was used as the headquarters of Washington's Surgeon General, Dr. James Cochran. The owner of the estate was Samuel West, a wealthy merchant who owned several ships in Philadelphia. Washington made his headquarters in Whitpain, not far from Ambler. From October 21 to November 2, Dawesfield on Lewis Lane near Ambler became Washington's headquarters. On November 2 Washington moved his headquarters to the Emlen House. It is located on present-day Pennsylvania Street close to Fort Washington. Initial orders by Washington were to celebrate the victory at Saratoga, New York. A decision was made by General Washington and his command to fortify the central hill of present-day Fort Washington, then known as Whitemarsh. Washington delegated the building of the defensive line at Whitemarsh to General Louis Duportail. Duportail would later coordinate the fortifications at Valley Forge. Washington and his army would remain at the Whitemarsh Encampment for five weeks.

The Whitemarsh Encampment's defensive perimeter extended from Militia Hill on Skippack Pike to the west across Fort Hill and Camp Hill, now Fellwick, to Edge Hill just beyond present North Hills on the East. Militia Hill was named because it was manned by Pennsylvania militiamen. Major General Sullivan was in command of Militia Hill. The Eastern bastion, Edge Hill, was manned by Southern troops including Maryland

militia and Morgan Raiders from Virginia. The commander of Washington's artillery was General Knox. Within the encampment, need for proper equipment was great, and numerous soldiers did not have shoes or proper food. The troops had not been paid for four months. At the Encampment, Washington offered a prize of \$10 to any soldier who could make shoes from a leather substitute. In November snow arrived and the weather became

bitter. In the same month news reached the encampment that Fort Mifflin had fallen to the British on the Delaware River. The shipping lanes of the Delaware River were now closed along with Philadelphia under British control.

At the Whitemarsh Encampment there were: (1) Future Presidents – James Madison and James Monroe; (2) John Marshall, future U.S. Supreme Court Justice; (3) Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury under George Washing-

ton. Also at the Whitemarsh Encampment was Marquette de Lafayette. Lafayette played a critical role in obtaining loans for the Revolutionary cause from France and obtaining the military alliance signed in February 1778.

In 1824 Lafayette returned to the United States. He toured the United States and was given a hero's welcome. He witnessed the Presidential election of 1824. John Quincy Adams won the Presidency. Quincy Adams was the son of our second President, John Adams. Lafayette visited John Adams in Massachusetts and also went to Mount Vernon to see Washington's grave.

Fort Washington is now a State Park. The Clifton House was at the time of the Whitemarsh Encampment the Sandy Run State Coach Inn. On December 7, 1777 the first of the Continental Army moved out of the Encampment for Valley Forge. The move was to protect the grain belt along the Schuylkill and the forges at Valley Forge and the arsenal at Reading, Pennsylvania. It took four days, until December 11th, before the last troops, artillery, bakery and blacksmith shops evacuated the Whitemarsh area.

The Whitemarsh Encampment played an important role for Washington's Army in 1777. It paved the way for the stand at Valley Forge and the training of the Patriot army in 1778.

 Jane Adams

# HOPE LODGE

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## HOPE LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

📅 **February 10 7pm-9pm**

**Colonial Dance** The mansion hallway will be the site of an authentic colonial dance. Our host, Newport Gardener, (portrayed by Noah Lewis) will give colonial dance instruction to participating couples. Colonial dress encouraged! Refreshments served during intermission. Reservations are limited to 15 couples.

📅 **February 15 Times: TBD**

**Colonial Fashion Show** Learn how to dress like a colonial! This fashion show will cover the terminology as well as fabric selection and proper attire for the 18th century gentleman or lady. Admission charged for non-members.

📅 **March 11 10am-4pm**

**Charter Day** Learn of the rich history of this 18th Century Georgian Mansion and of the families who occupied it's walls. Discover volunteer & membership opportunities, enjoy refreshments, and free tours.

📅 **March-May**

**School Programs** Step back in time to the 18th century with colonial cooking, costumed interpreters, and individualized educational programs.

📅 **March 17 9:30am-2:30pm**

**Colonial Cooking Class** Join us for one of three exciting hands-on, innovative workshops headed Doctor Clarissa Dillon. Instruction on using an open hearth and of food preservation will be offered. Participants will use replica cooking tools to prepare authentic foods and then enjoy them! Sign up for one or all three. The topic for this class will be a late winter meal. Registration required & limited.

📅 **March 31 10am-4pm**

**Colonial Merchant Day** As the 2007 reenacting campaigns get under way, Hope Lodge is hosting a day for the sutlers and reenactors to gear up! Come out and purchase goods and wares needed to sustain you through the 2007 season. Suttler space is limited, reservations are required for sutlers. Public welcome.

📅 **April 14 9:30am-2:30pm**

**Colonial Cooking Class** Join us one of three exciting hands-on, innovative workshops headed Doctor Clarissa Dillon. The topic will be garnishes and accessories. Registration required & limited.

📅 **April 27 10am-2pm**

**Sheep Shearing Day** Witness a demonstration of sheep shearing open to school groups, home schoolers, and the public. Come and learn of the sheep shearing process and the elements of colonial clothing. Reservations required.

📅 **May 20 9:30am-2:30pm**

**Colonial Cooking** Join us for the last of three an exciting hands-on, innovative workshops headed Doctor Clarissa Dillon. The topic will be a late spring meal. Registration required & limited.

📅 **May 20 1:30pm-3:30pm**

**Questers Tea** A thank-you tea for Quester groups who have generously supported Hope Lodge over the years. Invitation required.

📅 **May 26 Rain date May 27 10am-3pm**

**British Car Show** The grounds of Hope Lodge teem with contemporary and antique British cars. A juried car show open to any British made cars. To register your car for the show please contact Hope Lodge.

📅 **June 8 7pm-8:30pm**

**PHC Lecture TBD** Join us for a captivating presentation performed by Pennsylvania Humanities Council speaker. Admission Free.

📅 **June 20 7pm-8:30pm**

**Summer Concert** Pack a picnic hamper, invite your friends, and join us for a relaxed evening listening to the wonderful music of The Ambler Symphony. Admission charged. Call ahead in case of inclement weather.

📅 **July 23-28 10am-3pm**

**Summer History Camp** Each day of this exciting camp children travel back in time through crafts, games, special tours, and more! For children entering grades 3rd to 6th. Registration required, space limited.

📅 **September 7**

**Annual Membership Meeting** All members welcome to the annual meeting dinner and lecture.

📅 **Sept.-Nov.**

**School Programs** Step back in time to the 18th century with colonial cooking, costumed interpreters, and individualized educational programs.

📅 **October 7 Times: TBD**

**You've Come a Long Way Baby, Colonial Revival**

**Fashions** Dr. Clarissa Dillon steps out of the 18th Century kitchen into the 20th Century fashion. Dr. Dillon will discuss the modes of dress in the early 20th century. Registration required & limited.

📅 **October 12 Times: TBD**

**Funeral Traditions** Explore funeral traditions throughout the centuries with Bruce Stocking from the Hancock Society. Admission charged for non-members.

📅 **November 3&4**

**1777 Whitemarsh Encampment** Experience a tribute to the original 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment and to American and British soldiers of the Revolutionary War! Reenactors, military skirmishes, tactical demonstrations and drills, a field hospital in our 18th century barn, dirt redoubts, colonial crafts, special tours, and much more. Admission charged.

📅 **Nov 30-Dec 3**

**Holidays at Hope Lodge** Join us at Historic Hope Lodge for a dazzling and tasty introduction to the holiday season. Decorated trees and grounds welcome in the holiday season. Admission charged.