



# THE Correspondent



The Friends of Hope Lodge and  
Mather Mill Historic Sites

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## A Time To Remember



On Wednesday, September 11, 2002, Hope Lodge in unison with all of the historic sites of the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission held a memorial service for the victims of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane crash in Shanksville, Pa. This tragedy took the lives of 3000 people and their rescuers.

Although there is still a sense of loss, pain, and insecurity, we must continue to move forward with determination and optimism. Since our young people are our hope for the future, it was fitting that participants in our service were Boy Scout Troop #3 of Ambler, Girl Scout Cadets Troop #431 and Girl Scout Junior Troop #108 of the Wissahickon School District, and Girl Scout Junior Troup #1024 of Freedom Valley, Blue Bell.

After the Pledge to the Flag, poem readings and singing of *God Bless America* and *America the Beautiful* a wreath was laid at the base of the flagpole and the Stars and Stripes was lowered.

The tragic events of 9/11/2001 will remain in the minds of all Americans and the people the world over.

 Jack Greenberg

## November 2 & 3

### 1777 Revolutionary Encampment



Please come and help us celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment on Saturday, November 2, and Sunday, November 3, 2002, 10am until 4pm. From November 2 through December 11, 1777 the Continental Army was encamped near Hope Lodge. Surviving records indicate that during the six-week period Hope Lodge served as the headquarters of General John Cochran, Surgeon General for the Middle Division of the Continental Army.

During the weekend the fields will come alive with the sounds of muskets and men as British and colonial troops reenact military skirmishes! Come and learn about camp life, 18th century medicine, military life, colonial clothing and foodways. See our new exhibit "On the Road to Independence" and the temporary exhibit, "Items of Virtue." Smell the scents of musket fire, open hearth cooking, and home baked goodies! Your senses will be overwhelmed!

There are lots of volunteer opportunities for the encampment! Please contact Hilary Krueger at 215.646.1595, ext. 3101, if you are interested in volunteering or baking a treat for the baked goods sale. I look forward to hearing from you!

 Hilary Krueger

## President's Report



The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill have been very busy!!! We are concentrating on Board Development, Membership and Volunteers. We've started the Strategic Plan Implementation and since the last Correspondent have accomplished a great deal pertaining to these three areas of concentration!

Major emphasis was put on increasing the Friends' membership since this is the basis for resources to carry out our mission. Now, everyone will be billed once a year for a July to June membership year. As of June 30, 2002, we had 81 members; as of August 31, 2002, we have 109 members, a 35% increase. Many thanks to Mary Greenberg for implementing this change. We have a significant increase in the number of active volunteers, due to the superb efforts of our Volunteer Coordinators Kitty Rooney and Cathy Lambert, with the help of our two Vice-Presidents, Ginny Sinn and Marcy Slater. The total number of active volunteers and volunteer hours for the fiscal year ending 6/30/02 are 96 and 4,707 respectively, significantly higher than in recent years.

George Gingrich is retiring as Friends' treasurer...and we thank him so much for the many years he served in this responsible position. We welcome Neil Graham as our new treasurer. Neil is working with another new volunteer, Gabriel Basch, to computerize our accounting system. This year, Betsy Youtz made great progress in updating our Data Base (DB) program by entering all relevant activity into the program. Now we can start to determine trends in activity of the Friends. We can get printouts/lists based on many different parameters, such as membership dates and dollars and volunteer dates and hours. We can print mailing labels based on almost any desired criteria. I have met with Paul Buck and Art Ciocco, of Visionaries, and Bette Young; we have started to work on the orientation video that was put on hold last year.

The Friends' members and volunteers are enjoying and making good use of our new office and meeting space. This space encourages our volunteers to come in on Wednesdays and other days to work on Friends' business. Jack Greenberg was very helpful in getting our furniture and supplies moved to this new space. I invite all of our members to stop in and see this new office space in the north end of the tenant house.

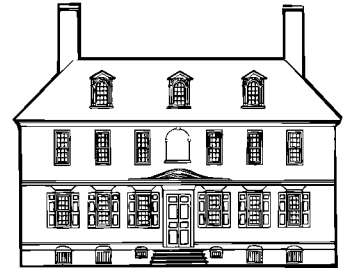
This has been a difficult couple of months with many staff changes. Hilary Krueger, interim site administrator, has been a tremendous addition to Hope Lodge with her experience, capabilities, insight, and enthusiasm. I am starting to see significant progress in attaining our strategic plan goals and want to thank ALL of our members and volunteers for your good work and constant support. We have many challenges for the new fiscal year. I would appreciate hearing from our members and volunteers of their personal ideas and suggestions concerning Hope Lodge. Our open and constructive discussion of these ideas will help us to make Hope Lodge the best historic site in Pennsylvania!

Thank you, members and volunteers!!!

 Bill Lutz

## HOPE LODGE

Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 by Samuel Morris, a prosperous Quaker farmer, shipowner, miller, ironmaster, shopowner, and owner of Farmar'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 Farmar 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. Today, the structure is used for meetings, displays, and special programs.



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## STAFF LIST

Hilary Krueger	Acting Site Administrator, Hope Lodge
Loren Zuck	Maintenance, Hope Lodge & Graeme Park
Tom Bugno	Maintenance, Hope Lodge
Sarah Gallagher	

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**DEADLINE** for our receipt of articles or events to be published in the next issue of *The Correspondent* is February 15. Send to attn: Carolyn Denzel at Hope Lodge. **Donation of paper from our printer SIR SPEEDY, 725 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA.**

## From the Site Administrator

What a busy summer this has been! Not only was there an increase in tour visitation, we also had tremendous attendance rates at the majority of our summer programs. This summer's events included: the Oreland Art Show, an English Car Show, Patriots and Traitors events, volunteer training sessions, two outdoor concerts, a video presentation, an exhibit opening for "On the Road to Independence," and a Hands-On History Camp. And then there were all of the staff changes... As many of you already know, Toni Collins is now the Site Administrator at Ephrata Cloister; Patty Mousley is the Acting Administrator at Graeme Park; Brian Chepulis has left Hope Lodge and begun a new career; Ben Tisdale has retired, Tammy Pierson has started law school; and interns Sarah Gallagher and Kimberly Kulp have returned to school for their last semester of classes!



As the weather turns cooler and fall breeze begins to blow I find that I have comfortably settled in to my position as Acting Site Administrator. The site staff, volunteers and members of the Friends of Hope Lodge have helped and supported me along the way. I express my sincere thanks to you all, for you have made this a wonderful experience for me.

Together we are continuing to implement our Strategic Plan and you will see some positive changes in visitor services the next time you visit Hope Lodge. Also, I am actively trying to hire new staff and would like to welcome Sarah Gallagher who joined us in early September as our new Friends employee. Three large projects are in the works for Hope Lodge and Mather Mill: a sewer treatment upgrade and ADA accessibility ramps for both the mansion and the mill. If all goes well, these projects will start in early 2003. We are also working to improve press relationships and hope that you have seen some of the wonderful articles and pictures that have been printed in many of the local newspapers.

I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the fall and hope to see you all at the 1777 Revolutionary Encampment on November 2 and 3!

Thank you for your friendship and continued support.

 Hilary Krueger

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## Visitors from Near and Far

This summer Hope Lodge saw a nice rise in our attendance rates. Many local residents came to visit bringing out-of-town relatives and guests for a guided tour or stroll in the formal gardens. Others came to enjoy an evening concert or special event. Perhaps coming to visit us from the farthest distance was Stephen Sheppe of Nuremberg, Germany. Families and friends also visited us from Western Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Maryland, Florida, Texas and Nevada. Hopefully they all took home with them a new fact or lesson learned regarding Hope Lodge and our local history!

 Hilary Krueger

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## A Very Special Thank You

As many of you already know, we are very short of staff at Hope Lodge, and I have been faced with quite a dilemma in trying to keep the site open for visitors. Fortunately, some very kind people have volunteered to man the front desk and conduct guided tours throughout August and September. They have been a great support to me and I cannot express enough how much I appreciate their time and dedication to Hope Lodge.

Please join me in thanking: Peg Tatum, Lorraine Glausman, Mary Greenberg, Patricia Hunt, Joan Ballezza, Frances Zerbe, Marcy Slater, Jack Gumbrecht, Jane Adams, Ginny Sinn, Stan Kitzelman, and Sarah Hesdon.

 Hilary Krueger

## Friends Board

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SITE ADMINISTRATOR ☞ Hilary Krueger

## Friends Committees

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.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bill Ernst, Lorraine Glausman, Carolyn Moyer, Marcy Slater, Ellie Workman, Frances Zerbe

### FOOD COMMITTEE

Open

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MARY GREENBERG

### MUSEUM SHOP

WANDA RAUCH

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### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

PHYLLIS DIVENTI, Jack Greenberg, Bill Lutz

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KITTY ROONEY

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### CHARTER DAY

JANE ADAMS

### BALLADS IN THE MILL

RON DENZEL

### SUMMER CONCERTS

PHYLLIS DIVENTI

### GALA OF TREES

PHYLLIS DIVENTI

### ENGLISH CAR SHOW

RON DENZEL

### ENCAMPMENT

HILARY KRUEGER

# Friends' Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Dinner

On Sunday, September 8, 2002, about 50 Friends' members and volunteers attended our Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Dinner. At the short business meeting, 13 minor By-law corrections/updates were approved by the membership. These changes clarify and update the By-laws. The Nominating Committee was announced. Ron Denzel is chairman, Jack Gumbrecht is the board member, and Carolyn Moyer is the member-at-large. The committee will present a slate of officers and directors at our September 2003 Annual Membership Meeting. George Gingrich was recognized for his ten years of dedicated service as Friends' treasurer.

Robert Seiber (Bob), Division Chief of the Eastern Division of the PHMC, was our keynote speaker. Bob reviewed the progress being made toward hiring a permanent Site Administrator and Custodial Guide Supervisor. He also covered the current state funding for Hope Lodge and Mather Mill.

William Yearsley (Bill) and Dr. Frederick Rude (Fred) gave a presentation on the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Fred gave a power point presentation, which showed many of the patriotic activities of the SAR. They give out numerous flags and awards. Bill presented their Citizenship Award to our volunteer, Betsy Youtz, and



*Bob Seiber, PHMC, gives an overview of State operations concerning Hope Lodge.*

gave her a certificate, a pin, and a unique photograph of George Washington.

Following the Annual Meeting, we recognized our volunteers. Ginny Sinn presented the PHMC and Hope Lodge Volunteer of the Year awards to Friends' President Bill Lutz. She also presented four Anniversary Awards. Mary Greenberg and Grace Seitz contributed over 50 hours for each of five years; George Gingrich and Marcy Slater contributed over 50 hours for ten years. Marcy Slater read the Honor Roll of 25 volunteers who contributed over 50 hours during the fiscal year ending 6/30/02. This number is significantly higher than last year. Each recognized person received a certificate and a gift of appreciation from our site administrator, Hilary Krueger.



*Fred Rude, of Sons of the American Revolution, presents a slide history of the S.A.R. He presented a Good Citizenship Award to Friends' member Betsy Youtz.*

Following the Volunteer Recognition, Chef Amy served us a delicious buffet dinner. Having enjoyed good speakers, the awards presentation, and an excellent meal, we all parted enthusiastic and eager to continue our support of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill.

# Greetings from Summer Camp!



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This year's summer Hands-On History Camp was held from August 5 through August 9, 2002. Thirty-one children attended, ranging in age from 8 to 11. This year's craft activities included: making a colonial cup & ball game and Jacob's ladders; recording their daily thoughts in hand-made commonplace books; constructing a checkerboard and checkers; making clay pinch pots; and learning how to punch tin. The children also learned about colonial diets and food-ways. Together the campers made some very tasty ice cream, butter and apple cider. On the last day of camp the children performed a 1920's radio play for their families and friends. After the play, each camper was presented with a certificate for participating.

After History Camp was completed, a program survey was sent out to all of the children's parents. Their response has been wonderful! The parents rated the program very high and had some great ideas for next year's camp. According to the campers their favorite crafts were the checkerboard & checkers and punch tin. Their favorite colonial game was overwhelmingly "Graces." And the food items were enjoyed by all!

This year's campers included: Thomas Gloyd, Eric Foster, Annalisa Primus, Connor Simpson, Caroline Hill, Jennie Hill, Aimee Seu, Madison Brunk, Emma Nuessle, Claire O'Malley, Erik Edwardson, Thomas Edwardson, Emily Croke, Rachel Croke, Parker Schroeder, Shannon Briscoe, Madeline Romig, Ashley Hagerty, Danielle Hagerty, Megan Schaeffer, Anna Gallagher, Will Reilly, Jillian Fricke, Alex Webber, Claar Ennis, Edward Costello, Stephen Costello, Benjamin Hardwick, Nina DeVassel, Paul DeVassel, and Samantha Rementer.

This year's camp staff consisted of Senior Counselors: Tammy Pierson, Sarah Gallagher, Elizabeth Scott, and Kimberly Kulp; and Junior Counselors: Sarah Romig, Amanda Croke, Megan MacCausland, Elise Jacoby, and Jocelyn McCuen; Friends of Hope Lodge volunteers: Claire Romig, Christi Walters, Wanda Rauch, Ryan Fox; and site staff Loren Zuck and Tom Bugno. Thank you for your help and support of the Summer Hands-On History Camp! Your hard work is extremely appreciated!

Potential crafts for the 2003 camp include candle making, paper marbling, open-hearth cooking, learning about edible plants and building a birdhouse! Please contact the site at 215-646-1595, if you are interested in assisting with next year's program. We look forward to seeing you at camp!

# OLD FASHIONED SWEET POTATO PONE

Source: The Early American Cookbook

- ✓ 2 cups sweet potatoes, grated
- ✓ 1 cup milk
- ✓ 1 teaspoon ginger
- ✓ 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ✓ 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- ✓ 1 ½ cups flour
- ✓ 1 teaspoon salt
- ✓ 4 teaspoons baking powder

Put the grated sweet potatoes in a large wooden mixing bowl and add the milk, ginger, brown sugar and melted butter. Beat thoroughly. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, salt and baking powder. Sift again. Then add this to the ingredients in the first bowl. Beat hard for 2 minutes and turn into a buttered baking pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 45 minutes. Serve while hot and still in the baking pan. This is a spoon bread and should always be eaten as soon as it is taken from the oven. This receipt makes enough to feed 6 people.

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For those who want to bake the Pone, there is a great bargain available — from the Sunday Bulletin, September 3, 1939

## Exhibit Opening – On the Road to Independence



*Pictured (from left to right) at the Exhibit Opening in August: Kimberly Kulp, Intern; Hilary Falwell Krueger, Acting Site Administrator; Tammy Pierson, Intern; Sarah Hesdon, Exhibit Director; Wendy Rooth, Volunteer; and Sarah Gallagher, Intern.*

## Dedication, Dedication, Dedication

The Hope Lodge maintenance crew: Loren Zuck and Tom Bugno, have been the power behind the continued great appearance of Hope Lodge.

For so long we have taken the attractiveness of the grounds for granted, but how many of us know who is behind our physical image?

These two tireless workers mow, clean, vacuum, hammer and troubleshoot endlessly. It is they who painted the interior of the new offices now in the tenant house. Their expertise is also behind the new paint job in the summer kitchen offices.

Why not stop and say “thank you” to both of them.



*Tom Bugno (left) and Loren Zuck*

## Gala of Trees

We are happy to announce the return of our annual event, the Holiday Gala of Trees. The Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill invite you to join us and be a part of this event to be held on November 29 and 30 and December 1. This is always a festive and fun time when the mill is transformed into an indoor forest of trees decorated by local businesses and individuals.

In addition, special tours for school children in the mornings and senior groups in the afternoons are scheduled on Monday through Friday, December 2 through 6. Bea Kline will once again be appearing as the wonderful snowperson who reads to the children and escorts them on a tour of the trees. The craft shop will be selling hand-crafted items on consignment, so plan to do some of your holiday shopping right here with us! In addition, donated items will be included in raffle drawings during the weekend.

Volunteers are needed for public relations, crafting, decorating, baking, and many other areas.

Anyone interested in decorating a tree for display, or if you are part of a group or organization that may want to display a tree or volunteer their time, special interest, or hobby, please call Phyllis at 215-699-4659. If you are a crafter and would like to participate in the consignment gift shop, or if you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity to sell their crafts, please call Carolyn at 215-233-9408 and she will give you all the details.

This has always been a successful event for Hope Lodge, but it is not possible without much volunteer support. So please, whether you can give a few hours, a day, or even more of your time, talent and energy, we would certainly welcome your help.



Here are the numbers to call:

- ✓ For trees or volunteers, call Phyllis at 215-699-4659.
- ✓ Crafters for consignment, call Carolyn at 215-233-9408.
- ✓ And if you know of a pre-school or senior organization interested in booking a tour, call Kristine at 215-402-6051.

Thanks for any help you can give.

*Phyllis DeVenti*

## New Friends' Treasurer

Neil H. Graham is our new Hope Lodge treasurer. Neil comes to us via RSVP and has a wealth of knowledge in data processing and computers through his experience with Curtis Publishing, Reliance Insurance, and Harleysville Insurance. Neil lives in Willow Grove with his wife, Barbara, and is an active volunteer in the community and in his church and its finance committee.

## New Friends' Director

John P. Gumbrecht (Jack) is a new member of our Board of Directors. Jack had a successful career with CIGNA Corp. and Insurance Data Processing, Wyncote. He will receive a masters degree in Public History later this month and will pursue a second career in this field! Jack lives in Fort Washington with his wife, Annette, and their three daughters. He has always enjoyed history and is enthused about his involvement at Hope Lodge!

## Welcome Sarah Gallagher!

Please welcome Sarah Gallagher! Sarah started as the new Friends sponsored employee on September 6, 2002. Sarah will conduct guided tours, assist in our day-to-day operations, participate in public programs, and work on press-related material.

Many of you will remember her from this summer when she worked as our intern. During her internship she gave interpretive tours, worked at our special events, was trained in historic house-keeping and helped to run the children's history camp.

Sarah is a History major at Temple University and will graduate in December 2002. She is interested in pursuing a career in the museum field. Sarah has also worked at Elfreth's Alley in Philadelphia, where she conducted guided tours and did primary research related to the 300th Anniversary of the site. She also has teaching and lifeguarding experience.

## Welcome, Welcome

In the months since the last issue of the Correspondent there have been a number of very important changes at Hope Lodge.

We have a new site administrator, at this point on an interim basis. Hilary Krueger has done a remarkable job since her arrival. Let's wish her well until we have a permanent administrator.

Steve Lember is now our P.R. expert. He has many years in professional P.R. experience. He has filled a need critical to our future success.

## Thank You, George Gingrich

George Gingrich has stepped down as the Friends treasurer after ten years of tireless effort. All of his expertise has been invaluable. He will be missed, but not gone. George will continue as a Friend and make his contributions as a volunteer at our various functions.

## Important Notice!!

JOIN THE

# Genuardi's Club

SAVE Money & Enjoy the Benefits of Being a Genuardi's Club Member

Genuardi's Markets (owned by Safeway) has discontinued the collection and redemption of cash register receipts for cash, which has enabled Hope Lodge to realize income over the past several years. Any register tapes dated up to and including August 31, 2002 are still able to be turned in for processing. We have until October 1, 2002 to submit all receipts.

I want to thank everyone who supported this endeavor. You always came through!

PLEASE NOTE: Genuardi's is not discontinuing the Community Cash Back program entirely. They are instituting an electronic fundraising program. If you have a Genuardi's club card, or Genuardi's credit/debit card, you can register your card, once a year, either online ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)) or with a sign-up sheet at the customer service counter. By registering your card for Hope Lodge, a percentage of your purchases will be donated to Hope Lodge electronically.

Please consider using this "new and improved" Community Cash-Back Program to continue your kind support of Hope Lodge.

Thanks once again.

 *Mary Greenberg*

## We Need Help!!

The Property Committee of The Friends of Hope Lodge has a number of very pressing projects facing us. We need extra hands and talents which were described in the Correspondent.

- 1.** We have 5 pre-cut picnic tables which need assembly.
- 2.** We have a large supply of lumber on the barn floor which has to be inventoried and stored in the loft. We need at least 3 additional pairs of hands.
- 3.** The gate post at the stone wall entrance to the mansion breezeway needs painting and replacement.
- 4.** The rails from the dismantled split rail fence need cutting and stacking as firewood. Volunteers will be working with the maintenance crew at Hope Lodge (started).
- 5.** Mather Mill project: erection of fence in front of gas tanks.
- 6.** Bricks at front of privy door in need of repointing.
- 7.** A major project is the construction of a fence at stone wall separating the flower garden from the original vegetable garden at the greenhouse.

 *Jack Greenberg*

## Something New

Our new program to expand our membership got off to a great success. **The Underground Railroad** shown on July 24, which was open to the general public, was very well attended. We had an audience of 68, of whom 56 were non-members.

We will be showing another on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Mather Mill: **The Amish: A People Of Preservation**. Hopefully it will be as well or better attended!

## Can You Help Us?

We are in need of a VCR with remote capabilities in order to continue our film showing program. We have borrowed in the past, but having our own would be so much better. We also need a computer.

## Volunteer Corner

Once again we would like to take this opportunity to thank those volunteers who graciously gave of their time to work the summer concerts and the History Camp.

Without your help, it would be impossible for any of these events to succeed.

Keep in mind that we have two very important scheduled events coming up – the Encampment and the Gala of Trees. Much help will be needed so let's all work together to make them a big success.

On a sad note, one of our long-time volunteers, Pat Wilson, has passed away. Pat, you may recall, was one of the card players in the Degn Living Room during the Charter Day events. Pat also faithfully decorated the windows in the orientation room as the seasons changed. Carolyn Moyer's husband has passed away. Carolyn is one of the cooks for the school program.

Goodbye and good luck to Cathy Lambert, who is leaving to pursue other interests. You will be sorely missed, Cathy, especially by your co-worker.

*Kitty Rooney*

## Garden Committee



*Hope Lodge Garden Committee: Grace Seitz, Jack Crompton, and Nancy Gingrich (chair).*

In 2002 the Garden Committee completed planting ten new boxwood bushes and two new rose bushes plus a "Knock-Out" tree rose to match the one we planted last year. We have planted other perennials as well. With the exception of the new boxwood, these plants have all been gifts from the Garden Committee members.

Due to the loss of the Herb Gatherers, who decided to garden elsewhere because of location and travel-time concerns, the Garden Committee is now responsible for the herb garden as well as the herbaceous borders.

Our gardens at this time are a Colonial Revival interpretation. We have introduced more roses because of Alice Degn's interest in and love for them. The addition of boxwood is in keeping with the above interpretation and lends a more formal appearance. We are hoping to plant more spring blooming bulbs this fall and to finish weeding and mulching before the onset of winter.

In spite of the severe drought, the dedicated efforts of the Garden Committee have kept the gardens alive by hand-held hose watering, a time-consuming and exhausting job. We have researched and received an estimate for an in-ground sprinkler system similar to one used at The Highlands, but the cost (\$3,100) is prohibitive at this time. We can only hope that the drought will ease and more able-bodied volunteers will step forward to help.

*Nancy Gingrich*

### Gift Memberships

**In a quandary? Need a gift for that important birthday or anniversary? How about a membership to the Friends of Hope Lodge! It's easy, painless, and quick. Just call Mary Greenberg at 215-884-0355 and she'll do the rest!**

**Mary Greenberg, Membership**

# A Place in History

By Donald Scott

Donald Scott's "A Place in History" appears biweekly in Times Chronicle Newspapers. The following article appeared in the July 31, 2002 edition and is reprinted here with permission.

## Men made out best from wills in early U.S.

Males were heavily favored in local wills that I read recently, providing a fascinating look at social protocol during the late 1700s, based on county will abstracts that can be reviewed at the Historical Society of Montgomery County and even via the Internet's USGenWeb Archives.

In fact, some might consider the stipulations to be outright sexist and unfair. For instance, in his will of April 1, 1794, Lewis Roberts of Abington said that if his wife, Mary, married again after his death, "privilege in mansion house and garden and firewood to cease." Meanwhile, Roberts bequeathed to "son John, grist-mill and 97 acres" and to son Lewis, "mansion house and 100 acres."

On the other hand, what were Roberts' daughters to receive? They were given a 19-acre farm, "adjoining Pennepack Creek to be sold and divided among daughters: Hannah, Ann, Mary, Rachel and Jane." However, Roberts continued, seemingly with a sense of fairness, "If each share shall be less than 100 [pounds], to be made up to that amount by sons John and Lewis."

But, his attitude ultimately weighs greatly in favor of his male heirs when he stipulates that if the unborn child of one of his offspring is a daughter, she's entitled to 100 [pounds]. However, "if a son 300 [pounds]."

Why were males so heavily favored in such wills? One answer relates to biblical considerations and interpretations that property should be passed down to sons, especially the oldest. Furthermore, males were deemed more attuned to business and labeled breadwinners who needed to support their families.

Yet, there were some exceptions to this male favoritism. Benjamin Livezey of Cheltenham, in his Dec. 5, 1793 will, gave most of his property to his wife and after her death, his daughters Mary and Hannah were slated to receive a "farm in Radnor, Del. Co." but required "to pay to son John and Esther Pennington, 50 [pounds] each. To granddaughter Elizabeth Yarnall, 25 [pounds]."

Abraham Cadwallader of Abington in his will of Nov. 5, 1793, seemed to initially look out for his daughters and wife. "To daughters Ruth and Agnes, 60 [pounds]. [Remainder] of personalty to wife during life, and income of realty until 2 youngest sons Joel and Martin are 21."

Furthermore, he said, "When son Joel is 21, he is to receive farm and pay to his sisters Ruth, Agnes and Martha, 40 [pounds] each."

Cadwallader also made monetary provisions for the "Preparative Meeting of Friends at Abington."

Supporting the church was also on the mind of Alexander Major of Gwynedd, when his will of Dec. 7, 1791, bequeathed the "Presbyterian Congregation of Abington, 50 [pounds] for new meeting house."

In one of the more equitable wills of the period, Major also said that his wife, Jane, would receive 15 pounds and the proceeds from the sale of a 160-acre farm, to be divided among their children after her death. And contrary to many wills of the period, there's no reference to freezing her from property or funds if she remarried.

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# upcoming events

**Programs & events listed subject to change**

-  **October-December – Wednesdays, School Tours**
-  **November 2-3 – Military Encampment**
-  **November 29-December 1 – Holiday Gala of Trees**
-  **December 2-6 – School and Seniors Tours of Gala of Trees**