



THE Correspondent



The Friends of Hope Lodge and
Mather Mill Historic Sites

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Ballads Is Back



Ready for spring to be sprung? Then come to our annual "Ballads in the Mill" on March 29 and ring in spring. The event will be held at Mather Mill with music and performances by the D-Major Singers. The D-Major Singers will be performing songs and ballads that were sung in America during the 1700's. Not only will we have singing, but we will also have a lot of food and drink. The menu will include cheese and crackers, vegetables, game meats, and assorted desserts and beverages. So bring your appetite for food and music to this year's "Ballads in the Mill."

The "Ballads in the Mill" starts at 5:30 P.M. and ends at 7 P.M. with an optional tour of Hope Lodge beginning at 4:30 P.M. Please make reservations in advance because seating is limited. Rates, which include food, beverage, and entertainment, are \$35 for Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill members and \$40 for non-members. Please park in the Visitor's Parking Lot at Hope Lodge.

To reserve your spot for this event, please send your invitation to Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill at 553 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA 19034 or call us at (215) 646-1595.

Program Committee

The Program Committee has completed the planning and implementation of a number of successful events this year and the anticipation of the same for the upcoming events in the year 2003.

Two summer concerts were held this year in July and August with two very different types of entertainers. A seventeen-piece orchestra swinging to the sounds of the big band and a five-person group charmed us with the sounds of Celtic music. Both events were fun and well attended.

Jack Greenberg's free Underground Railroad film shown at the Mill was also well attended. There was good community involvement, which is one of the goals of the Friends. Other such programs for the future are being considered at no cost to the members.

An anniversary commemoration to September 11th was held on the Mansion grounds. Local boys scouts, girl scouts, parents, friends, family members and their troop leaders all took part in this small ceremony. The program consisted of the retiring of the flag, poetry reading and patriotic singing. This community project was done to pay tribute to those heroic people who lost their lives that terrible day in New York.

The Revolutionary Encampment was held Saturday & Sunday, November 2nd & 3rd. This is always a fun and exciting event. A great opportunity to travel back in time.

The Tree Gala was brought back this year and was very successful. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

The Program Committee is always looking for new and different events and programs that could be profitable, thus helping the Friends to maintain and preserve Hope Lodge & Mather Mill. Chairing and coordinating an event may be a challenge but it can also be very rewarding. Sometimes a special interest or hobby can also lead to an event. If you feel that you are up to the challenge and want to share your idea for an event, please contact me at 215-699-4659. Note: there are currently positions open to chair some events that are already scheduled. Please come out and share your special talents.

Phyllis DiVenti, Program Committee

**Celebrate the founding of Pennsylvania!
Charter Day 2003 at Hope Lodge.
March 9, noon-4pm. FREE!**

President's Report



The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill had a successful 2002. The officers and volunteers worked hard and established some new procedures. These changes are to make the reporting easier, have the required information for Harrisburg, and help all volunteers organize and plan future events.

It is also our desire to increase our membership and volunteers so we have more hands to run the organization and future events.

Our primary mission is to support the site and staff. With the reduced State staff, we directed our resources to assist our interim site administrator, Hilary Krueger, by supplying a part-time employee, Sara Gallagher. Sara has allowed us to keep the site open five days each week by assisting staff, greeting visitors, and giving mansion tours.

Strategic Plan Implementation has not progressed per the timeline, but we have completed a number of the goals that are listed below:

- ☑ Established a comprehensive Database
- ☑ Increased the number of Volunteers
- ☑ Printed a new Membership Brochure
- ☑ Held a major Membership Drive
- ☑ Increased our membership by 46%
- ☑ Developed a loyal group of volunteers that meet each Wednesday
- ☑ Established a computerized Accounting System
- ☑ Entered all accounting activity for the Fiscal Year, beginning 7/1/02
- ☑ Hired a part-time employee to support the State staff
- ☑ Computerized our Financial Statements
- ☑ Set up templates for Event Profit & Loss Statements
- ☑ Started Job Descriptions for all Friends' positions
- ☑ Restarted work on the Orientation Video

Since our fall edition of the Correspondent we have held two successful major events. These are the Military Encampment, held the first weekend in November, and the Gala of Trees, held right after Thanksgiving. Both of these events were well attended and raised more money than budgeted. I want to thank all of the volunteers that worked on these events and made them successful.

I look forward to continuing progress in 2003. We need to improve communications at all levels and to work together. We all have the same objective, which is to support and improve Hope Lodge and Mather Mill. If anyone has a question or concern about the operation or objectives of the Friends, I would be happy to listen or discuss with you. I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous 2003.

THANK YOU, Members & Volunteers!!!

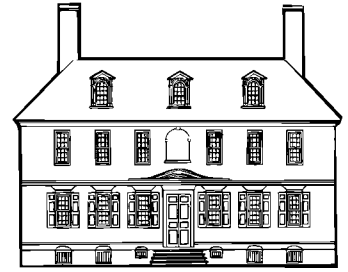
 *Bill Lutz, President*

HOPE LODGE

Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 for 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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NEWSLETTER STAFF: Carolyn Denzel, Ron Denzel, George Gingrich (photographer), Jack Greenberg, Doug Heller, and Diane Horan.

DEADLINE for our receipt of articles or events to be published in the next issue of *The Correspondent* is March 15. Send to attn: Carolyn Denzel at Hope Lodge.

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Welcome to Hilary Krueger, Our New Site Administrator

With Hilary at the helm, good things are in store for Hope Lodge. Hilary cut her baby teeth as a historian at Hope Lodge. She served from May through August 1993 as a Hope Lodge Curatorial Intern. A future newsletter will carry an in-depth interview with her discussing her very impressive background.

Hilary's zest for the position, along with many new ideas, should inspire all of us. With Hilary's leadership, we are looking forward to an unprecedented role that Hope Lodge will accomplish in the future.

From Your Site Administrator

I hope that the New Year finds all of you happy, healthy, and well. The new year finds the staff of Hope Lodge busy and full of ideas for the upcoming year. The snowfalls and ice have kept Tom and Loren busy plowing and they have done a wonderful job in making sure that all of the pathways and driveways are clear and de-iced! Our new custodial guide supervisor, Troy Grubb, is adjusting to his new surroundings well. He is already planning the next exhibit for the changing exhibit gallery and working on some of the summer programs. The new exhibit will focus on the Watmough Family Military Traditions and will open in the fall of 2003. I am catching up on reports and filing and am already working on this year's November Encampment. You can never start too early!

I look forward to wishing you all a very Happy New Year in person!

 Hilary Krueger



Curtain Call

Many thanks to all of the Friends and Volunteers who filled the Curtain basket at the Annual Meeting. It generated the funds needed to pay for the curtains and rods for all of the windows on the 2nd floor of the Degr Wing of the house. This is over the Museum Shop, entrance and kitchen and was formerly the Staff and Friends offices. The second floor now looks, from the outside, like when Mr. and Mrs. Degr lived there.

Another THANK YOU to the Volunteers who pressed, shortened and hung the curtains.

 Ginny Sinn

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 Hope Lodge at 215-646-1595 and we'll do the rest!

Friends Board

PRESIDENT ☞ Bill Lutz
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Phyllis DiVenti, Jack Greenberg, Jack
Gumbrecht, Charles Zerbe
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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
NEIL GRAHAM, Bill Lutz

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OPEN

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OPEN

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHARTER DAY
JOAN BALLEZZA and AUDREY HAHN

BALLADS IN THE MILL
PETE BRADY

SUMMER CONCERTS
OPEN

GALA OF TREES
OPEN

ENGLISH CAR SHOW
RON DENZEL

ENCAMPMENT
OPEN

LIFE IN PHILADELPHIA, 1750

Hope Lodge was completed by Samuel Morris in 1748. By 1750 major changes were occurring not only in the colony of Philadelphia but in all of the British colonies in the New World. From the year 1700 to 1750 the British colonies grew six fold. In 1700 the British colonies were just small outposts but by the year 1750 the colonies had a population of over one million people. The major reasons why the colonies grew so rapidly were: improvements in agriculture, increased immigration, better food consumption and improved methods of sanitation.

Initially the majority of Philadelphia inhabitants were English — Quakers and Welsh immigrants. In the early part of the 18th Century the German immigrants moved into Philadelphia and then gradually into the interior of Pennsylvania. They were known as the Pennsylvania Dutch. They were expert farmers and businessmen. The German immigrants had a direct contribution to the growth and wealth of the colony. The first community settlement from Philadelphia was known as Germantown in 1683. The chief crops of these farmers were: wheat, rye, peas, oat, barley, corn and beans and great quantities of flax. The colony also had a large number of artisans that included: blacksmiths, carpenters, bricklayers, tailors, shoemakers, weavers, curriers, bakers and silversmiths. In the decade of the 1750's the eastern seaboard city of Philadelphia grew fast because of its rich interior—wheat, flour, bread, beef, pork, butter, iron, lumber and furs. These valuable goods were exported to the West Indies and then to southern and northern Europe.

By the year 1750 Philadelphia was also rapidly changing from a town to city.

A visitor into the city in 1750 would observe an ordinary country village but only two years later in 1752 the same visitor would notice the construction of the new State House tower. In a few years Christ Church would be completed.

Also by 1750 the streets in Philadelphia would have brick or flagstone sidewalks. Also the merchants in Philadelphia would also install whale oil lamps for lighting on the street posts. Other cities in the colonies were looking to Philadelphia for new trends.

In 1750 Philadelphia was emerging as the cultural center of the colonies.

Led by Benjamin Franklin, editor of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, and John Bartram's work in botany and plants, Philadelphia was growing in reputation as the literary center of the colonies. Franklin, who was already known for his publication of

Poor Richard's Almanac, would in 1751 write his findings on electricity and invent the lightning rod in 1752. Franklin's other inventions include bifocal lenses and the Franklin stove. These studies would elevate Franklin to one of the world's greatest scientists. The Pennsylvania Hospital and the College of Philadelphia would be founded in 1755.

Franklin would also be named as one of the two deputy-post-masters for the colonies. This appointment would provide regular mail service from Philadelphia to Boston to New York. This mail service would enhance the rapid growth of Philadelphia. By 1750 the most used highway in the colonies was the great Philadelphia Wagon Road to Lancaster. This road opened more trading into the interior of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia in the 1750's was an open class society but there were property qualifications for voting and to hold office. Therefore, class society was very structured. Most members of the upper class were born to wealth. The upper class included: craftsmen, silversmiths, landed gentry, printers and furniture makers.

The church was an important influence in Philadelphia. Most of the upper class were Quakers or Anglicans. Presbyterianism was on the rise along with the German Reformed Church, Catholics and the Lutherans. Leaders were very tolerant of religious beliefs in Pennsylvania. Religious toleration was established by William Penn in 1682. The Great Awakening of the 1740s and 50s brought more people into organized religion.

The 18th century brought numerous colonial wars to America. When the French and Indian War broke out in the summer of 1754, the colony was not prepared. The war broke out in the Ohio Valley near Pittsburgh. Philadelphia became a city of refugees. Numerous British soldiers were quartered in Philadelphia during the war. The leaders of Philadelphia learned many hard lessons during the war. An organized militia was formed along with taxes and the need to erect fortifications for defense. These lessons would help the city leaders in the movement to the American Revolution. Philadelphia grew rapidly in the decades of the 1760s and 1770s and would play a central role in the road to revolution in 1775.

 *Jane Adams*

*Sources: Philadelphia—A 300-Year History, W.W. Norton and Company, 1982
America at 1750—A Social Portrait by Richard Hofstadter, Vintage Books, 073*

Meet Troy Grubb

My name is Troy Grubb, and I am the new Custodial Guide Supervisor here at Hope Lodge, taking over for Brian Chepulis. It is with great pleasure that I join you folks here. I have already met with many of you, and I have been made to feel very welcome. I thank you for that.



Now I would like to tell you a little about myself. First of all, I am 24 years old, and I was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. I am the only child of Curt and Jane Grubb, who still reside in Bedford. I was educated at a public school and graduated in 1996. After high school, I spent two years at Penn State Altoona Campus and another two years at Penn State Main Campus, where I received a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in anthropology. After graduation from college in 2000, I spent three years as a seasonal employee at the Pennsylvania Military Museum in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, where I created and conducted my own tours. Between my last two seasons at the Pennsylvania Military Museum, I volunteered at the Pioneer Historical Society in Bedford, where I wrote a general operating grant and assisted in creating a scrapbook on the history of baseball in Bedford County. Then in October, I was hired at Hope Lodge, where I will be responsible for maintaining the site's finances, creating and giving tours, and creating educational programs and exhibits.

Again, I would like to thank you for your hospitality, and I hope we can work together to make Hope Lodge a recognizable historic site throughout Pennsylvania and the nation.

Troy Grubb

Renting Mather Mill

Mather Mill offers a unique venue for wedding receptions, birthday and anniversary parties, family reunions, informal business or organization meetings, and other special events. Renting Mather Mill offers The Friends a great opportunity to raise money to support our historic sites. It's a win-win situation.

The goal for 2003 is to average one rental event per month. New procedures have been developed to respond to rental inquiries, and a more comprehensive information package and revised rental agreement are being finalized.

As with all activities at Hope Lodge and Mather Mill, volunteers are important for success. In renting Mather Mill, volunteers can help in providing information to prospective renters, in working with the staff to arrange the appropriate equipment and configuration, and in generally promoting mill rentals. Anyone interested in participating in a Friends' committee to manage rentals of Mather Mill may contact Jack Gumbrecht at (215) 646-2708, or leave a message in Jack's mailbox at the Friends' Office.

Jack Gumbrecht

Property Committee

The following projects are in progress:

1. Revision of garage workshop has been almost totally done. We are presently awaiting the discard of a storage unit which is outdated and a space taker. When this is no longer in the shop space, reallocation of bench tools will take place.

2. The proposed project for inventory and storage of accumulated lumber on the floor of the barn awaits the availability of volunteer help on weekends. The present makeup of the committee is limited because of physical limitations of certain members who are unable to do the work required for this project.

3. The cutting of wood for the fireplace waits for a time when the volunteers can work with the maintenance crew. This may have to be deferred until the spring.

4. The proposed rebuilding of the fence between the flower garden and the past vegetable garden is on hold. This project was approved by the previous administration as an Eagle Scout project but was rejected by the scouts who had evaluated the project but could not follow it to completion because of the technical requirements of the job and the inability to get funding from local benefactors.

5. Work at the Mill fitting doors in the coat room has been completed. There remains the replacement of shelving in the switch closet. There is the question of the practicality of the shelf which has not been used for other than storing junk for more than 20 years.

Jack Greenberg

VCR Needed

You can help Hope Lodge and get yourself a **tax deduction** by donating your old VCR to Hope Lodge. If you have upgraded to a DVD or just have a spare VCR, pass it on to Hope Lodge; we will put it to good use.

Thank-you, Mary!

A big thank-you to Mary Greenberg. Over the many years Mary has worn many hats as she filled many spots in Volunteering. The largest of all was as Membership Chair. Mary found time to serve as Food Chair on occasion, answered distress calls to fill in at the Reception Desk, and many more. Mary has resigned from the board. She was always reliable, capable, and creative. She will be sorely missed by the rest of the Volunteer Corps. Thank you Mary for all you've given to Hope Lodge!

From The Colonial Kitchen

Brunswick County Stew

A meat stew that can be preserved several days by keeping it slowly simmering at the back of the hearth has always found great favor with colonial cooks. Brunswick Stew is one of those delectable things that benefit from long, slow cooking. Its flavor improves if it is left to stand overnight and reheated.

Everyplace named Brunswick from Canada to the Carolinas tries to claim this stew as its own, but Brunswick County, Virginia has the best claim. It is a hearty meal and one of the principal attractions at political rallies, cockfights, tobacco-curings and all outdoor gatherings. With squirrels plentiful, this dish is of good economy.

Cut up two squirrels and put in a large pan with three quarts of water, one large sliced onion, one half pound of lean ham cut in small pieces and simmer gently for two hours. Add three pints of tomatoes, one pint of lima beans, four large Irish potatoes diced, one pint corn, salt and pepper according to the palate and a small pod of red pepper. Cover and stew softly, until ready.

If you have no squirrels, chicken can be substituted!

2002 Gala of Trees

We are happy to report that the Tree Gala was brought back this year with fine results.

The Gala was open to the public November 29th, 30th & December 1st and tours for seniors and pre-school children were held from December 2nd thru December 6th.

There was an abundance of absolutely beautiful and uniquely decorated trees and the Mill was decorated to the nines. The all-over appearance was very bright and eye catching and truly resembled a winter wonderland. The Gift Shop overflowed with lovely and interesting things and everyone loved browsing.

We had some wonderful raffle items: a beautiful stained glass angel panel donated by the artist, Ron Denzel and won by Gail Tower; a lovely watercolor print of the Valley Green Inn donated by artist



Gail Tower, raffle winner of Ron Denzel stained glass angel.

Sally Yates, won by Ken Brooks; and an adorable Kiwi Cottage dollhouse donated by Larry Herman of the L.P. Herman Company, won by Helen Hermansky. I cannot begin to describe how happy our raffle winners are.

The Bucks County Wood Turners group donated gorgeous hand-crafted ornaments for our Gala to be sold from their tree with all the proceeds donated to the Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill. Don Thomas coordinated this wonderful happening. Thank you Don and your members for your generosity.

Jane Healy of Long & Foster Realtors, Blue Bell donated an eight-foot tree for our future use, and Mary Booth, 3rd grade teacher from Erdenheim Elementary School, donated their beautifully decorated seven-foot tree for a silent auction. Mrs. Booth's children hand made all the dedicated ornaments of angels from pinecones. This tree was a joy to behold. The DeMichele family won the auction and purchased the tree, and they will likely be enjoying this tree for some time. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Our Gala Committee was extremely small but oh so dynamic.

Ron Denzel is the artist who created and donated the stained glass panel angel as well as the multi-task person as well as working with Carolyn Denzel in the Craft Room. I don't know enough ways to say thank you, Ron.

I cannot praise nor thank Carolyn Denzel enough for her efforts in the Gift Shop, which was such an intricate and vital part of the Tree Gala. Everywhere Carolyn pitched in, and there were many areas, she did such a great job. Thank you Carolyn for all your hard work and friendship.

Kristine DiVenti was our graphic artist and interior decorator and the creator of the fun poster board that sported pictures of our decorators and community members. It was another of Kris's fun and creative ideas that we all enjoyed. Thank you Kris for all your help and the endless jobs you did that made my life easier and the Gala a success.

I must also make special mention of Bea Kline, who did such a wonderful job with the children being our "Snow Person". I'm not sure who had a more pleasant time, the children or those of us who watched from the peanut gallery. Thanks Bea, you're special.

Thank you staff for your help and cooperation and patience. Thank you Tom, Loren, and Troy for helping me to get started and for doing all those heavy jobs. Last but certainly not least, thank you volunteers for working and baking and just being there. As usual you all did a great job.

Phyllis DiVenti, Tree Gala 2002 Chair

Calling All Volunteers

At the present time we do not have a volunteer coordinator or co-chairs. How about YOU volunteering for this very needed position. Give President Bill Lutz a call if you can help us. PLEASE! We have two big events coming up soon for which we will need many volunteers.

1. CHARTER DAY — Sunday, March 9, 2003. Joan Ballezza and Audrey Hahn will Co-Chair this event. They will be calling you with needs such as cookies to serve or \$\$'s for coffee, tea, etc. In addition, they will need your physical help to be in the mansion as food servers and car parkers. Please plan to be a part of this important event for Hope Lodge.

2. BALLADS IN THE MILL — Saturday, March 29, 2003. Once again we have a long list of needs to make the Ballads a success. To name a few: car parkers, admissions, and food servers dressed in costumes. We need contributions of cheese and crackers and baked goods for dessert. We will need people to prepare food and yes, a fresh crew to clean up. Someone will be calling you. If by chance we miss contacting you, please call and VOLUNTEER YOUR help.

Questions? Call 215-646-1595. THANK YOU ALL in advance.

Bill Lutz

Genuardi's Cash Back Program

Genuardi's has replaced its old register tape program with a new electronic **E-Scrip** program. To have up to 3% of your Genuardi's purchases donated to Hope Lodge electronically sign up for **E-Scrip TODAY**. Sign up by going to a Genuardi's Market service desk, by going online at www.escrip.com, or by calling the Friends at Hope Lodge at 215-646-1595 and designate Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill to be the recipient of the bonus savings. The group ID for Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill is **149538543**. To sign up, you only need your Genuardi's Club Card Number and Friends of Hope Lodge group ID Number in bold above. No more saving grocery receipts — just show your Genuardi's Club Card each time you shop.

Museum Shop

Since moving to larger quarters in the autumn of 2002, the Museum Shop has added many new items. A first-time visitor or a long-term Hope Lodge "Friend" can keep the memory of the visit fresh by purchasing a Hope Lodge embellished gift. **Note cards, pens, pencils, candles and coasters** are available. **New book titles** have been added that will bring history alive for readers of all ages. **Colonial crafts and games** are available for purchase, too.

The Museum Shop is located next to the Welcome and Orientation room in the Degn winter residence. Stop by and check out the new craft and home décor pieces. Remember, Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill who present an active membership card will receive a **10% discount** on all purchases.

Charter Day Sale (Sunday, March 9, 2003): Select items will be 10% to 20% off regular prices.

Wanda M. Rauch

Visit Our Website!

The Hope Lodge and Mather Mill website is a great asset to us all. Many perspective visitors contact us via the website to find out more about the site and its history. In the last few months we have received an increase in information requests regarding Mill rentals and site history. Jack Gumbrecht has done a wonderful job in responding to the Mill requests and Troy and I have been fielding the history questions.

Early in the fall we were contacted by Carolyn Hudnut, via the website. Ms. Hudnut is a Preservation student at Bucks County Community College. After inquiring about the site, she conducted on-site research and interviewed staff members for a class project. She completed a well-written report on Hope Lodge and its importance in the early preservation movement in the United States. Ms. Hudnut has donated a copy of her report to the site for our research files. We have been contacted by students from a variety of schools for projects and research requests. We are glad that we have been able to help them and look forward to helping others.

Visitors to the website also have the opportunity to leave a message on the Guestbook. We were excited to receive a message from Christopher W. Spough, Assistant Vice President, Wachovia Bank, NA Trustee of the Alice Degn Trust. Referring to Hope Lodge, he wrote, "(A) Great Historical Site — A true treasure of the United States."

Many thanks and kudos to Doug Heller for maintaining and managing our website! Please check out the website the next time you are online!
<http://www.ushistory.org/hope>

Explore Volunteer Opportunities on
Saturday, April 5, 2003, from 1-4pm.
Call 215-646-1595 for details!


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 **March-May,**
2003 as
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School Tours

 **March 9,**
2003,
Noon-4pm —
Charter Day

 **March 29,**
2003,
5:30-7pm —
Ballads in the
Mill



Gala of Trees! See story on page 6!