



## Annual Reenactment --- August 17

— see details inside.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

**Salute to the outgoing President** - Ed Price, our President for the last three years, decided in early Spring not to run for a fourth term, so I agreed to take the position again. I would like to thank Ed for his service as a Board member and President of the WTHS.

The general membership probably does not know how important Ed is to the society because much of his time as President was spent “behind the scenes”. Many of you know him only through his messages and interesting articles he authored for the Moland Gazette, but those of us who are on the Board and are around the Moland House on a regular basis have witnessed the extraordinary amount of time he has spent on all manner of things. He has written policies, edited the newsletter, conducted significant research to help us better understand our story. He has fixed things, painted things, built things and replaced things. He teaches children about archaeology when the fifth-graders come on field trips to Moland. In short, he has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the house and the Society. We look forward to his continuing contributions sitting on the Board of Directors as Past President.

Also “retiring” this year is our long-time secretary, Clare Reilly. Her professionally

crafted minutes have been an enormous contribution to the society. She has also generously donated dozens of books to our library and most of the beautiful iris on the property. We know she will be back to help out at the reenactment in August, and we know she will continue to contribute when possible.

**Thoughts from your new President** - As I begin another term as President, I look around and continue to marvel at what the Warwick Township Historical Society has accomplished at the Moland House. I am also taken by how old we’re all getting!

With the exception of Debbie, who coordinates our events, the rest of the Board have been members of AARP for longer than we care to think! Can you believe it has been 17 years since the restoration started? The next 17 years

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will pass just as quickly and my grandchildren will be in college!

For Moland House to be available for coming generations, we really need to recruit some younger folks into the ranks, so positions as officers and directors continue to be filled by competent people who care about history and our beloved Moland House. Having said that, if you are a member of any age, consider coming to the meetings held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Moland House. There is plenty to do. But particularly if you have any younger acquaintances or if you, yourself, are in that category, come on out and get involved!

Dave Mullen

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## Flag Day Celebration

By Debbie Dadey



Over one hundred citizens gathered to show their patriotism on June 9<sup>th</sup> at our annual Flag Day celebration.

WTHS member Ed Greenawald kept up his tradition of welcoming visitors. Scoutmaster Timothy Hough and local Boy Scout Troop 5

raised the flag and then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Hanley enchanted us as Mary Pickersgill, the seamstress responsible for creating the enormous flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and inspired our National Anthem. Kim sang the original words to that tune before the Tamanend Middle School Gold and Blue choir sang their



beautiful version of our nation's song. Tamara Gureghian donated a raffle basket and Gourmet Vendors donated one hundred soft pretzels.

Next year's celebration will be June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please email [events@moland.org](mailto:events@moland.org) if you or your group would like to raise the flag or sing. Visit <http://moland.org/flag-day-2012/> to see more pictures of this year's event.

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## Entering the Digital Age --- a.k.a. the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Meets the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

By Cal Uzelmeier

“Just what are those little squares with squiggly lines that I see on all the Nature Trail brochures and on each of the little trail signs that are scattered around the Moland House Historic Park?”

Last June the Warwick Township Historical Society received a \$1500.00 grant from the Bucks County Visitors Bureau to develop QR Codes\* for all of our Nature Trail signs. That idea was expanded to include The Carriage House, the Colonial Woodshop and the Well House. Now all of our material, including business cards, have a QR Code that when scanned with a smart phone will take the user to a video of either our website or the item that is immediately in front of the person.



Many people visit the Moland House Historic Park other than when there is an Open House. The QR Codes will provide a brief explanation of our many interesting attractions with the hope that individuals will return at another time when they can be given a more detailed explanation of Moland House's importance.

\*QR code is an abbreviation for “Quick Response Codes”. Individuals with a ‘smart phone’ can scan the QR code with a scanning application which they can download from their phone's app store.

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## Membership Picnic

By Debbie Dadey

This year's membership picnic on June 22nd honored our Polish roots.



A group of young dancers from Polish Dance School Maki gave a delightful performance. This amazing group performed during the 30th anniversary of John Paul II Foundation events in Rome, Italy, as well as many other festivals throughout the world. We were delighted they could join us.

If you would like to sponsor next year's picnic, please email [events@moland.org](mailto:events@moland.org).

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## Trash to Treasure

By Cal Uzelmeier

Have you noticed the split rail fence over on the berm? One of our members was on her way to the market when she passed a house where the owners had put the post and rails out for the trash.

She stopped and inquired if she could have the material. The owner said "Yes" but our member wondered out loud how she could get all of it over to the Moland House Historic Park.



"That's no problem," said the man who was getting rid of the wood. "I know exactly where the Moland House is. I

have a truck and I will take the stuff over to the Moland House this afternoon."

Sure enough, the next Monday morning when the landscape crew arrived to do some work, all of the post and rails were waiting for us.

It is amazing how one person's trash can enhance what we believe is a national treasure.

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## Story & Music Festival

By Debbie Dadey

Moland Park came alive with stories and music



on June 23rd with eight performers captivating an audience from the young to the not so young.

Susannah Brody shared stories of the American Revolution, Ronald Carter's deep voice told of living in Colonial Philadelphia, Kim Hanley took us to the Wild West as Annie Oakley, Claudia Lees gave us the shivers with ghost stories, and Bill Wood captured everyone's attention with his fun dynamic storytelling.

On the musical side of the park, Ron Albanese and his daughter Sophia tickled



everyone's funnybone as Polka Dot, Ruthanne Emilene Ankey had us dancing and singing, and Johathan Spout brought music and history together with his history heroes' stories.



## Patron Form

Patrons will be acknowledged at the following levels:

General -- \$100.00 and up

Colonel--\$50.00

Major -- \$25.00

Captain -- \$15.00

Lieutenant--\$10.00

All patrons will be acknowledged in the WTHS newsletter, on our website, [www.Moland.org](http://www.Moland.org), and in the program for the day.

For \$50 your name or the name of your business will be placed on a star plaque which will be displayed at the event in addition to a listing in the program.

For \$100 or more your name or your business name will be placed on a George Washington plaque which will be displayed at the event in addition to a listing in the program.

Please fill out the following form and return it by Aug. 1, 2013 to be included in the program.

Name or business name for listing \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Circle patron level.    General    Colonel    Major    Captain  
Lieutenant

Please make all checks payable to WTHS. Send your contribution to PO Box 107, Jamison, PA 18929 attn: Reenactment.



## *Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment*

August 17, 2013 - 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

(rain date Aug. 24)

*New Attractions* --- We have added new attractions to this year's event:

- colonial beer brewing, basket weaving, quilting and a glass blower.

*Returning Attractions* --- Returning attractions include:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> PA Regiment,
- the Donegal Riflemen,
- corn husk activities,
- colonial music,
- puppet shows,
- a cooper,
- wood workers,
- a black smith,
- folk art,
- archaeology,
- children's toys,
- spinning, and
- colonial cooking will also be featured.



See the new pieces of furniture during a tour of Moland House. Light refreshments may be purchased and the gift shop will be open.

Since this is a fundraiser for the maintenance of the Moland House a nominal admission fee will be charged: Adults \$5.00, Seniors (62+) and members \$4.00, children (5-12) \$2.00, Family (parents & children) \$10.00. Cash and checks are the fare of the day.

Please think about becoming a patron for this event, see the patron form. We can still use more volunteers. Contact Jo-Anne Mullen at 215-343-1936 or by email: [jdmullen2@verizon.net](mailto:jdmullen2@verizon.net).

## Making Life Better for the Wildlife

By Cal Uzelmeier



We are happy to announce that Moland House Historic Park is now the proud location for Mr. and Mrs. Wren and their recently born offspring.

During the winter, several of our landscapers decided that the Park would be an excellent place to

encourage wildlife. Bird houses were made both for wrens and blue birds – yes they prefer different structural designs. A house was made for an owl, another for bats and finally a place where butterflies can rest for the night. With the Spring many of these habitats were hung.



However, judging from the number of houses that still are in the top section of the Carriage House and the cedar posts that are leaning against one of the Carriage House walls, it looks as if we still need to find locations for a number of bird houses.

Moland House Historic Park is a wonderful place to find refuge from all the complications of life – and it's **FREE**. Listen to the birds. See the gaggle of geese. Watch the ground hogs. Sit by the Neshaminy and look for the sunfish or the carp. You just might see a red fox coming to the stream to drink. Several deer might wander out of the bushes. Overhead a redtail hawk might be circling in search of its next meal. It's all at the Park and it's just waiting to offer you the peace and tranquility that individuals so desperately desire in this time of stress and uncertainty.

Moland House Historic Park is more than just the place where George Washington camped, it is a marvelous retreat and we encourage everyone to use all that it has to offer.

# WANTED

## 10 GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



The Coordinator of the Garden of Native Plants (formerly the Native Garden) is looking for 10 individuals who are willing to give an hour or two every other week, on his or her own schedule, to take care of a section of the Garden. With the increased responsibility that has been given to us by the township and the continual beautification of the grounds, it is becoming more difficult to stay ahead of the weed growth. It is the intention of the Coordinator – Cal Uzelmeier – to meet with all of the Garden volunteers, assign each volunteer a section of the Garden and then with the help of another Warwick Township Historical Society member point out what are the weeds and what are the plants we want to nurture and maintain.

Admittedly the pay is horrible (nothing) and the work can be a bit dirty (pulling weeds) but the satisfaction of seeing a beautiful Garden and listening to the comments of visitors gives enormous value to your efforts.

We are an equal opportunity employer and would ask that if you are interested in helping that you please contact Cal Uzelmeier at 215-672-9906 or email him at [uzelc@aol.com](mailto:uzelc@aol.com). Your efforts, even every other week for an hour or two, can make an unbelievable difference.

## Warwick Day

Moland House woodworkers were invited to participate in Warwick Day activities in May. We were delighted to have families drop by and inquire about how tools from the 18<sup>th</sup> century were used.



As kids wondered about the days before electric tools when no one had heard of a Home Depot or Lowes, we were able to share such tidbits as:

- Brace & bits (the earliest cordless drill) preceded the electric drill
- Specialized planes did the job of today's power routers; also, by using different planes sandpaper wasn't needed
- Draw knives were used to make dowels and shingles

The woodworkers had samples available that showed building techniques (e.g. mortise&tenon joints and dovetail joints). They also brought reproductions of 18<sup>th</sup> century lanterns & toys that were made by the Moland Woodworkers.

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## Christmas dinner

George Washington and his cook, Hercules, will be our guests at this year's candlelit Colonial Christmas dinner.

Tickets are now on sale for \$50 each. Send your check to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA to reserve your spot for December 14th at 6:30-9:00.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know that our wonderful treasure, the Moland House Historic Park, does not have any paid staff – we depend on you, the volunteers, to keep things running.

If you are a current volunteer ***“THANK YOU”- we couldn't do it without you.***

*If you haven't joined our volunteer team yet, there are opportunities that can fit your schedule and skills. This is an opportunity to meet new people and help others to enjoy this national treasure.*

- Do you enjoy our various events? We all appreciate the hard work that Debbie puts in to help them come together. How about giving her a hand and joining the Event team.
- Do you admire the gardens and the grounds? Grounds and gardens don't take care of themselves – even an hour a week would help keep things at Moland refreshed.
- Are you a history buff or a teacher (current or retired) and enjoy talking about history? Consider become a docent.
- Do you enjoy spending time using a computer and would like to volunteer from home? Perhaps you could help with our Facebook page or Website.
- Other volunteer committees include: archives, education, gift shop, facilities, marketing, furnishings, guiding tours and publicity.



Do you have an article you would like to see in a future Moland Gazette? If so, please send your draft to [CasaUCreations@aol.com](mailto:CasaUCreations@aol.com) for consideration. The deadline for the next issue is September 25, 2013.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Open House\* --- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 1 – 4 pm: Drop in for a tour.
- Board Meeting --- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening every month 7:30 pm –
- Annual Re-enactment of the Little Neshaminy Encampment – August 17 (rain date August 24)
- Christmas Dinner --- December 14
- Holiday Open House --- December 8

\*There will be special events at some open houses:

- **July:** July 14 – Colonial Woodworker demonstration;  
July 28 – Quilts on display
- **August:** Aug. 11 – Nature walk;  
Aug. 26 – Teacher Appreciation Day
- **September:** Sept. 8 – Carriage rides;  
Sept. 22 – Scout Day
- **October:** Oct. 27 – Scary stories
- **November:** Nov. 10 – Soldier stories



*Lilies near Old York Road entrance*

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