



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As the days get cooler and the leaves start to change, you should plan a visit to the Moland House grounds just to enjoy the change of seasons. Our landscape crew continues to work tirelessly to keep everything neat and clean and inviting. The garden is still full of color, and this would be a perfect time of year to bring a picnic lunch and use one of the picnic tables provided for you north of the garden. When there, you will surely notice a “new” addition to the property. I put “new” in parentheses because this feature has always been there, just not in its present form. This spring the landscape guys noticed that the old bank barn wall next to the carriage house had moved considerably out of plumb and was in danger of collapsing. The Board determined that it was necessary to rebuild it. Steve Snyder, the mason who did the original work on the restoration of the Moland House was contracted to do the work. Steve used the original stone from the wall. It is finished and it is beautiful! Thanks to Cal Uzelmeier, Bob Snyder, Chet Davis, and the rest of the crew.

Now that the wall is finished and is safe again, it opens the door to a couple of Eagle Scout projects that will further beautify the area. We wish these young men well and appreciate the fact that they chose the Moland House for their projects, and thank Bob Snyder for coordinating.

Our annual Revolutionary War Reenactment was a huge success again this year. We had beautiful weather, attendance was up, and there were more

attractions - more about that later in the Gazette. Thanks particularly to Jo-Anne Mullen for heading the committee and to Bob Snyder for handling logistics.

Although Ed Price is no longer President of the Society, he continues to work hard for our benefit. Ed has volunteered to head the committee to oversee the maintenance of the Eight Arch Stone Bridge that is owned by the Society. The bridge was built in 1804 and until the 1960's carried York Road across the Neshaminy Creek at Bridge Valley. If you do not know where it is located, the next time you are traveling on Rte. 263 northbound, as you cross the Neshaminy look to your right. Ed has begun to clean up the grounds and is preparing to fully assess the repairs necessary to maintain it.

Ed has also been working on a Capital Reserve Fund Plan for the Society. This plan assesses the monetary needs of the Society going forward for maintenance and repair of the Moland House and its mechanical support systems. The goal of such a plan is to provide a reserve of money

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from which funds can be drawn, rather than scrambling each time we are faced with a large repair bill. The plan was presented to the Board for comment at the September meeting, and will now be studied by the Finance Committee for referral to the Board for approval and acceptance.

Finally, no Fall edition of the Gazette would be complete without reminding the members that Gwyn Duffy and her crew will once again be transforming the Moland House for her Farmhouse Christmas craft sale beginning on the Friday after Thanksgiving. It has become a regular event for us and we look forward to it each November to kick off the Holiday Season.

Best wishes to all of our members, and many thanks to all of our volunteers.

Dave Mullen
President

Have You Noticed Our New Wall?

Have you noticed the new wall and the changes in the landscape as you walk from the parking lot to the Moland House?



Back in the Spring members of the landscape crew recognized that during the winter the old wall had been compromised

and was leaning at least four inches. There was great concern that the wall could collapse at any time. Immediate steps were taken to protect the public. Individuals coming to the reenactment saw the area blocked off with yellow tape.

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, the Directors voted to seek two bids for repair or reconstruction of the wall. After consulting with the Township authorities and making certain that all of the Warwick Township building requirements were met the work was awarded to

Steve Snyder. Steve began demolishing the old wall and rebuilding the new wall shortly after the reenactment was finished.

Due to the fact a three foot deep footer was required, all of the concrete that was in front of the old wall was removed.



The wall is now finished and we are delighted with its appearance. In front of the wall where once there was concrete, the landscape crew

has outlined the driveway with brick and between the driveway and the wall we have planted grass seed. A coat of paint on the door and around the door frame along with refreshing the driveway with new stone has made the area leading from the parking lot to the Moland House even more inviting.

Recycling the Excess Soil

As a result of demolishing the wall and in preparation for proper drainage, a large quantity of soil was removed. Rather than have the dirt hauled away, we were able to have much of it moved down to the area along the berm and spread the soil so that it will be easier to maintain.

Using posts and rails, that someone had put out for the trash, we were able to make a fence on top of the berm. Behind the fence we planted young forsythia plants transplanted from our gardens.

Two planting beds were created and as time allows we will transplant additional ferns. All going well, and if the ferns continue to grow, a good bit of the berm will be maintenance free.





A day to remember at Moland

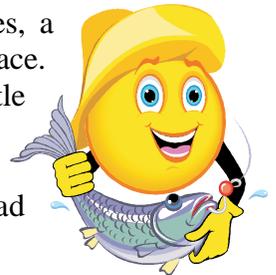
by Bob Snyder

A couple days ago I was working with the Moland Landscapers, doing things we landscapers do, when I noticed a car arriving in the parking lot. We were expecting some visitors but these people didn't fit the mold we envisioned.

Out of the car came a woman in her mid-twenties, a young toddler about 15-18 months old and a grandfather. The mother carried a folding chair and the grandfather had a fishing pole in his hand.

They headed down toward the Little Neshaminy and I lost sight of them. About 15 minutes later I felt the need for a change in scenery so I decided to see what our fishermen were up to. When I got there mom was sitting in the chair carefully watching her son. Grandpa was rigging the fishing pole with a bobber and some bait. He said to me, "It will be a miracle if we catch anything but we will try." I talked with them for a few minutes and then started to wander back to the landscaping job. I had only gone a couple hundred feet when I heard great excitement coming from the creek. I quickly returned and sure enough they had caught a sunfish. The miracle grandpa thought would not happen did indeed happen.

You had to be there to see the excitement on the faces of a mom taking pictures, a grandfather watching his grandson and best of all, the smiles on the little boy's face. Grandpa said "It's just a little one" but I reminded him that to us it was "just a little one" but to that boy it was a whale.



I left them then and went back to work. When they finally left they told me they had caught three fish and each catch was as exciting as the first.

The memories the family generated that day at the Moland House will stay with them for a long time and so will that memory stay with this old landscape volunteer.

Help is Needed with the Garden of Native Plants



The landscape crew recognizes that Fall has arrived and all of the work that comes with the growing season is beginning to slow down but we are thinking ahead.

Jackie Schneck and Laura May have done a marvelous job developing the Garden of plants native to Pennsylvania at the time the Molands occupied the property. However the Garden has

become too much for them to handle and with their consent the task was given to the landscape crew.

We are now looking for 8 to 10 people who would be willing to take an area of the Garden of Native Plants and care for it through the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2014. Each person would be given a specific area and would be expected to give perhaps 3 hours A MONTH at his or her convenience to make sure the area is weeded and kept in proper order.

If you can help please contact Cal Uzelmeier at 215-672-9906 or at uzelc@aol.com



Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment

Reenactment Patrons (*Repeat Patron)

Moland House volunteers would like to thank all the patrons who helped to make this year's reenactment a reality. Through their help and support we were able to bring back many favorite reenactors / crafters as well as invite some new reenactors / crafters to join us.

Executive Level

Cal and Sandy Uzelmeier*
Bristol Myers Squibb* (Matching grant program)

General Level (\$100.00+)

Decker Funeral Home*
Dr. Terry Rakowsky*
Debbie Dadey, Children's Author*
Anonymous*
Questers Moland House Chapter 1423*
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Robert & Susan Tafel*
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Super Value Beverage
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Julie & Bob Herrmann*
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Annual Revolutionary War Reenactment - 2013

This year's Annual Reenactment was an enormous success thanks to good weather and the help of the nearly 70 volunteers who either demonstrated crafts, helped with parking, or manned the various stations necessary for a successful event.



Our attendance was up 85% from last year and over 600 people attended. One of the best things was to see all of the families that came to enjoy the day. We are sure that some of that increase was attributable to the great article written by Calkins Media reporter Gwen Schrift that appeared in the Daily Intelligencer on the Thursday before the event featuring Sandy Uzelmeier's photography. We are grateful for the excellent work of Sybil Johnson, who handled the internet advertising, and Debbie Dadey who did the Facebook postings.



Jo-Anne Mullen, who chairs the event, is always looking for new affordable attractions, and this year she added a colonial brewer, a quilter, and a suttler. Although I don't think it is necessary to explain brewing or quilting, some who are reading this may not know the meaning of suttler. Don't feel bad; my computer doesn't even recognize it as a word! Suttlers were merchants who followed the army around and provided everything from rum and whisky to pots and pans. Our suttlers, Lisa Lambert and Phil Gilson, brought a great display of hand blown glass, textiles, and sundries that were available for purchase. They also explained the process for making the glass items and provided information about the colonial items they were selling. Their tent was busy all day long.

We were also fortunate this year to have not only the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, but also representatives of the Donegal Riflemen, the First Crossing Volunteers, and the First PA demonstrate the life of an army on the move. As usual, they drew large crowds for their drills, and musket demonstrations, and skirmish.



One of the traditional attractions at the Reenactment is the screening operation run by the Millbrook Society which has done the archaeological work on the site. A number of years ago when we removed a significant amount of soil to return the site to its colonial elevation, it was piled up for future examination. Most Sundays that we are open for tours, and each year at the Reenactment, Sybil Johnson and her crew encourage the public to help with the screening of the dirt. The kids love it, especially when they discover a colonial era artifact, which they often do.

Our own Moland House Woodworkers provided hands-on demonstrations of colonial techniques thanks to Dave Healy and Cal Uzelmeier and friends. The visitors were also able to be educated as to the techniques of colonial blacksmithing, coopering, basket making, spinning, folk painting, and paper cutting all while enjoying the 18th century music provided by Mark Carroll.

No article on the reenactment would be complete without acknowledging some of our other hard working volunteers. Bob Snyder handled the logistics and led the set-up and tear-down crew with help from Cal Uzelmeier, Dave and Jo-Anne Mullen, Ken Barlow, Chet Davis, Murrie Gayman and Rob Cowper. Ken and Lorraine Barlow cleaned the house. Laura May and Jackie Schneck provided the food service. Chet Davis headed the parking lot crew. Thank you, thank you, thank you. It could not have been done without your help.



See what colonial ladies were dancing on.
Enjoy a fun ladies afternoon out with a tea and support the historic
Moland House. Makes a great mother-daughter event too!

Spring Tea

March 23, 2014 from 1-3:00

\$30 to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929
or email events@moland.org



www.moland.org

www.Facebook.com/molandhouse

name _____ # of tickets _____

address _____

phone _____ email _____



UPCOMING EVENTS --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Colonial Christmas Dinner

We will be graced by the presence of two fantastic reenactors who will be portraying George Washington and his cook, Hercules, at our Annual Colonial Christmas Dinner on December 14, 2013. This event quickly "SOLD OUT".

With the quick sellout of our Christmas dinner, we have added a second almost identical dinner on Sunday, December 15 at 6:30-9:00. George Washington will be with us and so will our caterer! Join us for the candlelit festivities by sending \$50 to WTHS, P.O. Box 107, Jamison, PA 18929.



Spring Tea



Pick your fanciest shoes and dance to the Moland House Spring Tea.

We'll have a shoe-normous time on March 23rd from 1-4:00 with the fun topic of shoes through history. We'll even have prizes for the shoes you wear. Send your \$30 check to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929. This makes a great stocking stuffer! (see flyer this newsletter).



George Washington
Portrayed by Living Biographer
Carl Cross

Antique Appraisals

Ever wonder what that old vase/painting/chair/doll/map that you have in the attic or picked up at a garage sale is really worth? Bring your possibly valuable items to the Moland House on Sunday, November 17 and find out. From 1:00 pm to 4:00pm, the respected firm of Barry S. Slosberg Inc. of Philadelphia will give you a verbal appraisal for up to 3 items per person.

You will get an appraisal for \$8.00 for one item, 3 items for \$20.00. Try to come early to reserve your place in line. Plenty of free parking. Doors open at 1:00. See you on the 17th for the Moland version of the Antique Road Show!!

Hanging of the Greens

Help us decorate for the holiday the old fashioned way, with fresh greens and candles. Join us December 11th at 1:00 and breathe in the wonderful aroma. Refreshments will be provided.



Holiday Craft Sale

Gwyn Duffy will be here again this year with her Farmhouse Christmas craft sale which will run from November 29 – December 7.

IF YOU WONDER WHAT THE LANDSCAPE CREW DID DURING THE SUMMER, TAKE A LOOK AT A SOME OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The landscape crew has been very busy during the summer but our work is not finished. There is still much that remains for us to do but with each positive comment that we hear from people who visit the Moland House Historic Park our energy is renewed and we look for other ways to make the grounds even more inviting.

1. QR codes were installed at all of the Nature Trail sites.
2. The township put in a load of stone to allow access to the lower meadow.
3. 3 loads of wood chips and 2 loads of mulch were spread on trails and in the planting beds.
4. 6 tons of red stone was spread in the Garden pathways and around the well house.
5. We mowed and mowed and mowed - picking up some of the work previously done by the township.
6. Additional rustic fencing was installed along the edge of the north meadow and at the top of the hill along Old York Road.
7. All of the grounds were prepared for the reenactment.
8. We weeded and weeded (and weed whacked) until there were no more weeds, then spread mulch and weeded some more.
9. Bricks were laid along the edge of the driveway.
10. A restored driveway was made in front of the wall using 10 tons of gravel.
11. Red Twig Dogwood shoots were planted along the creek and appear to have taken root.
12. We mowed and weeded some more.
13. The second floor of the Carriage House was cleaned.
14. A flagpole and flag were erected near the Carriage House.
15. We worked with 2 potential Eagle Scouts as they sought to do community service projects
16. We gathered poles for bird houses that will be set up next spring.
17. An owl house and a bat house were built and erected.
18. We welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Fisher who planted flowers in the south meadow.
19. We emptied garbage cans that were filled by the fishermen.
20. We planted the native plant given to us by Mark Snyder and applauded his efforts to make sure the Garden plants were identified properly.
21. With the help of Mr. Piselli we installed a new water fountain on the side porch.



The restoration of the Moland House is remarkable and we appreciate all of the work that has gone into its preservation. However, it is the goal of the landscape crew to compliment that effort with surroundings that will encourage individuals to stop and enjoy the entire Park. We have a wonderful treasure and we want as many people as possible to know about it.

You Can Help with a Non-Monetary Donation

The landscape crew is looking for 150 used bricks to edge the driveway. Do you have any that you would like to donate? Let us know. Also the landscape crew could use a gas powered chain saw – if you have one you don't use anymore perhaps you could donate it to our landscapers.

Eagles

By Bob Snyder



I'm not talking about the Philadelphia Eagles or about our national bird, rather I'm talking about the highest rank a boy can attain in the Boy Scouts of America. It's a difficult task to undertake but

we have two such Scouts that are undertaking different projects at the Moland House.

First let me tell you how the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America defines the "Project Purpose". "In addition to providing service and fulfilling the part of the Scout Oath, 'to help other people at all times,' one of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to demonstrate or hone, or to learn and develop, leadership skills. Related to this are important lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment."

With that in mind, each of these two Scouts approached us to see if we had any projects that needed doing. They were told that it is not our responsibility to define projects. However, they were welcomed to look the place over and see if they could see anything that could add needed functionality or add to the overall esthetic beauty of the Moland House and its surroundings.

The one Scout looked at the top of the Barn Wall and said the area looked like it could use some improvement. Indeed the top of the wall had a wire fence with all kinds of growth overhanging it. He came back with the idea that he could gather a team and the necessary resources to tear down the old fence and put a wooden fence and some bushes in its stead. We approved the plan and look forward to its completion especially now that a new Barn Wall has been built.

The second Scout noticed the west side of the Carriage House that is broken down and filled with all kinds of concrete and rocks. He asked if there was anything he could do about that. We

told him that there had been some discussion that we could use a nursery for growing plants to be later planted at the park or maybe even made available for sale. He submitted a plan and is now acquiring manpower and materials to accomplish that. In addition he thought the Picnic area could use some help. It always has been a maintenance problem. So, in addition to the nursery he will now work on 2 tables to ensure they are on a stone base so we can mow around them.

We expect these projects to be completed sometime this fall and are very pleased to be able to support these young men in their quest for Scouting's highest rank.



Docent Program

By Murrie Gayman

Several new Tour Guides are in training to be available for our Open House Tours. Classes are held on our regular Open House Days, the second Sunday of every month and the fourth Sunday from April to October, from 1:00 to 4:00.

It is never too late to join the group and learn how to be a guide for visitors to the Moland House. You will receive some sample scripts and background information. After watching experienced guides give tours, you can lead a group when you feel you are ready.

It is never a problem if you can't make a particular class or if you have to come late or leave early. Just show up on any Open House day and join the fun. If you have any questions, call Murrie at 215 343 8485 or email him at greeneside@comcast.net Don't forget the extra E in greenESide.

UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Open House* 1-4 p.m. --- on the following Sundays this fall:
October 13 & 27, November 10 & 24, December 8
- Farmhouse Christmas Craft Sale --- November 29 – December 7
- Hanging of the Greens, December 11 at 1 p.m.
- Christmas Dinner --- December 14 and December 15
- Spring Tea --- March 23, 2014



*There will be special events at some open houses:

- **October:** Oct. 27 – Come hear a Revolutionary Ghost Story
- **November:** Nov. 10 – Soldier stories
- **December:** Dec. 8 – Holiday Open House



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