



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As fall turns to winter, the landscape crew put away their tools, had the mower serviced, and thought they could settle in for a “long winter’s nap.” But as it turns out they just traded garden spades for snow shovels because this year we had a “White Christmas Dinner.”

The demand was so great this year that we held dinners on Saturday night and again Sunday night thanks to the hard work of Debbie Dadey and her committee. We kept our fingers crossed that the prediction of 1-3 inches of snow for Saturday wouldn’t turn into a freak blizzard. The snow made the Moland House look like a winter post card, the event went on, and all had a good time. Then Sunday arrived and the snow had turned to ice. When I arrived on the scene at 1:00, Bob Snyder and Chet Davis had shoveled most of the driveway up to the carriage house. I went home to change, got more shovels and arrived in time to help a little in the paddock area. After that Jo-Anne and I cleared another section of the parking lot near the house.

Of course, when the sun went down it didn’t take long for the slush to turn to ice in spite of the salt we used. Fortunately, the guests wore sensible shoes and had as good a time on Sunday as the Saturday night crowd had. The house was simply beautiful, all in candle light, red and green and truly festive. Congratulations to Debbie and her committee and special thanks to Bob and Chet for duty above and beyond.

In spite of the change in the weather, we are still busy with projects at the house. Ken Barlow has been leading the effort to explore some much needed parking lot lighting and we have met several times with contractors to consider options.

During a recent visit from the Fire Marshall for our annual inspection, he suggested that fire and smoke sensors should be installed in the carriage house. So, we will be looking into that with our alarm company to see if it can be integrated with our existing detection system in the main house.

Once again, our Farmhouse Christmas Craft Sale was a great success, and we thank all of our members who attended. We always look forward to working with Gwyn Duffy and her group.

Best wishes for a warm winter, and once again, please consider getting involved with the different committees and join in the fun.

Dave Mullen
President

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Craft Show and Sale



The Moland House has developed a great relationship over the past several years with Gwyn Duffy and her crew of Christmas Elves who come every year to transform the Moland House into a spectacular display of sights and sounds and aromas. More and more of our members look forward to seeing the House set up as a winter wonderland and getting a head start on holiday shopping for items not found in the mall. Gwyn has over 50 crafters contributing and restocks daily. I know that a number of people visit several times just to see what new items have been displayed since the day before!

I think it is vital for members to know just how important this relationship is to us and, therefore, how equally important it is to encourage all of you to patronize this event. Since we have been hosting this event, over \$20,000 has come to the Historical Society for maintenance of the Moland House. Gwyn rents the facility and contributes the entirety of the \$1 admission fee plus raffle proceeds. This year we received over \$2200 in admission fees and raffle alone. Thanks for coming and also for telling your friends about the event.

An added advantage to us is the number of people who are drawn to the site and are, therefore, introduced to the Moland House. We were able to give many more tours during the Craft Sale this year thanks to a number of new docents who have been training with Murrie Gayman. These new people are fantastic and we welcome them to the "crew".

Did you miss this year's sale? Don't worry a bit, because Gwyn and her bunch will be back in the spring for what has become the annual Cabin Fever Spring Craft Sale. It is a great way to shake off the winter cobwebs and get excited about a new season of warmer weather. Next Spring it will be held from March 12-15, and we hope to see you there!

Hanging of the Green



The scent of pine and spruce wafted through the meeting room and museum on December 11th as Warwick Township Historical Society members participated in our annual Hanging of the Green. With Joy Snyder's guidance, members Nancy Crowther, Cheryl Lewicki, Sue Goldsworthy, and Debbie Dadey put together centerpieces, as well as arrangements for the doors and windows. Ed Price, Bob Synder, Cal Uzelmeier, and Chet Davis lent much needed assistance and everyone got to partake of the refreshments, provided by the society and Sue Goldsworthy. It's truly amazing how a few greens and a creative touch can bring the holiday spirit into our antique home. Mark your calendar for next year's event on December 10, 2014 at 1:00. It is a free event for all members.

Spring is coming



Thinking about the spring we would like to have at least eight people who would volunteer to take a section of the "Garden of Native Plants" and be responsible for its care. The work can be completed on the volunteer's schedule, whether it be weekends, evenings or whatever. It is estimated that the volunteer would need to give no more than 4 or 5 hours a month.

We will begin our regular Monday and Tuesday Landscape activities the third Monday in March. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us either day or both days from 9 to noon.

Christmas Dinner



On December 14th and 15th, the Moland House opened its doors to two separate Colonial Christmas Dinners. After delicious Drexelbrook-catered candlelit meals we were entertained on both nights by Keith Henley as George Washington's cook, Hercules and on Sunday night Carl Closs was in attendance portraying George Washington. Both evenings our sold-out crowds enjoyed the stories of their 'lives'.



Advance tickets for next year's event are available by sending \$60 to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929. It will be December 13, 2014 from 6:30-9:00.

Spring Tea



We have already sold some tickets for our Spring Tea on March 23rd, 2014. Jump into your high heels and send in your check for \$30 to join the fun as we take a tour through the history of shoes. We'll have prizes for prettiest, ugliest, silliest, and more!

Send your \$30 check to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929.

Thanks from Landscape Committee

A special thanks to Dan Sharapan for arranging with the township to have two barbeque grills installed in our picnic area.

In the last Gazette the Landscape Committee asked for the donation of 150 bricks to finish lining the driveway. Thanks to Mark Snyder and his clients, Mr. & Mrs. Case, we received 240 bricks. Since this was more than what we needed for the driveway, we were able to use some of the bricks to edge the areas around the two new barbeque grills.



In addition, again thanks to Mark Snyder, we were given two Apollo (male) winterberry plants to compliment the winterberry plants installed by one of the Eagle Scouts. Mark also donated more than 150 daffodil bulbs which he and his father, Bob Snyder, planted around the property.

“The Eagle has landed”

By Bob Snyder



Do you remember those exciting words spoken by Neil Armstrong as the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Craft set down on the moon’s Sea of Tranquility? That was July 16, 1969 and he and Buzz Aldrin were on the surface with Michael Collins orbiting above in the spacecraft. That was a fantastic moment.

I want to paraphrase those words and say “The Eagles have landed”. Not on the moon but at the famous Moland House. The two young men who are striving to achieve the rank of Eagle in the Boy Scouts of America have completed their “projects”. We thank them and wish them continued success as they continue on their quest. The project is just one step. They each had to acquire at least 21 merit badges, have approvals from their Troop, the District and Council. Before they can get final approval they must undergo a Board of Review which is a tough bar to cross. Their projects were outlined in the Fall 2013 Gazette but let me tell you more:

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Robbie Schmauk is a member of Troop 64 in Carversville. He is 17 years old.

After seeing the sad shape that the Barn Ramp wall was in and knowing that we were going to have the wall replaced, Robbie determined that a new fence should be built on the top. The existing fence was a wire fence heavily covered with all kinds of natural growths including poison ivy, multi flora roses, new trees, honeysuckle and various other plants that had been growing there for a number of years.

Robbie developed a plan to uproot the plants, tear down the wire fence and replace it with a rail fence similar to the fences in the parking lot. He also wanted to include some plants so that it would add some beauty and reduce the chance of someone going to the top of the wall and falling. He chose and acquired four Winterberry Holly and four Viburnum shrubs. These projects are not done just by the Scout himself but he must recruit others to help in the financing and manual labors.



The task was enormous, ripping out the wire fence, digging holes for the fence posts and digging deep enough to plant the shrubs. Then came the task of buying the posts and rails for the fence. That accomplished, it was time to paint the wood, install the fence and plant the shrubbery.

As I mentioned earlier, the project is complete and it adds significant beauty to the new wall. We hope you, the readers, will come out to see this great improvement.

Thank you Robbie for a job well done!

Joe McGrath is a member of Troop 137 in Warrington. He is 17 years old.

When Joe came to Moland seeking a project for his Eagle rank, we toured the grounds and I mentioned that there was a dream on our part to someday have a plant nursery to propagate the plants from the Garden of Native Plants for possible replanting or maybe even to sell to people that come to the Moland House.

He saw the ruins on the East side of the Carriage House. It was in sad shape. The building ruins were ok but the base was filled with all kinds of discarded concrete and stones. He decided that he would like to try to clean it up. He was told that it wasn't to simply remove the stones and other debris but the base had to be covered with some filter fabric and then that had to be covered with the small red stone that is used on the Garden paths. In addition, we needed a set of steps so it would be easy for people to access the area. After some further thinking he determined that he could do it but he didn't think it would be a big enough job for his project.

Looking around, he saw the picnic area and asked if there was anything he could do to enhance it. He was told that the tables which currently were set on the grass presented an obstacle when mowing since they had to be moved to mow underneath. It was our plan that eventually we would set them on a bed of stone and get rid of the grass. Joe thought awhile and then asked if he could do what we wanted for two tables. We happily said "YES".

Then the work began and he found out that sometimes things that look simple turn out to be very difficult. The nursery work went fine and it turned out great. But when they got to the picnic table area things changed. They had built a frame of 2X4 boards big enough to allow the table to be completely off the grass area. When they started to dig out the grass area down to the 4 inch level they ran into some very tough roots and what was planned for a couple of hours worth of work ended up taking more than 8 hours of hard hard digging. They then put down the filter fabric and filled the area with the same red stone as used in the nursery. The result is a great enhancement to the picnic area. Subsequent to the completion of the project the Township installed two charcoal grills in the picnic area.



Good job Joe! We thank you and your group for a job well done.

Now, here are three challenges for **YOU** to show both Robbie and Joe that you appreciate the work they have done.

1. **VISIT** the grounds and see what these young men have accomplished.
2. **PICNIC** at Moland with your family or organization. Use the grills and tables, walk the Nature Trail, take the kids fishing down by the creek and just enjoy the grounds at the Moland House.
3. **VOLUNTEER** to help in the development of the nursery. We really need 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

Are you looking for an activity for yourself and/or your family between January & August 2014? How about a visit to the Moland House.

The following is a list of special events and open house activities for January – August 2014. Please contact a Board member if you would like to help with any of the listed activities.

Visit www.Moland.org or www.Facebook.com/molandhouse for the latest updates.

Date	Special Events & Proposed Open House Activities
Jan. 12*	Sue Tafel's dress display
Feb. 9*	Happy Birthday George!
March 9*	Charter Day-free admission
March 12-15	Cabin Fever Craft show
March 23	Spring Tea
April 13*	SAR and DAR Family History Day
April 27*	Eagle Scout Presentation
May 11*	Mother's Day and Spring Photo Op
May 25*	Bring your own picnic (we have 2 new stationary charcoal grills)
June 8*	Flag Day ceremony
June 22*	Story and Music Festival-storytellers share stories for all ages.
July 4	Picnic Day
July 13*	Woodworking Exhibit
July 27*	Quilt Exhibit
August 10*	Treasure Hunt
August 16	Reenactment of the Neshaminy Encampment
August 23	Reenactment Raindate
August 24	

*Open House is on Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m.

Buck County Visitors Center Tree Fest

We hope you had a chance to drop by the Bucks County Visitors Center during their annual Tree Fest.

Again this year Moland House participated in this wonderful holiday event, and we decided our theme would be colonial toys. The tree decorations included wooden toys made by our own Moland House Woodworkers. Stop by our Gift Shop where these toys will be available for purchase.



Cal Uzelmeier, who made the wooden toys, next to the Moland House tree.



Would you like a quick link to our website? Do you have a 'smart' phone? Just scan this QR code with a phone's scanning app and you will be taken directly to the Moland House website.

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