



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Dear Members,**

OK, so we have had a little rain this December, but many of you remember trekking through snow and ice for last year's Christmas Dinner! Not so this year. December 13 was a pretty good day weather-wise and this year's attendees were happy to not repeat last year's ordeal. Additionally, all were greeted with our new parking lot lights and pier lights on the stone walls. What made it particularly attractive, however, were the luminaries provided by Bob Snyder and Cal Uzelmeier, and the attractive natural decorations in the house put together by Debbie Dadey's hard-working committee. The house was beautiful and the food was great! We were also very fortunate to have the help of a number of high school students from the C.B. East Key Club and the C.B. South French Club. They looked terrific in their costumes provided by our "wardrobe coordinator", Debbie Dadey.

No Holiday Season at Moland would be complete without the "Farmhouse Christmas Craft Sale" produced by Gwyn Duffy and her crew. Once again the house was converted to a "winter wonderland". It rained a lot that week, but Gwyn reported brisk sales and our profit was the best since it started in 2009. Our total for this year was just under \$3400 which includes admission, rent and a raffle. So as you can see, this is an important fundraiser for us and we appreciate the patronage our members give to the effort.

You can start planning now for Gwyn's "Cabin Fever Craft Sale" March 18-21. Gwyn and her team have become like family to us, so I am happy to include her web site so our members can keep up with her various events. Just go to [FromMyHand.com](http://FromMyHand.com).

By Spring we will have a new flagpole erected. Would you believe that the old wooden pole just kept falling down? We liked the authentic look of a flagpole made from a tree, but after replacing it several times, we decided to go with a metal one with a bronze finish. It will be permanent and much safer. Thanks to Chet Davis, Bob Snyder and Cal Uzelmeier for the ordering and the installation that will come when the weather permits.

Once again, I want to thank you for all you do for the Moland House and the Warwick Township Historical Society and wish you well as we look toward Spring.

Dave Mullen, President

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*During the Neshaminy Encampment at the Moland House there were many notable men present. We will be highlighting some of those individuals in our Gazette.*



## **General Anthony Wayne**

**By Ed Price**

Wayne was with Washington's Army during the encampment at Moland House. He was then a Brigadier General. His brigade was camped out at the Graeme Plantation, in Montgomery County (then Philadelphia County). Elizabeth Graeme was still in residence at the house where her father, Doctor Graeme, had retired to before his death. The house was formally that of the Crown Governor Keith. Wayne had known Elizabeth Graeme previously and was probably part of her special society with other local colonials of note. Wayne attended meetings at the Moland House and was part of the Council of War on August 21, 1777. Anthony Wayne was a native Pennsylvanian. He was born in 1745 and raised near Paoli. He was schooled at the College of Philadelphia that later became Penn University. He married Mary Penrose. He began his army career with the Pennsylvania 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment. When the Army left the August 1777 encampment, Wayne's brigade was responsible for moving the herd of cattle from where they were pastured by Mearns Road in Warwick. When his brigade marched out, Elizabeth complained that they made off with one of her wagons and a team to pull it. Wayne's brigade then fought at Brandywine and Germantown. At Germantown, his brigade had gone so far forward that it was practically surrounded by the British. They escaped when General Howe came to reorganize the British, who were in a bit of confusion. They then brought up the rear as the Americans retreated.

Just prior to the Battle of Germantown, Wayne was nearly trapped at what is known as the Battle of Paoli. The British sprang a surprise night attack with bayonets, and he lost a large number of his troops. Later, he asked for a review to clear his name, since he was being blamed for the great loss.

Wayne had "Mad" added to his name after he took his men up the stone walls of the Hudson, and over the walls of Fort Stony Point. He took the fort and over 550 British soldiers as prisoners. For such bold action, at that time and previously, he would be called **Mad** Anthony Wayne. After that, he was given assignments where such boldness was needed.

In the southern campaign, Wayne was given the assignment to deal with the Indian tribes. He was able to negotiate a treaty with the Creek and Cherokee Indians. For this accomplishment, the State of Georgia gave him a rice plantation. He moved there after the war ended.

After moving to Georgia, Wayne ran for congressman to Washington. He served one year until it was determined that he did not meet the residency requirement. He had previously been a member of the Pennsylvania State Assembly for many years.

Washington brought Wayne back into uniform to settle the Indian problems in the Ohio Territory and beyond. Washington then formed the Legion of the United States and put Wayne at its head. The British had not gone home as the treaty required and were fomenting problems between the settlers and the Indian tribes. Wayne moved west and built forts as he went. Among these are Fort Wayne, Indiana and Fort Wayne, Michigan. Wayne was able to make treaties with the Indian tribes, and a large territory was ceded to our country that later became the State of Ohio. In 1796, Wayne died in the territories at the young age of 51. Some of his bones were later buried at St. David's Church in Radnor, PA. Other bodily materials are buried in Erie, and some of his bones were lost along the way back to eastern Pennsylvania. It is said that his spirit continues to search for those lost bones.

Wayne is remembered in the names of many cities, towns, counties, schools, and forts across the country. There are three statues of Wayne on horseback. The one at Valley Forge is very striking. A noted actor took his name until a director changed it to John because he did not like the name Anthony. The author of Batman gave his character a civilian name based on Robert de Bruce and Anthony Wayne.

## **Boy Scouts and the Moland House**



2014 proved to be another fruitful year between the Moland House and the Boy Scouting movement. This year two young men, who were striving to become Eagle Scouts, chose our place to do their Eagle projects. A project requires the Scout to define a program that will enhance the beauty or functionality of the place at which they choose to do their project. After gaining approval from the organization they choose and the approval of both their Scoutmaster and the Advancement Board of their individual Scouting Councils they can make a plan and execute that plan. They are responsible to raise funds, if necessary, recruit manpower and then oversee the execution of that plan. Not a small task.

Over the past several years the Landscaping Committee at Moland has developed a nature trail which circumnavigates the entire property. About ¼ mile of that path is through the wooded area and is subject to weed growth which needs to be reworked each year.

Solution: Lay down a three foot wide carpet of material designed to prevent weed growth and then cover that carpet with woodchips making a well-defined path that will last for several years.

In the spring of 2014 we were approached by Joseph Kaminski of Troop 137, Warrington seeking a project for his Eagle project. As it turned out, Joe helped another Scout do his project at Moland the previous year. He searched for a possible project that he could do and identified the nature trail. The length of the trail is too long for one project so he defined one that met his and our requirements. They did a great job and half of the trail was completed.

While Joe's work was going on, one of the Scouts that helped on that project came and asked if he could do the rest of the trail for his project. We said it would be fine with us if he

got all the other necessary approvals. He did and this fall his workforce of about 12 workers showed up and did the work. That young man is Nicholas Kelly from Troop 3 in Hatboro.

The nature trail path is now completed and you are encouraged to come see what these Scouts have done. They are wonderful to work with and we hope more will come looking for worthwhile projects.

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## **Flag Near Carriage House**



Believing the flag should be flown with all of the honor it deserves, we are pleased to announce that the Decker Funeral Home has donated a new nylon all-weather flag in both memory and honor of all those men and women who have fought for this nation's freedoms.

Thank you to Burton Decker and Darlene Fitzpatrick for their important gift.

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## **Hanging of the Green**

This annual tradition at the Moland House involves filling the meeting room and the museum with festive greenery to celebrate the season. Dave and Jo-Anne Mullen, Chaya Gayman, Nancy Crowther, Nancy Elias, Joy and Bob Snyder, Marijane Meckling, and Debbie Dadey used their creative talents to 'spice' things up a bit. Refreshments and laughter made the event enjoyable. Open to members only, next year's event is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Mark your calendar today to join in the tradition. We are looking for a volunteer to be in charge. Please contact [events@moland.org](mailto:events@moland.org) if you are interested.



## Colonial Christmas Dinner

This year's sold-out dinner was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00, but set-up began much earlier in the week. Handsome folk such as Chet Davis, Bob Snyder, Dave Mullen, Ken Barlow, Nancy Crowther, Debbie Dadey, and Murrie Gaymen set up tables on Monday afternoon. Wednesday afternoon we decorated with greenery. Friday afternoon was scheduled for further set-up. Nancy Crowther worked extremely hard that day. She arrived early to supervise cleaning and then stayed to iron linens so they'd be nice and crisp. Nancy Elias, Marijane Meckling, Ed Price, Dave and Jo-Anne Mullen, and Debbie Dadey finished setting up for the event. Twinkling luminaries lit the walkway from the parking lot to the museum! Thanks to Chet, Bob, and Cal for them. We were all grateful for the new lights in the parking lot and entrance. Marijane Meckling made the wonderful chocolate dipped pretzel favors.



A surprise disappearance by Drexelbrook Catering left us looking for a new cook this year. John from A and J Catering saved the day. Appetizers were yummy mushrooms filled with crab meat, miniature puff pastries, and assorted cheeses and crackers. Dinner began with a tossed salad. The main meal was eye roast of beef with mushroom sauce, potatoes and mixed vegetables. The black forest cake melted in our mouths! Chet Davis said it was the best dinner he'd ever had at the Moland House!

A wonderful outpouring of volunteers from the Central Bucks South French Club and the Central Bucks East Key Club made the serving easy. They were a delightful addition and several guests commented on how sweet they were.



We were delighted that Sam Davis as George Washington and Joe Doyle as John Adams could join us for dinner. Guests paid extra to sit at the 'President's Table' and judging from how hard it was to tear them away from the table it must have been worth it. Nancy Crowther said she couldn't remember the food because she was so engrossed in the 'presidential conversation'.

After dinner, John Adams regaled us with both light-hearted and serious events from his life. He had us laughing one moment and reflecting the next. He truly brought the young teacher, lawyer, husband, father, president, and finally old man to life.

The youth volunteers led by Ed Price did a wonderful job with clean-up. Marijane Meckling, Ken and Lorraine Barlow, Debbie Dadey, Jo-Anne Mullen, and Dave Mullen completed the job late Saturday night. Some surprise helpers, led by Chet Davis, came in early Saturday to move tables out of the way for the Holiday Open House held the next day.

Wonderful people donated toward the success of our dinner. Many thanks to Terry Kinkead of Keller Williams Real Estate (215-205-2545) for her donation. She has donated in the past and we applaud her continued support. Baskets were donated by Nancy Crowther, Nancy Elias, Debbie Dadey, Jo-Anne & Dave Mullen and Jacquie Hillegass. Special thanks to Chet and Terry for donating all the wine for the event. This year's dinner sold out in September. Next year's dinner will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:30-9:00. If you'd like to get a jump on the event, feel free to send \$60 per person to WTHS, P.O. Box 107, Jamison, PA 18929.

## HELP NEEDED:

Without our loyal volunteers Moland House would cease to be what it is today. Running Moland House is a huge project and we need more help. We are looking for volunteers to take on or help with the following jobs, running our facebook account, adding new accessions as they are received, and planning our open houses. The open house planning also includes such events as George Washington's birthday and Flag Day. We need someone to make additions and deletions to our website. Moland House is also looking for people to help us with our archives.



We do have a few people who have expressed interest, but it's more fun to work with others. Are there any librarians out there who would want to help catalog new books as they are received? Any help you can give us will be graciously received. Please email us at [jdmullen2@verizon.net](mailto:jdmullen2@verizon.net).

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### Have you ever thought about writing a book?



Here's your chance to learn from publishing industry experts at the Moland House, as part of the International Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrator's March Across PA program. Local children's author Debbie Dadey will join her critique group, agent, and editor on March 21st for a day of sharing about the craft of writing. The day is designed for those who are just beginning to those with a lot of writing under their belt. Details will follow on Facebook, but email [events@moland](mailto:events@moland) for more information or to reserve your spot for \$40, or call 215-933-8887. For more about Debbie Dadey visit [www.debbiedadey.com](http://www.debbiedadey.com) or [www.Facebook.com/debbiedadey](http://www.Facebook.com/debbiedadey). Debbie is the author and co-author of 162 children's books, with sales of over 43 million.

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## LANDSCAPE REPORT

It has been said that hindsight is 20/20. Looking back on the work that the landscape/garden volunteers have accomplished over the past several years the transformations are beyond even what we could imagine. Increasingly we have people stopping in and telling us that since all of the unwanted bushes have been removed from the area along York Road, the appearance of the grounds encouraged their visitation.

Repeatedly we see families stopping by to picnic, walk down by the stream, meander along the nature trail, view the various plants that are part of the Garden of Native Plants and take photographs from numerous vantage points. Particularly striking are the professional photographers who use the property as backdrops for wedding and family portraits.



The transformation of the Moland House Historic Park has been remarkable. Only by comparing the past with the present can we understand the progress that has been made.

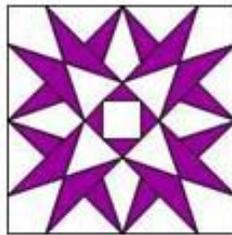
Look at the Carriage House and its surrounding area when we first began to clean the grounds and the Carriage House as it appears now. We did not even know the base of the silo existed until we removed all of the unwanted growth.





## SPRING TEA

April showers bring May flowers and also this year's Spring Tea. The 2015 Moland House Tea is set for April 19th from 1-3:00 and we are delighted to have quilt enthusiast, Barbara Harrison, speaking with us about quilt-making in colonial times. We'll get a glimpse into beautiful art work of the time. A scone expert, Megan Iomax, will be providing the food, so we'll look forward to delicious treats after Barbara's talk. This would make a lovely surprise for someone's Easter basket! Send \$30 to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929 to reserve your spot.



*Tea Time!*

## The Moland House Spring Tea April 19, 2015 1-3:00

We'll enjoy lovely refreshments and quilt expert,  
Barbara Harrison, will share insights  
into early quilt making.

Event location: 1641 Old York Rd. Hartsville, PA.

Mail \$30 to WTHS, P.O. Box 107, Jamison, PA 18929 to reserve your spot.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

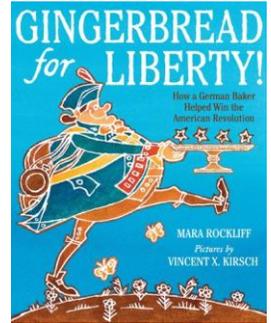
The following is a list of special events and open house activities for January – October 2015. Please contact a Board member if you would like to help with any of the listed activities.

Visit [www.Moland.org](http://www.Moland.org) or [www.Facebook.com/molandhouse](https://www.Facebook.com/molandhouse) for the latest updates.

Date	Special Events & Proposed Open House Activities
Jan. 11*	Open House
Feb. 8*	Happy Birthday George! Author Mara Rockliff
March 8*	Display of Flags
March 11-15	Cabin Fever Craft Show
April 12*	Revolutionary Ghostbuster
April 19	Spring Tea
April 26*	Bring your own needlework to share
May 10*	Mother's Day and Spring Photo Op
May 24*	Bring your own picnic (we have 2 new stationary charcoal grills)
June 14*	Flag Day Ceremony
June 28*	Story and Music Festival
July 4	Picnic Day
July 12*	Woodworking Exhibit
July 26*	Patriot or Torey Event
August 9*	Open House
August 15	Reenactment of the Neshaminy Encampment
August 22	Reenactment Raindate
August 23*	Open House
Sept. 13*	Teacher Appreciation Day
Sept. 27*	Scout Day
Oct. 11*	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 25*	Cemetery Crawl
*Open House is on Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m.	

**Join us at 2:00 on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Mara Rockliff helps us celebrate George Washington's birthday  
and another American hero.**

Brought to life by Vincent Kirsch's innovative cut-paper illustrations, *Gingerbread for Liberty!* is the story of an unsung hero of the Revolutionary War, Christopher Ludwick, who changed the course of history--one delicious mouthful at a time.



This is a free event, but donations are accepted for the historic home tour.



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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