



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our annual election of directors and officers took place at the June 11th meeting of the Society. Re-elected were directors Bob Snyder and Murrie Gayman. Due to his inability to attend meetings for health reasons, current/long-time director and former president Warren Williams was named President Emeritus. This left a vacant director position. Nancy Crowther was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

Additionally, the Nominating Committee made the following nominations: President - me; Vice President – Ken Barlow, Secretary – Cheryl Lewicki and Treasurer – Robin Tafel. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, the slate was elected unanimously. We welcome Nancy, Cheryl and Robin to the Board.

At the same meeting, the Board of Directors regretfully accepted the resignation of Mary Lutz, who served as Treasurer for the last four years. Mary has done a terrific job and we are very grateful for her service.

As usual, there has been a lot of activity at the Moland House. We have recently participated in two Eagle Scout projects, and for the first time a troop held a weekend camp out on the same ground occupied by the Continental Army. Also, with the cooperation of the Millbrook archaeologists led by Sybil Johnson, the scouts were able to earn their archaeology merit badge. Many thanks go to Bob Snyder for coordinating all of these scout events.

Here's a real compliment to all of the hard work done by the Landscaping Committee: Recently we have had a number of families and brides choose the Moland House for photographs. The property is beautiful and obviously attracts people who want a great backdrop for their prized photos. When I get such a request I tell them that the space is a public park, but the attractive landscaping is entirely due to the effort of our tireless volunteers, and then suggest that a donation would be appropriate, and so far they all have agreed. By the way, although I describe these guys as tireless, they are not quite super-human! They really could use some help. If anyone out there is interested in landscaping, gardening, the great outdoors, healthy exercise, and good fun, please call the Moland House and leave a message at 215-918-1754.

Special thanks also go to those responsible for a successful Flag Day event. Most of you know that we have a special connection to the "Betsy Ross" Flag because several historians have suggested that it was first raised at the Moland House. The event, planned by Debbie Dadey, allowed 70 guests to enjoy the day. Tours of the house were conducted by Ken Barlow, Mary

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Jane Meckling, and Nancy Elias. Ed Greenawald, a former board member and member of the Sons of the American Revolution hosted the event. As usual, Bob Snyder, Chet Davis and Ed Price provided the necessary set up and take down required for any event.

Happy Summer,
Dave Mullen
President

Scouting News

By Bob Snyder



Over the past few Moland House Gazettes I have relayed information about two potential Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects. We covered the development and execution of both projects. The last report

had both projects complete and the young men going through the process of final review by their troop and approval by the Bucks County Council.

I am very pleased to report that both have been approved and formal Courts of Honor were held at which each received his award.

Joe McGrath chose to have his Court on the grounds of the Moland House. The ceremony was attended by about 30 people followed by a catered lunch. I was privileged to be asked to make some comments and I took the opportunity to spread the word about Moland House.

Robbie Schmauk had his Court of Honor at his church in Carversville. We were invited and asked to give some comments. I again took the opportunity to spread the word and invite everyone to come see our place. There were an estimated 40-50 people in attendance with a lunch provided afterward.

Both of these Eagle Scouts provided great improvement to the landscaping at Moland. We

thank them heartily and wish them the best as they proceed through life.

More Scouting activities

In addition to the Eagle projects we were contacted by a troop from Chalfont. They wanted to camp overnight and work on the Archeology Merit Badge. The Millbrook Society under Sybil Johnson's leadership put together a program to help meet some of the merit badge requirements. Ed Price opened the house and provided tours. Everything went well and the program can be available for other troops.

As an additional benefit to us, the troop returned for our Flag Day celebration and performed as the color guard.



Historic Plaque

In 1897 the Bucks County Historical Society erected a bronze plaque on the outside wall of the building that is now known as Moland House. The plaque reads "In this house Washington had his headquarters from August 10 to August 23, 1777 with 13000 men encamped near. Here the Marquis de Lafayette first joined the army."



The plaque was removed from the wall during the period that the building was deteriorating. Fortunately a neighbor stored the plaque for safe keeping and returned it to the Historic Society during the restoration period.

That plaque has now been returned to the spot that it occupied for 100 years.

Garden Benches

Have you noticed the two new English style garden benches that are now sitting in front of the Garden of Native Plants?

We were able to purchase one of these attractive four foot weather resistant benches with a



generous gift given by Mrs. Elaine Bardsley, in memory of her late husband. We feel the placement of these benches further enhances the appearance of the Moland House and its surroundings.

Landscape

by Cal Uzelmeier

All of the volunteers who have chosen to be a part of the landscape group continue to do everything within their power to make both the grounds and the Garden of Native Plants as attractive as possible. Unfortunately it seems we have become the victims of our own success.



The continual care of twelve acres demands a great deal of our time. This is especially true now that we have been given the responsibility of mowing and trimming all of the grounds. It seems as if we live in a vicious cycle. The grass is cut one week and then it needs to be cut before the beginning of the next week. The grass that the mower cannot reach is cut with a weed whacker and no sooner is the work completed when we need to start all over again. The same can be said for the weeding of the planting beds. The grass and weeds do not stop growing and we (one to six volunteers at any particular time) find it increasingly difficult to keep the property as inviting as possible.

Garden of Native Plants

By Cal Uzelmeier



In the last two issues of the Gazette I have asked for volunteers to help maintain the Garden of Native Plants. Thanks to Nancy Crowther and Joy Snyder who have responded to my plea we have been given some assistance but we could use at least six more volunteers. Each volunteer willing to help us with the care of the Garden of Native Plants would be given an area of responsibility for weeding and general care. After indicating what is weed and what is to be kept for exhibition the volunteer can care for the area on his or her schedule.

Many visitors have made positive comments with regard to the appearance of the grounds and the Native Garden but we need more assistance if we are going to maintain the positive appearance of the property.

It would be a tragedy if because of a lack of interest or the idea that somebody else can do it better the grounds and the Garden would be allowed to return to the time when vines and multi-flora hid the gem that we know as the Moland House Historic Park.

The success of Moland Historic Park and the maintenance of the Garden is the responsibility of everyone. We need you to help us in our mission.



Instead of a membership picnic, the WTHS is having a wine and cheese party.

It will be September 27th at 7:00 and it is free to all members. We look forward to chatting with you. George Washington is invited!

Story & Music Festival

By Debbie Dadey

The third Moland House Story and Music Festival took place on June 22nd amid raindrops and glimpses of sunshine. The day began with the heart-wrenching story of James Box Brown told by Keith Henley. Keith truly brought the true story to life, with highs that made the audience smile and lows that brought us to tears. Keith was followed by Kim Hanley, whose performance had to be moved indoors when the



weather wouldn't cooperate. Kim's interactive story of Molly Pitcher kept an overflowing house mesmerized. Her performance was

so engaging we hope to bring her back soon. David Emerson was over an hour late when his horse went lame (car trouble), but he became Davy Crockett in time to please a family who came just to see Davy.

On the music side of the day, the event began with Ron Albanese and his daughter Sophia's Polka Dot's Super-Silly-Sing-Along. Ron and Sophia had kids dancing and singing along with them in the picnic grove. Kim and Danny Adlerman were next with songs that went along with their children's books. Later, Danny had a sixties sing along under the porch. The raindrops began with the Bucks Mont Squires of Song and their delightful barbershop harmonies.



In addition to the traditional storytelling and music, Sue and Robin Tafel, delighted children with the chance to take part in a puppet show. The Tafel's also brought along a large puppet named Polly the Pirate, which kids could work themselves.

The showers may have kept some people away, those who attended enjoyed the day. The event brought many first timers to the Moland House



and that is always a good thing. Many thanks to Bob Synder, Cal Uzelmeier, and Chet Davis for set-up. Nancy Crowther and Joy Synder were awesome at the refreshment table. Murrie and Chaya Gayman, along with Sue Goldsworthy were docents for the day. Ken and

Lorraine Barlow excelled at transporting our performers. Sandy Uzelmeier video taped and took pictures. Kudos to Sybil Johnson for getting the word out to online sources. Event coordinator and refreshment donator, Debbie Dadey, will not be able to run the fourth annual Moland House Story and Music Festival due to relocating. We need a volunteer to step up for the festival to continue. If you are interested please contact events@moland.org or call 215-933-8887.

New Mascot

George Washington was a great lover of dogs, so we thought it only fitting that our mascot should be a hunting dog. Thanks to a Bucks County Visitor Center grant, we now have History Hound to get kids excited about history. HH made his/her first appearance at the Flag Day program and plans to be at every event possible.



Would you like to 'be' the hound for an upcoming program? Email events@moland.org and you can fulfill a lifelong dream of being a hound dog!



Moland House Colonial Christmas

Join us December 13, 2014 for a holiday celebration to remember!

A delicious catered meal served in rooms where George Washington, Pulaski and Lafayette trod. Give us suggestions for who you'd like as our special guests. \$60 per person/6:30-9:00

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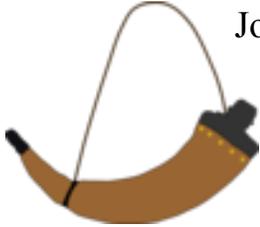
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www.moland.org and www.Facebook.com/themolandhouse email events@moland.org or 215-933-8887
Send checks to WTHS P.O. Box 107 Jamison, PA. 18929 (mailing address of Warwick Township Historical Society)
Moland House address and site of the event: 1641 Old York Road Hartsville, PA. 18972

Revolutionary War Reenactment

**August 16, 2014 (rain date August 23, 2014)
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



Join us for our annual event that will transport you back to the 1770's. Frederick Noesner, a crafter of beautiful powder horns despite his blindness, will join us this year. He has written about sight impaired people during the Colonial Period and the service animals they used. We will also have our crafts people from previous years.

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, and Family (parents & their children) \$10.00.

Attractions will include:

- 5th Pennsylvania Regiment encampment
- 18th Century music
- Wool and flax spinning
- 18th Century woodworking
- Blacksmithing
- Puppet show
- 18th Century children's toys and games
- Outdoor cooking
- Suttlers
- Powder horn making
- Tours of the Historic Moland House



Be a Sponsor for the Reenactment

It's not too late to help sponsor this event. Patrons will be acknowledged at the following levels: Executive \$500.00 and up, General \$100.00 and up, Colonel \$50.00, Major \$25.00, and Captain \$15.00. Send your sponsorship to WTHS PO Box 107, Jamison, PA 18929 attn: Reenactment by July 25, 2014 to be included in the program.



Patron Form

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Captain -- \$15.00

All patrons will be acknowledged in the WTHS newsletter, on our website, www.Moland.org, and in the program for the day.

For \$50 or more 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, 2014 to be included in the program.

Name or business name for listing _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Circle patron level. Executive General Colonel Major Captain Lieutenant

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



UPCOMING EVENTS --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Open House* --- 2nd and 4th Sunday 1 – 4 pm: Drop in for a tour.
- Board Meeting --- 2nd Wednesday evening every month 7:30 pm –
- August 16 – Reenactment of the Neshaminy Encampment (August 23 – Reenactment Rain date)
- December 13 – Christmas Dinner

*Open House Special Events:

- **July 13** – Woodworking Exhibit
- **August 10** – Treasure Hunt
- **September 27** - Wine & Cheese Event for Members
- **October 12** – Quilt Exhibit
- **October 26** - Cemetery Crawl on the Moland House grounds

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