



February-March 2016
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HULMEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

DOOR CONTEST

We want to THANK Eric Schmid, chairperson and Judges- Mayor David Harris, Bob Van Doren and Tammy Schmid for organizing and judging the Holiday Door Decorating Contest. Unfortunately we didn't have many entries even though there were many homes nicely decorated in the borough. Next year the Contest will not be limited to the door of your home, but your entire decorated area. We do CONGRATULATE this years winners _

1st Place_ Skip and Linda Szymanek, 942 Bellevue Ave.

2nd Place- Neshamony UM Church, 325 Main St.

3rd Place- Bill Sooby, 509 Lincoln Ave.

Thanks also to those who donated prizes for this event: Dean Casmirri's Colonial Inn, The Hulmeville Inn, and Lady Bird's Tea Room.

We have changed the Contest for next season to include more than just the doors of houses, but all decorations on door, porch, lawn, etc in the hopes that more residents will enter the contest. Many homes were nicely decorated but not entered. Let's have more participation next year!

CATS MEOW

There was great interest in our latest Cat's Meow piece, the Edward Hicks House so our project coordinator, Mary Johnson, had ordered some extra pieces. Anyone still wishing to purchase one should call her at 215-757-8412 to get this piece. There are still copies of our older pieces available through Mary as well.

SOUP OFF

The Hulmeville Historical Society along with the Neshamony UM Church are sponsoring the 6th Annual Soup Off to raise funds for our community Playground. The event will be held on Saturday, February 27, from 4:00-6:30pm at the Church, 3225 Main St. You can sample as many soups as you wish along with a salad bar, desserts and beverage for \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are Free. Each person is also asked to bring at least 1 can of soup as part of their admission fee. This collection will be donated to the Newportville Community Church food Bank which aides folks in our community.

We also need individuals and local eating establishments to enter soups for this event. Patrons will vote on their 3 favorite soups and winners will be awarded!

Members of the Historical society are asked to provide baked goods for dessert.

See the enclosed flyer for more info and registration form! NOTE a change in contact person on the flyer!

MEET & GREET

Every other year the Hulmeville Historical Society sponsors a Meet & Greet held at the Wm Penn Fire House. The date is Saturday April 10 from 10:00am-2:00pm. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for residents of our community to meet and speak with various businesses, political leaders, churches and other organizations, which operate in or serve our community. It's a good time to ask questions and find out more information. There is still time for groups or organizations to add their name to the list of participants. Do so by phoning Marce at 215-891-0445. Tables are provided for your display materials.

NEWSLETTER

Any individual or Hulmeville community organization can have information included in this Hulmeville Historical Society Newsletter for submitting that info directly to Editor, Rev. Lorelei M. Bach at: revsbach@juno.com by the first of the following months- January, March, May, July, September and November

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The following is a list of Hulmeville Historical Society sponsored events:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 4:00-6:30PM- ANNUAL SOUP OFF at Neshamony UMC

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 12:00PM- EASTER EGG HUNT in the field behind Borough Hall

SUNDAY, April 10 10:00AM-2:00PM- MEET & GREET at Wm Penn Firehouse

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 12:00PM- SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON at Wm Penn Firehouse

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 9:00AM- MEMORIAL DAY PARADE/ 2:00PM- CEREMONY at Memorial Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 11:00AM-4:30PM- HULMEVILLE FRIENDS & FAMILY PICNIC at Neshamony

Shore Park

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 5-9PM- HULMEVILLE NIGHT at Dean Casmirri's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 6AM-3PM- OLD TOWNE FLEA MARKET at Wm Penn Firehouse

SUNDAY, November 6 10AM-2PM- CRAFT FAIR at Wm Penn Firehouse

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 7:00PM- TREE LIGHTING/ 7:30PM CHRISTMAS PARTY at Wm Penn Firehouse

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17- HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST JUDGING

Historical Society public meetings are held at 7:30pm on the following dates:
2/17 (due to Ash Wednesday), 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9.

No meetings are held in July or December.

NEEDED

In order to make a variety of baskets to raffle off at several of our events we the Historical Society is looking for donations. Perhaps you got some items (doubles maybe or things you don't really use) for Christmas, which you would be willing to give up for the cause! Already we have received a large donation of things for our "Basket of Cheer", but other items of all kinds would be appreciated. Contact Joe or Marce, 215-891-0445 if you have items to donate.

A BLAST FROM HULMEVILLE'S PAST

This year we will be featuring condensed excerpts from a lengthy piece entitled "Boyhood In Hulmeville" written May 15, 1972 by former Hulmeville resident, Harry Schneider "Pat" Gill (1897-1982) and provided by former Archivist Don Haefner.

"Hulmeville was the greatest place in the whole world for a boy. As I recall, the first place to go was up to the Hibbs compound (where the fire house is now) where the big feed bins full of grain and all kind of machinery and chutes. At the entrance was a small office and weighing platform and outside, one or two horses were hitched to a beautiful wagon. Inside the office one would find Spence Hibbs dressed in clothes that made him outstanding as did his whole posture and appearance. He was a gentleman, one would never forget. Among the buildings were several skilled men. One was a wheelwright, Alex Crossen, who would take rough oak logs and make the very important wheels, all by hand and muscle. he also made fine furniture. Next was a blacksmith shop, and here many hours were spent watching the huge bellows heat the fire in which were various size horseshoes. From here a boy would head for Goheen's (on green St. near the stream) and watch them slaughter beef or kill pigs. The next stop was LaRos harness shop on the opposite side of Trenton Ave. The next stop was the blacksmith shop halfway down Main Street, near Oyster shell Lane (Water Street), where we had our hoops made. Every boy had a hoop to roll. I believe this shop was run by a Civil war veteran, Mr. MacCorkle, who also spoke at school, giving us stories of the Civil War. The next stop would be Afflerbach's bakery (across Main st. from the current Neshamony UMC), and any story without Afflerbach's bakery would be dull, because for 1 cent one could get the best sugar or molasses cookie ever made. And when I say cookie—these were as big as a small pie. Then on Thursday, the fish man would come through with the weirdest sounding horn I ever heard. Then in summer, the melon wagon came through from Mount Holly, NJ, and somehow a couple of melons always fell off. Hulmeville was (along) an artery between Philadelphia and New York, and most cars passed up Trenton Ave. Traffic was heavy when Princeton had a football game. Perhaps the next stop was Illick's store (in the current Johnson hall building), another great man one could write a book about. He could be called head of welfare, as no one ever went hungry in Hulmeville. Then we go to lower Trenton avenue and look into the windows of the home of the great Delaware Valley advance (the site of Britt Bartlett's home currently), run then by another fine man, William Ellis. As a small boy, I remember seeing the pressmen standing in water over their knees during the flooding of the Neshaminy, running the presses, I am sure by hand. We then go to the old iron bridge on the way to the pond. If it was winter, on the way to the pond, we would stop at the persimmon tree and pick up fruit from the snow. The pond was great for skating, as it was protected from wind and we always had a big fire."

26 WEEK CLUB

Tickets are now available for the fall/winter edition of the 26 Week Club, a fundraising effort by the Historical Society. It's just \$1 a week for 26 weeks to join and can be paid all at once or weekly. The more people who enter the greater the winnings! In order to make sure that there are actually 26 weeks between drawings the spring drawing will NOT take place at the Senior Luncheon, but on May 27th at borough Hall. Tickets are available at most Historical society events or by calling Joanna Ellis at 215-752-0586 (leave a message).

VOLUNTEERS

The Hulmeville Historical society is always in need of adults and youth (who need to do Community Service projects for school) to Volunteer to help with our many events throughout the year. Here;s some things you can do to help: Set-up, serve or clean-up at the upcoming SOUP OFF; welcome folks attending the MEET & GREET; hide eggs for the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Youth will receive certificates for their Community Service. Contact Marce or Joe to help, 215-891-0445.

WILLIAM PENN FIRE COMPANY-

The Fire Company is always looking for new members to serve as fire fighters, but they also are always in need of Associate Members. They are not fire fighters, but support the Company with fundraising activities and other events. Come to the Fire House any Monday night at 7 for more info.

www.wmpennfire.com

WEBSITE

Activities and follow-up photos from activities can be seen on our website-
www.hulmevillehistorical.org
Bill Wheeler maintains our site for us.

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETINGS: 7:30PM IN BOROUGH HALL-

2/1, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1, 9/12, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5

ATTENTION HULMEVILLE RESIDENTS

All the activities and events sponsored by the Hulmeville Historical Society are for the benefit and enjoyment of the Community of Hulmeville. We were recently distressed to learn that someone destroyed one of the reindeer and damaged the sleigh of our display at the Tree. We hope all residents will work together to make our Community a wonderful place to live.

HULMEVILLE GARDEN CLUB

The Hulmeville Garden Club will be holding the following Meetings and Programs-

Tuesday, February 2 7:00pm at the Hulmeville Inn. PROGRAM "Starting Seeds Indoors". Come get a pack of vegetables for your cool spring crops!

Tuesday, March 1 7:00pm at the Hulmeville Inn. PROGRAM "Low Maintenance Houseplants". Get a starter plant for your indoor garden

Please RSVP to debbiemahon@verison.net

The Philadelphia International Flower Show is coming March 5-13! be sure to look for our members entries in the Horta-Court, and maybe there will even be an award winning ribbon!

HULMEVILLE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS:

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday each month as needed.

If you live in the Historic District and are planning exterior renovations or improvements to your home you are required to come before the HARB! Call Mary Johnson at 215-757-8412 one week before a meeting or for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Any Church or community organization can have their upcoming events listed here-

February 7, 2pm- Shared Meal at Neshamony UM Church

February 13, 4pm- Medium Show and Dinner at Lady Bird's Tea Room

February 20, 4:00-6:30pm- Chicken Parmesan Dinner at Neshamony UM Church

March 4, 2pm- Shared Meal at Neshamony UM Church

March 19, 4:00-6:30pm- Ham Dinner at Neshamony UM Church