



THE Correspondent



The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill Historic Sites

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BALLADS IN THE MILL

You can enjoy hearty tavern fare, listen to songs of the common folk of the 1700s and support your organization, the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill at Ballads in the Mill, Saturday, April 20, 5:30-8:00pm, with a house tour at 4:30. This is a sell-out event; so don't delay getting your reservations in now. The Ballad Party begins at Mather Mill with soup, appetizers, ale and punch. The D-Major Singers will then present ballads and songs of the 1700s, "Songs of the People," songs that, in their own words, "were not from the theater or stage, but were the songs people sang to each other for centuries past in remote towns and villages." During intermission you will enjoy a delicious, hearty supper with meats, vegetables and other fare.

Reservations and prepayment required. Seating is limited. Parking at Hope Lodge. House tour at 4:30pm-5:30pm. Party 5:30pm-8pm (Reduced fee for Friends Members). Call 215-646-1595 during regular operating days/hours for additional information.



D-Major Singers, who will perform at Ballads in the Mill, April 20.

Explore 300 years of American history... June 8



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The Village of Waterloo in Stanhope, New Jersey

Join us on Saturday, June 8, for a trip to the Village of Waterloo in Stanhope, N.J. At Winakung, the Lenape Indian Island, visit a village recreated from archaeological evidence found throughout Northern New Jersey. Learn about traditions, lifestyles and practices of the native people who lived in this region in the 17th century. Join us Saturday, June 8, for a trip to Village of Waterloo, in Stanhope, New Jersey.

The 18th century is brought to life in the Early American Crafts and Trades area of Waterloo. Watch artisans use historic techniques to create everyday items such as textiles, pottery, and brooms. At the Farmsite, step back in time to a family subsistence farm from the early 19th century. See and hear what it was like to grow your own food, raise your own livestock, and live without electricity, running water, central heat, or indoor plumbing.

Walk along the banks of the Morris Canal, where canal boats traveled through a lock and inclined

plane. In the Canal Town costumed staff in the historic houses, general store, Stagecoach Inn, gristmill, and blacksmith shop will explain the activities of the community when it was a bustling village during the mid to late 19th century.

While at Waterloo, stop in for a bite to eat at the Towpath Tavern or Pavilion Café. Visit Waterloo's Museum Shop for a wide variety of gifts and souvenirs including items handmade by Waterloo artisans.

A car pool will leave Hope Lodge at 8 A.M. and return to Hope Lodge at 6 P.M. Cost is \$19.00 for Friends Members, \$21.00 for non-members. All are welcome. To reserve, please send a check payable to Friends of Hope Lodge, to the attention of Jack Greenberg, c/o Friends of Hope Lodge, 553 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA 19034. For more information, call 215-646-1595 or 215-884-0355.

Hope You Can Join Us!

President's Message



Hope Lodge officers and board members have been working diligently during the fall and winter...and have made significant progress in a number of areas. Our new offices in the tenant house have been renovated and we are well on our way to having them well organized. We have a new director's manual which will help board members and committee chairs perform their duties better. The Friends' database computer program, originally designed and recently updated by a great contributor to Hope Lodge, Pete Brady, is in the process of having names addresses,

phone numbers, etc. updated by our volunteers. Soon we will have all Hope Lodge stakeholders in the database with current information. Once this effort is completed, our database will be a great help in promoting membership, events, fundraising and other Hope Lodge activities.

Our two Vice-Presidents, Marcy Slater and Ginny Sinn, have been working diligently in many areas – I couldn't do my job without them! They have recruited new volunteers and a group has been meeting each Wednesday, working on organizing our new offices. They helped with our very successful volunteer training session on Saturday, January 26, 2002.

I want to congratulate our PHMC Volunteer of the Year, Marcy Slater. In the fall, Marcy was selected as the Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill Volunteer of the Year! Marcy is a very talented, enthusiastic, and responsible volunteer. She is willing to help wherever needed and always "gets the job done". Later this year, she will be honored as the Hope Lodge PHMC Volunteer of the Year at the Somerset Historical Center in Somerset, PA. We all thank Marcy for her dedication and her many hours of hard work to help The Friends of Hope Lodge carry out their mission.

We can always use more volunteers! We are so fortunate to have this fabulous historic site in "our backyard" – it is a treasure!!! There are all types of activities for Hope Lodge volunteers; everyone can find an area of interest to spend a few hours a week...or each month. The Friends have a good group of enthusiastic and committed volunteer members, officers and directors. We are eager to have new members join our activities and to contribute their expertise as we work together to meet our mission and, at the same time, share good camaraderie. We look forward to seeing new faces at Hope Lodge this spring!

William E. Lutz, President

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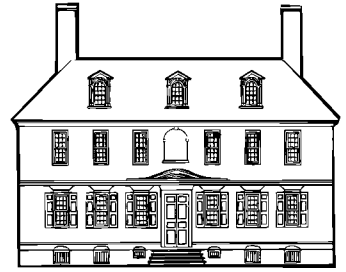
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HOPE LODGE

Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 by Samuel Morris, a prosperous Quaker farmer, shipowner, miller, ironmaster, shopowner, and owner of Farmer's Mill. Hope Lodge is an excellent example of early Georgian architecture. During the American Revolution, the surrounding fields were used for the six-week Whitemarsh Encampment prior to the Valley Forge winter. The house was

used by George Washington's surgeon general, John Cochran. Ownership of the house was transferred to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1957. *Open Wed.-Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm (last tour 4pm). Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and holidays, except Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day. Admission charged. Hours may be subject to change.*



MATHER MILL

Mather Mill was probably built in the late 17th century by Edward Farmer and was included in the 150 acres purchased by Samuel Morris. Samuel Morris's brother sold the mill and four acres of land to Isaac Mather, whose son built the present mill in c. 1820. It continued in operation until the late 19th century. Today, the structure is used for meetings, displays, and special programs.



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From Your Site Administrator...

I'd like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and successful (although somewhat belated) New Year! I know that for many reasons we have greeted this New Year more somberly and more thoughtfully than in the past, but I feel that we are up to the challenges that will be facing us. It's our important task to keep the discussion going among ourselves and with our visitors about the importance of our past, and how it relates to the present and to our future.

The year 2002 opens the doors wide for additional important discussions and lots of special events as we commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Revolutionary War campaign of 1777. "Patriots or Traitors: The 225th Anniversary of the Struggle for Philadelphia" is being sponsored by the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau (VFCVB) with the Council of American Revolutionary Sites (CARS), and will involve at least 21 historic sites in programming throughout the year. Of course that includes Hope Lodge! In addition to our Encampment this year, we will be hosting two programs this summer – on June 16th and June 23rd – dedicated to telling the story of the 1777 Campaign for Philadelphia.

Linda Riley, Director of Communications for the VFCVB, tells us that the theme "Patriots and Traitors" was chosen "to be provocative, and to evoke the wrenching conflict of the times." In her first release to the press, Riley said: "The duality of the logo and the campaign theme... focuses on the wrenching choices ordinary citizens made during the American Revolution. Who were the patriots and who were the traitors? As we look back, the choices seem clear, obvious..."

Events will be taking place at participating sites throughout 2002. Our planning has begun, and we would love to have everyone involved! Since our Encampment focuses on the military, we decided that Hope Lodge's summer programs would take a twist and emphasize the war's impact on domestic life. Those of you who might like to have some fun with colonial crafts or children's games or the mysteries of "domestic arts" or open hearth cooking should let us know. Let us include you in the planning! As you can see, many details are yet to be worked out, but I sincerely hope to make the 16th and the 23rd of June a highlight of the anniversary year. Won't you help?

I know we will all be facing 2002 with courage and optimism. Our tenant house office move is nearly complete. Thanks to President Bill Lutz, our two "vices" Marcy Slater and Ginny Sinn and Property Committee Chair Jack Greenberg for making the new Friends office a reality. Thanks also to Bill for taking the lead in the difficult task of Strategic Plan implementation. In this task we have gotten some timely and much needed assistance from the Heritage Investment Program (funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts) which has just awarded us \$13,000 to aid in Board development and strategic plan implementation. Our talented consultant, Carol Wolff, of Carol Wolff Associates, will be joining us for this second phase. This generous grant is being matched by equally generous contributions from the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill and the PHMC.

As if that isn't enough... stay tuned for news on the construction front as Spring may bring work on the new sewer system at Hope Lodge. Don't be surprised one day to see some disruption to our favorite site. It's all in a good cause, though. We'll have to keep reminding ourselves of that.

Stop by and visit. Stop by and see our new "digs". I am delighted at the renewed spirit of enthusiasm and purpose that I see all around me. I can't thank you all enough for your unstinting generosity and support. I look forward to an interesting and challenging year!

 *Toni Collins*



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If you are interested in helping with any of the committees, please contact Hope Lodge for more information. Your help is always wanted. Do as much or as little as you are comfortable with.

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BALLADS IN THE MILL

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RON DENZEL

ENCAMPMENT

PATTY MOUSLEY

Militia Encampment: "The Military Mess"

November, 2001 — Here's to the cooks, the servers and the money changers for a successful weekend of food and fun. A great big THANKS to our volunteers who served, poured, cooked and waited on so many people. We could not have succeeded without you. From soup to dessert, a helpful and smiling face was always there.

And let's not forget our faithful bakers who supplied us with cookies, brownies and every good thing. Again we needed and depended on your help and you came through. The Encampment victuals were a great success. Of particular note were the efforts of Matt Mousley and Ron Denzel who worked tirelessly for many hours at the grill.

 *Mary Greenberg*

Garden Committee



The Garden Committee is anxiously awaiting the first signs of clement weather to begin our outdoor activities. We would heartily welcome anyone interested in joining us.

If economically feasible we would like to plant more box-wood which adds formality plus winter color and structure. We have planted nearly a dozen roses to date—some antique, some modern. Since Alice Degn was very fond of roses, we hope to add a few more this spring for color and fragrance. We also hope to add a few more perennials and annuals if we can surmount the problems of animal predation, persistent drought, and poor funding.

The Garden Committee has paid for a great many plants and bulbs, as well as fertilizer and soil amendments, out of our own pockets, and we would very much appreciate another source of funding. We are also investigating an in-ground watering system which would save hours of volunteer time better spent on weeding, dividing, and planting. Again, we would greatly appreciate your input and your help.

Nancy Straub Gingrich, Garden Chair

Genuardi Register Tapes

To everyone who has saved Genuardi register tapes for the Friends, **thank you!!**

2001 was our best year to date. We realized a return of \$124.00. And we hope that each year in the future will be even better. Keep up the good work.

Mary Greenberg

MUSEUM SHOP

THE MUSEUM SHOP, UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF TAMMY PIERSON, HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2001. MANY NEW AND EXCITING ITEMS WERE ADDED TO THE INVENTORY. GIFT-GIVING IS SIMPLIFIED WITH THE GREAT SELECTION AVAILABLE TO YOU! STOP IN AND SEE!

Talent Search

Are you hammer-handy?



Are you a superb sawyer?

Do you have painting pangs?

Are you a masonry maven (expert)?

If you have any of the above capabilities, we need you. Hope Lodge has many projects which call for such talents. If you are interested in pitching in, please call Hope Lodge or Jack Greenberg at 215.884.0355.

The Colonial Kitchen

Here are two recipes for you to try when you want to eat like a true colonial! Bon appetit!

Mrs. Jefferson's Egg And Tomato Bake

3 large tomatoes
3 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons bread crumbs
1 tablespoon butter
3 slices bacon, cut in half

Scoop out the centers of the large ripe tomatoes. Break one egg carefully into each tomato and sprinkle with some of the salt and pepper. Fry the bread crumbs in the butter and put this mixture over the egg and tomatoes. Lay 2 small pieces of the bacon over each tomato. Bake in moderate (350 degrees) oven for 30 minutes. Turn the bacon once during the baking. Place under the broiler for 1 minute to crisp and brown the bacon. Serve while hot.

Chewy Ginger Cookies

Eli Whitney (1765-1825) dearly loved these cookies as made by his grandmother. He invented the cotton gin in 1702 when he was only 27 years old. This mechanical genius made nothing from his marvelous invention as everyone violated his patent without paying any royalties.

1 cup butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1 cup sugar
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup molasses
¼ cup sour milk
4 cups flour, sifted

Take a wooden mixing bowl and put in the butter, salt, baking soda, cinnamon and ginger. Blend well. Then add the sugar and beat to a smooth cream. Put in the beaten egg and stir thoroughly. Add the molasses and sour milk. Gradually stir in the flour until the mixture is blended. Drop from the tip of a teaspoon on greased baking sheets. Let stand for 10 minutes, then flatten cookies by pressing with a glass covered with a damp cloth. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 12 to 15 minutes. This recipe makes about 7 dozen old-fashioned ginger cookies.

Submitted by Mary Greenberg

Conference On Black History

*Annual Conference on Black History
May 2-4, 2002 in York, Pennsylvania
Sponsored by the PHMC*

The Conference on Black History in Pennsylvania is an annual event that meets in a different community each year to discuss and celebrate different aspects of Pennsylvania's African American heritage. Since 1978, the Conference has played host to prominent scholars, educators, public figures, and others who have together addressed a broad range of important and relevant issues. Programs include some of the latest scholarship on the subject, as well as discussions by educators, community leaders, public officials, and others. Audience participation is strongly encouraged throughout each program. The Conference seeks to bridge the gap between history professionals and the public by building a spirit of cooperation among university-based scholars, teachers at all levels, students, local community leaders, historic preservationists, historic site and museum professionals, urban planners, the business community, government officials, local historians, and anyone else interested in the state's multicultural heritage.

For more information contact the Division of History at (717) 787-3034.

Gift Memberships
In a quandary?
Need a gift for that important
birthday or anniversary?
How about a membership to the
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It's easy, painless, and quick.
Just call Mary Greenberg at
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Mary Greenberg, Membership

Hope Lodge Programs for 2002

- ❧ *March-May (Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday as scheduled) – School Tours*
- ❧ *Saturday, April 20 – Ballads in the Mill, 5:30PM-8:00PM (house tour at 4:30PM)*
- ❧ *Saturday, June 1 – British Car Show, 10:00AM-3:00PM (rain date Sunday, June 2)*
- ❧ *June 1-16 – Oreland Art Show, Wed.-Sat., 10:00AM-3:00PM, Sun. NOON-4:00PM*
- ❧ *Saturday, June 8 – Trip to Historic Waterloo Village*
- ❧ *Sunday, June 16 – Patriots or Traitors: Hearth Cooking & Domestic Arts, NOON-4:00PM*
- ❧ *Sunday, June 23 – Patriots or Traitors: Colonial Entertainment, NOON-4:00PM*
- ❧ *Wednesday, July 17 – Summer Concert on the Lawn, 7:00-8:30PM*
- ❧ *August 5-9 – Children's History Camp, Mon.-Fri., 10:00AM-2:30PM (for grades 2-6)*
- ❧ *Wednesday, August 14 – Summer Concert on the Lawn, 7:00-8:30PM*
- ❧ *Sunday, September 8 – Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event, 4:00-7:00PM*
- ❧ *Wyck Site Tour for Members – (date to be announced in July issue of Correspondent)*
- ❧ *October-December (Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday as scheduled) – School Tours*
- ❧ *Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3 – Revolutionary Military Encampment, 10:00AM-4:00PM*
- ❧ *Friday and Saturday, November 29-30 – Christmas Gala of Trees, 10:00AM-5:00PM (open to public at large)*
Sunday, December 1 – Christmas Gala of Trees, Noon-5:00PM (open to public at large)
Monday-Friday, December 2-6 – Christmas Gala of Trees, 10:00AM-4:00PM (for pre-registered groups)

From Your Museum Educator

Spring is here with new vitality and promise. Our move to the Tenant House was completed over the winter. While I am still unpacking some boxes, it is refreshing to have a new view from my office window, looking out at the barn and farmer's field. The "Hope Lodge Education

Department" is off to a clean start, with organized program, educational and interpretive information records.

Staff has been busy implementing successful training sessions, meeting new volunteers and planning new programs with the Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill. Storyteller, teacher and author Kathy Long provided a truly inspiring session,

"Breathing Life into History With Storytelling", on Saturday, January 26. Her enthusiasm and talent are contagious. On a beautiful day, more like a day in May than January, 25 volunteers (new and veteran) attended this program.

Plans are underway for our Patriots or Traitors programs June 16 & 23. On June 16 the focus will be on domestic arts and activities of the 1700s; on June 23 musicians, a strolling juggler, children's games and more will allow you to reflect on what life was like from a non-military perspective during the American Revolution.

Ellen Ekloff, a student from Temple University, has been lining up performers, crafts persons and entertainment for "Patriots or Traitors?" as part of her Spring Field Internship at Hope Lodge. Her internship includes an overview of general Museum practices and operations. She has been working with Brian Chepulis on office procedures and interpretation and with me on program development and implementation.

Museum Assistant Tammy Pierson and volunteers Wendy Roth and Sarah Hesdon have been busy with the installation of our new Changing Exhibit, "On The Road to Independence" which should be ready for preview in May. They have been working under the guidance of Toni Collins, Hilary Krueger and me on script development, object research and selection and exhibit installation. Some items for this exhibit are on loan from the collection at Washington Crossing; many of the items are from our own collection. Please make sure you stop by to see the exhibit and let us know what you think of it. This dynamic trio put a lot of time and energy into this project. It is a well-researched and interesting exhibit that enhances our interpretation and enables us to better tell our story. It presents images and ideas about the Colonial past from the viewpoint of the residents of the Colonial period (the West family) as well as those of the Twentieth Century (the Degns). Kudos to Tammy, Wendy and Sarah on an excellent presentation.

Although History Camp is not until August, we will shortly be moving into first gear on planning for this event. We need the help of our volunteers to successfully produce this award-winning program again. It is truly a great experience, working with 30 children entering grades 3-6 by September. We explore life in the mid-1700s as well as early 1900s through crafts, music, games and special tours of the mansion. The program runs Monday through Friday, August 5-9, 10am - 2:30pm each day. Please call Brian Chepulis or me if you want to help out. We will let you know when the first planning meeting will be held, sometime in May. We have many positions to fill including craft leaders, craft assistants and counselors.

 **Patty Mousley**



Kathy Long



Patriots or Traitors?



A tour through Hope Lodge

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Patty Mousley introducing a tour group to Hope Lodge.