



THE Correspondent



The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill Historic Sites

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Spring Changes

Spring is a time for renewal. In this issue you will see that Hilary is leaving Hope Lodge and she and her husband Kurt are expecting their first child. This is wonderful news for them, but sad news for us. We wish Hilary and her family the best!

We welcome Mary Elynn Kunz as acting site administrator. Mary Elynn comes from Pennsbury Manor, where she has served as museum educator. We all look forward to working with her to help Hope Lodge continue to grow and prosper.

We are also pleased to welcome new leadership to the Friends board. Bert Laudenslager has assumed the Presidency of the Friends. Long-time members and volunteers will remember Bert from his earlier service as President and his recent position as member of the Advisory Board. Bert replaces Bill Lutz.

We also congratulate Jane Adams who has risen to Vice-President of the Board and Phyllis DiVenti, who is serving as Treasurer.

Bert, Jane, Phyllis and the rest of the Board will continue the partnership between the Friends and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission that administers the site.

Your new board is looking forward to another successful year, working with you to present exciting and entertaining events at Hope Lodge and Mather Mill.

The Board of The Friends

Thank You, Thank You!

Bill Lutz, Ginny Sinn, Marcy Slater, Neil Graham, and Charles Zerbe have decided to step down from the Board of Directors. Their contributions and service to the Friends will be missed.

THE BRITS ARE BACK!



The fourth annual British car show returns to Hope Lodge on May 31, 2003 (rain date is June 1). Last year 115 show cars participated, and over 400 visitors came to see the cars and Hope Lodge. Plans are underway for an even bigger and better show (we say that every year and so far it's been true), so mark the date on your calendar and plan to be at Hope Lodge to enjoy the day's festivities which will include some type of door prize/raffle (the planners are keeping the exact nature under wraps), great food served all day long, and lots of British cars and motorcycles. A free tour of the mansion is included in the admission to the car show. This event is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Triumph Club, and the proceeds benefit Hope Lodge.

Volunteers are needed to help with the food court, admissions, parking and house tours, so if you can spare a few hours in any capacity, we would very much appreciate it. Baked goods are also needed, and last year's response was so wonderful that visitors have very high expectations this year! **See page 5 for additional information.**

Carolyn Denzel



The past winter has been one of the coldest and snowiest in recent years. The weather has caused the site to close a number of days and has slowed our progress on a few Strategic Plan projects. Our volunteers still came on a regular basis and completed a number of mailings, started to organize the second floor of the summer kitchen, and helped with our planned events.

Since the last edition of the Correspondent, we held **Charter Day and Ballads in the Mill**. Charter Day was a bright sunny day and we had about 110 visitors. Many great volunteers made the day very successful; thank you, volunteers. As I write this article, responses to the Ballads' invitation are just starting to be received, the planning is complete, and we are looking forward to another great evening of Colonial feasting and entertainment!

Progress is being made on the **Orientation Video**. The script has been finalized, artifacts for the final scenes are being collected/acquired, and the final scenes are being shot. Our goal is to complete the Orientation Video by the end of the year.

The Friends part time employee, **Sarah Gallagher**, had her last day on our payroll on Sunday, March ninth. Fortunately for us, Sarah will continue to work as a volunteer for Hope Lodge. She has great knowledge about Hope Lodge and constantly receives good comments from visitors about her house tours. Thank you, Sarah, for all of your support!

The many Friends of Hope Lodge **Volunteers** are our most important assets and what makes our events successful. **THANK YOU, Volunteers!!!**

Bill Lutz

Genuardi's Cash Back Program

Genuardi's has replaced its old register tape program with a new electronic **E-Scrip** program. To have up to 3% of your Genuardi's purchases donated to Hope Lodge electronically sign up for **E-Scrip TODAY**. Sign up by going to a Genuardi's Market service desk, by going online at www.escrip.com, or by calling the Friends at Hope Lodge at 215-646-1595 and designate Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill to be the recipient of the bonus savings. The group ID for Friends of Hope Lodge & Mather Mill is **149538543**. To sign up, you only need your Genuardi's Club Card Number and Friends of Hope Lodge group ID Number in bold above. No more saving grocery receipts — just show your Genuardi's Club Card each time you shop.

HOPE LODGE

Hope Lodge was built between 1743 and 1748 for Samuel Morris, a prosperous Quaker farmer, shipowner, miller, ironmaster, shopowner, and owner of Farmar'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 Farmar 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.



STAFF LIST

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DEADLINE for our receipt of articles or events to be published in the next issue of *The Correspondent* is May 15. Send to attn: Carolyn Denzel at Hope Lodge.

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From Your Site Administrator

As many of you already know, I have voluntarily resigned from my position as the Site Administrator of Hope Lodge and starting the end of April returned to my position as the Curator at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Please understand that this was a very hard decision for me to make. The New Year has brought about many changes in my personal life. The biggest change being that my husband and I are expecting our first child. We are very excited and can't wait for the baby to enter into our lives this October. My husband also serves in the Naval Reserves and we are quite concerned that he will be activated during the War with Iraq. Together we are trying to calm down our lives and bring back a sense of normalcy.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience at Hope Lodge. You all made me feel welcomed right away. I wish to thank all of you who came out and volunteered and helped us through last summer's tour season and those of you who helped chair or volunteer at our special events and programs. You helped to keep the site open and to encourage the public to learn more about the history of Hope Lodge and the people who lived there.

Please welcome your new Acting Site Administrator, Mary Ellyn Kunz. Mary Ellyn comes from Pennsbury Manor where she has previously worked as the Museum Educator. Mary Ellyn is an extremely talented woman and I believe she will do a wonderful job as your new Acting Site Administrator. Also welcome this summer's intern, Anna Chirapongse. Anna is a junior at Saint Joseph's University and is majoring in history.

Hilary Krueger

Crafting the Past to Create the Future

This year's children's summer history camp will be filled with fun, excitement and also learning. Participants will explore the Colonial (c.1750) and Colonial Revival (1920-1940) eras through games, crafts, foodways and more. The camp will be held July 28-August 1 starting at 10:00am and ending at 2:30pm. Campers will participate in constructing crafts and playing those games which children played in Colonial times. Colonial papermaking will be taught by an expert. Part of each day will be spent learning about Hope Lodge, the house and its owners.

Attendance is limited to 30 children. Registrations are accepted on a first-come first served basis until July 1. The cost is \$85.00 for the first child in a family (\$75 for Friends members), and \$65 for additional family members (\$45 for Friends members). Full payment is required upon confirmation of your reservation. No refunds will be made after July 15. Participants must be entering grades 3-6 in September 2003. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Troy Grubb at 215-646-1595.

Gift Memberships

In a quandary? Need a gift for that important birthday or anniversary? How about a membership to the Friends of Hope Lodge! It's easy, painless, and quick.

Just call Hope Lodge at 215-646-1595 and we'll do the rest!

Friends Board

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Friends Committees

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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OPEN

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OPEN

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHARTER DAY

JOAN BALLEZZA and AUDREY HAHN

BALLADS IN THE MILL

PETE BRADY

SUMMER CONCERTS

Geroge & Nancy Gingrich, Jack Crompton, Don Hallman

GALA OF TREES

OPEN

ENGLISH CAR SHOW

RON DENZEL

ENCAMPMENT

OPEN

BALLADS IN THE MILL



Once again, the Ballads in the Mill was a smashing success! The D-Major Singers were great, Matt Mousley's colonial feast was delicious, and the Mill was a perfect setting for a fun evening of historical entertainment!

Jim Cusick, Lois Lyons, Irene Hauge & Pete Brady started their 6th performance at Mather Mill with an 18th century ballad, "Come & I Will Sing to You." Their program included songs from the 1700s, including one written by Mozart and one by Benjamin Franklin. My favorite was "Home Came the Old Man" from a collection of ballads published in the 1890s by Francis James Child.

The meal was outstanding from "soup to nuts"!! The roast pig, the guinea hen & turkey, Loren's rabbit...and all the accoutrements were outstanding. I didn't hear a negative the entire evening! We started with delicious cheeses and fresh veggies & dip, along with many beverages. What choices — dark beer, Sunset ale from General Lafayette Inn & Brewery, a selection of red or white wines, fruit punch & cider!!

The D-Major Singers sang a 2nd round of ballads by candlelight and included the hilarious "The Pig" that Pete Brady always enjoys performing! To be sure we didn't go home hungry, the evening ended with homemade desserts and coffee and camaraderie.

Our thanks to Pete Brady & the D-Major Singers for a fabulous performance. They had such fun entertaining that their enthusiasm spread to us — they gave us a great evening of song! The Friends' volunteers and Site staff worked together tirelessly to make the Ballads in the Mill a great success. My thanks to all these dedicated workers and particularly Matt Mousley for a superb evening.

Bill Lutz

Historic Housekeeping Training/Collections Care

On Thursday, May 22, Hope Lodge will have historic housekeeping training and collections care training from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. conducted by PHMC Eastern Regional Curator Jennifer Glass. From 10 A.M. to noon, Jennifer will present a video and instruct participants on the proper methods of handling and moving objects. At noon there will be a lunch break so please bring a lunch or order out. From 1 to 3 P.M. participants will be given hands-on practice on housecleaning and handling historic objects. Please wear your old jeans because we will be getting dirty. If you plan on attending please let Troy at Hope Lodge know. (Date is subject to change — please call ahead)

Guide Training

On May 17, Hope Lodge will be hosting guide training, which will be conducted by Hope Lodge's Custodial Guide Supervisor Troy Grubb. Find out everything you wanted to know about Hope Lodge's architecture and history. The training will be from 10 A.M. to noon and will include a small lecture on how to give a tour and how to work with different age groups. Also, there will be a tour of the mansion, where participants will receive a glimpse into past and discover interesting facts about Hope Lodge. Please call Troy at Hope Lodge if you plan to attend. (Date is subject to change — please call ahead.)

Renting Mather Mill

Mather Mill offers a unique venue for wedding receptions, birthday and anniversary parties, family reunions, informal business or organization meetings, and other special events. Renting Mather Mill offers The Friends a great opportunity to raise money to support our historic sites. It's a win-win situation.

The goal for 2003 is to average one rental event per month. New procedures have been developed to respond to rental inquiries, and a more comprehensive information package and revised rental agreement are being finalized.

As with all activities at Hope Lodge and Mather Mill, volunteers are important for success. In renting Mather Mill, volunteers can help in providing information to prospective renters, in working with the staff to arrange the appropriate equipment and configuration, and in generally promoting mill rentals. Anyone interested in participating in a Friends' committee to manage rentals of Mather Mill may contact Jack Gumbrecht at 215-646-2708, or leave a message in Jack's mailbox at the Friends' Office.

Jack Gumbrecht

The Brits Are Back!

at Hope Lodge



Saturday, May 31, 2003

Field opens at 8:30am; judging begins at noon
(Rain Date - Sunday, June 1st)

Hosted by Delaware Valley Triumphs Ltd. (DVT)
and The Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill

Spectator Admission

Includes On-Site Parking, Show Festivities, and a Tour of Historic Hope Lodge

Adults \$5 Seniors (60+) \$4.50 Youth (6-17yrs) \$3 Family from the same household \$14

Show Car Registration Fee

Includes Passenger's Admission, Dash Plaque and other Memorabilia

Pre-Registration \$12 - After May 24th \$20

Proceeds to benefit Hope Lodge
Hot food and beverages available all day

FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS, DAY-OF-SHOW INFORMATION AND RAIN DATE STATUS - CONTACT
DELAWARE VALLEY TRIUMPHS AT www.pond.com/~britcars/carshow.htm OR
CALL THE DVT INFORMATION HOTLINE (610) 222-0180



REGISTRATION FORM The Brits Are Back at Hope Lodge

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

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Show Car Registration

Marque: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Award Class (see other side): _____

Autojumble - \$25.00

Description of Material: _____

Would you like to join Delaware Valley Triumphs? _____

If yes, please include a check for \$25 payable to DVT for the first year dues.

Pre-Register (\$12.00) Before May 24th
(\$20.00 After 5/24/03)
Make Checks Payable to "Friends of Hope
Lodge". Send Registration Form & Check to:

Friends of Hope Lodge
P.O. Box 294
Skippack, PA 19474

Show Information Hot Line (610) 222-0180
Hope Lodge Information (215) 646-1595

Maintenance Man Going to Scotland

On March first and second I attended the American Limeworks Conference in Lynchburg, Virginia on a scholarship program sponsored by the Virginia Limeworks Company. During this conference we learned a great deal about historic mortar and brick masonry. On the second day all of the scholarship winners were called to the front for recognition. At this time it was announced that there would be two individuals selected from the winners to go to Europe based on their essay that was written for the scholarship applications. One individual would go to England and the other would go to Scotland, and fortunately I was selected to go to Scotland for a one week work study program. As of yet the details need to set, but I do know that I will most likely be going in September or October.

Loren Zuck

Property Committee

Work to be done as outlined in previous report remains the same (clearing the floor of the barn and the inventory of the lumber accumulated there).

- ☑ Other items deposited on the barn floor must be disposed of, such as an old desk, supplies in cartons, and large coils of rope.
- ☑ The Gate at the entrance near the parking lot has been rebuilt and is awaiting painting and installation.
- ☑ A sawbuck will be built to facilitate cutting of accumulated wood to be cut into fireplace size.
- ☑ As always, we are in need of volunteers to assist in projects.
- ☑ If you are available during the week or, if needed, on weekends, please call Jack Greenberg at 884-0355.

CHEWY GINGER COOKIES A Favorite of Eli Whitney

- ☒ 1 cup butter
- ☒ 1 cup sugar
- ☒ 1 teaspoon salt
- ☒ 1 egg, well beaten
- ☒ 1 teaspoon baking soda

- ☒ 1 cup molasses
- ☒ 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ☒ 1/4 cup sour milk
- ☒ 1 teaspoon ginger
- ☒ 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 de-



grees) for 12 to 15 minutes. This recipe makes about 7 dozen old-fashioned ginger cookies.

Eli Whitney (1765-1825) dearly loved these cookies as made by his grandmother. He invented the cotton gin in 1792 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.

Submitted by Mary Greenberg

Charter Day

Charter Day was held March 9, 2003, on a cold, but sunny, windy day. One hundred ten people toured the mansion while twenty eight volunteers manned the rooms. Two staff members assisted in the mansion and one in the orientation room, Volunteers cooked a meal in the colonial kitchen that included chicken, corn bread, and green beans. Spinning was also demonstrated in the colonial kitchen by a Friend. Baked goods, coffee, and tea were served in the orientation room. Friends and staff baked and donated cookies and brownies for the event. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to make the event successful!

Joan Ballezza and Audrey Hahn

Volunteer Opportunities Day

Many thanks to Wanda Rauch, Sara Hesdon, and Troy Grubb for their excellent work in connection with the volunteer orientation on April 5. Wanda conceived and coordinated the event, Sara put together a beautiful brochure, and Troy handled the tours. Thanks, also, to everyone who assisted Wanda, Sara, and Troy. Several visitors expressed interest in volunteering at Hope Lodge as a result of this effort.

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR 1754-1761

There were four major colonial wars in 19th Century America—King William, Queen Ann, King George and the French and Indian War. All of these wars were fought over colonial claims in North America. The most important war was the French and Indian War, which was fought over conflicting land claims of France and England over the Ohio Valley. After the end of King George's War from 1744 to 1748 there was a land claim dispute over the Ohio Valley centering around present day Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Governor of Virginia, hearing that the French were making moves into Pennsylvania, sent the surveyor George Washington to inform the French to leave the Ohio Valley in 1753. Washington with a small army returned the next summer to force the French out of Pittsburgh. He was heavily outnumbered and erected a temporary fort entitled Fort Necessity. After the surrender of the fort, the French and Indian War had begun.

The military phase of the war is divided into two divisions—1755-1757 and 1758-1760.

The first phase of the war was won by the French, and was a disaster for the British. General Edward Braddock led 2400 British and American troops to seize Ft. Duquesne—Pittsburgh in the summer of 1755. He was met by a combined French and Indian Army and lost over 1800 men. General Braddock was mortally wounded and died in this battle. This was the low point of the war for the British. In the second phase of the war the British seized the initiative. Led by Prime Minister William Pitt, the British sent massive reinforcements into America. Pitt also promoted young efficient Generals such as James Wolfe and Jeffrey Amherst.

In 1758 the new British strategy was implemented. Two invading armies would attack Canada. One army led by General Jeffrey Amherst would attack the city of Montreal by land and the second army led by General James Wolfe would head down the St. Lawrence seaway to capture Quebec, the capitol of Canada. Also a third army under General John Forbes would lead an army against Fort Duquesne-Pittsburgh in 1758. All three expeditions would be successful.

The most critical battle in this war was the battle of Quebec in September, 1759. Both British and French commanders were killed on the Plains of Abraham—General Wolfe and Montcalm. General Amherst captured Montreal in 1760. The war was over in America.

This war was also fought on the European continent by another name—The Seven Years War. The treaty of Paris which ended the war was signed in 1763. France lost her Canadian empire, New Orleans and claim west of the Mississippi. Great Britain received Florida. Spain obtained New Orleans from France and claim west of the Mississippi River.

This war has long range political and military results. The war gave patriot leaders like George Washington invaluable logical knowledge of military tactical operations in 18th Century warfare. Many historians believe that if Washington had not received this valuable training he most likely would not have been chosen commander of the Continental Army.

Most historians agree that the seeds of the American Revolution started in 1763. Due to the heavy cost of the French and Indian War, the British government was forced to pass taxation laws. The war also resulted in British control of new land in Canada which must be protected. There was also the problem of hostile Indian attacks against American and British settlements on the Western frontiers. In 1763 Great Britain issued the Proclamation Line of 1763 which prohibited American settlement from the crest of the Appalachian Mountains to the Mississippi River. This new policy angered the Americans because it restricted Western settlement and the acquisition of new land. In the 1760s Americans slowly started to organize against British laws and polices. This would result finally in the beginning of the American Revolution in April, 1775.

 *Jane Adams*








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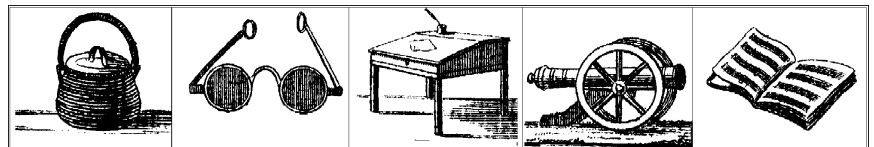
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Upcoming Events

-  **May 17, Guide Training, 10am-noon**
-  **May 22, Historic Housekeeping and Collections Care Training, 10am-3pm**
-  **May 31 (rain date June 1), British Car Show 8:30am-3pm (see page 5 for details)**
-  **June 21, Patriots or Traitors**
-  **July 16, Summer Concert on the Lawn, 7pm**
-  **July 28-August 1, Summer History Camp**
-  **August 13, Summer Concert on the Lawn, 7pm**

MUSEUM SHOP



Get ready for summertime fun!

Visit the **Hope Lodge Museum Shop** where you will find fun *and* historic games such as **jacks, dominos, hopscotch** and **marbles** for purchase. You will also discover kits for making **Spoon Dolls, Clothespin Dolls,** and **Yarn Dolls** or try your hand at **weaving**. For a fun family learning experience, stop by and check out “**The Revolution Game**”. While playing this game you will master American Revolution History and Geography. The game is suitable for ages 8 to adult; 1 – 6 players.

Remember, Friends of Hope Lodge and Mather Mill who present an active membership card will receive a **10% discount** on all purchases.

 *Wanda M. Rauch*