



# The Historical Society of Trappe Pennsylvania

For the preservation of the history, ancient buildings and land marks  
of the Trappe area.

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Dear Members and Friends:

Have you marked Saturday, June 14th, on your calendar? This is Flag Day and our Annual Banquet and meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Mooreheads, Trappe. Reservations are to be made before June 9th by calling Norman Holcombe, 489-7266, cost of dinner is \$7.00 per person.

Mrs. Louis Krug has arranged a very interesting and informative program. Dr. Ivan W. Hess, a member of our Society, will speak to us on "The Life and Works of Jacob Medinger, the last of the Pennsylvania-German potters."

There will be a short business meeting after the program. We are hoping you will be able to come.

*Elmer R. Frank*

President

THANK YOU - Everyone who went on the Spring tour to Winthur and Hagley Museum had a very enjoyable day. Our thanks to Mrs. Hoisington and Mrs. Ross who arranged all the details for the trip.

Also - a thank you to everyone who helped at the Auction Sale in Pottstown. Clay Hess arranged for the Society to have the food concession. Many of the ladies donated baked goods and some members, men and women, helped sell the food. It was a good sale with the net profit of several hundred dollars.

Walter Sauer has been selling Holly trees for the Society. A total of 108 trees have been sold with another 24 trees on order. There are a few trees not sold so if you want a holly tree, call Walter, 489-2023. The profit has been given to the treasurer for the Society.

CURATOR'S REPORT - Some donations to the Library have included a copy of Johann Arndt's Wahres Christenthun (Clara Gensler) and a handwritten geneology of the Sharonk family (Tillie Burghardt).

Guides from the Cliveden house in Germantown visited our Headquarters. There were hostesses to greet them and refreshments furnished by our members. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Brochures are being printed to give to visitors at the Headquarters. The Dewees Tavern will be open every Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and beginning late June, on Sunday afternoon, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to be a hostess or host some Sunday, call Linda Bullard, 489-1797 or you may be called to be a hostess.

QUILTERS - The ladies doing the quilting have moved back to the Headquarters and will be quilting on Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop in and see the very nice work they are doing. Ann Schrack is in charge of this group.

HISTORIAN - We are slowly getting items for our exhibit of Trappe artifacts but we could use more. Please look through your homes for anything made by area residents or used by them for many years long ago. For instance, I found a redware bowl at the flea

market just yesterday, hand made and signed on the back 1941, Trappe, Pa. Lots of things aren't signed but you know who in your family made them so you can pass that information on. Call me (539-9065) or Linda Bullard (489-1797) if you can loan us something for this exhibit. We will have insurance to cover the term of the exhibit.

Esther Keller

HAPPENINGS AT THE TAVERN - To keep you abreast of what's been happening since our last report, we've started a few new projects. First we've started planting our garden, thanks to the generosity of Walt Sauer and his retotiller. Secondly through the cooperation of a few concerned members we have started gathering wood for the tavern. Lee and Henry Haas and Betsy Ross have donated a limited supply of kindling and firewood. We need more - much more if we are to meet this winters energy needs. Third, Bob Ulle and a few members have begun an excavation in the tavern basement and we are all anxious as to what findings develop. In April, we had a tour of the museum and residence and we served all present refreshments. The tour was from Clivenden and we all had a good time. We shall begin redecorating the tavern shortly and expect everyone to come see the results when we're finished.

One final footnote - since we wrote our first article introducing ourselves, we have decided to add to our number by one. We're excited since we have the opportunity to be the first family in numerous years to have a child born in the tavern. We're all looking forward to your help and continued generosity in making the Tavern a place of friendship and hospitality for all.

Best Wishes -  
Mark, Linda and Joshua

MEMBERSHIP - Again to remind you that your membership dues for 1980 are due if not already paid. Dues are \$4.00 per person. Special Memberships are: Life - \$100; Muhlenberg - \$50; Dewees - \$25; Schrack - \$10; Students - \$2.00

Please make your check payable to the Historical Society of Trappe and mail to Charlotte Rosser, 347 Main Street, Trappe, Pa. 19426

SALE! SALE! SALE! - For all you members who know a sure sale when you see one, have we got a sale for you! For a limited time only the Society is offering "Wilton Armetale" at a 25% discount. The new color catalog has just arrived at the Tavern and we are currently taking orders. We have been advised of an increase in the Fall of 10-15% so this is a really great buy. We know of several members who have expressed an interest in purchasing some items. Now is the time to buy that birthday, wedding, shower, or Christmas present.

Should you wish to see the catalog or place an order, please call Mark or Linda Bullard at the Tavern, 489-1797.

SUGGESTIONS - If you have an old family recipe (and know the history of it) or your own favorite recipe and would like to share it, mail a copy to Alice Sauer, 209 Bechtel Road, Collegeville, Pa. 19426. She will print these recipes in the TRAP CHRONICLE. This all started because of all the goodies sent to the Tavern and special occasions. People are anxious to know how to make some of these very special "goodies."