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The Henry Muhlenberg House
201 W. Main Street, Trappe
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The Dewees Museum
301 W. Main Street, Trappe
(corner Main Street/Rt 113)

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Join Us For Our Flag Day Celebration!

On Sunday, June 10th, from 4:30 to 7:00pm, The Historical Society of Trappe, Collegetown, Perkiomen Valley will host its annual Flag Day Celebration with an exciting speaker and a delicious buffet dinner. It will be held at St. Luke's UCC Church. Members, friends, and the community are invited and encouraged to attend.

A return visit by Dr. Nancy Loane, author of *Following the Drum: Women at the Valley Forge Encampment*, will be the highlight of the evening. Dr. Loane is a former seasonal park ranger at Valley Forge National Historical Park and a recognized authority on the women at the 1777-78 Valley Forge encampment. The book has been nominated for both the American Revolution Round Table of Philadelphia's Thomas Fleming Award and the George Washington Book prize. It has been described as "not to be missed," "truly one of the great works on the Valley Forge encampment," and "thoroughly researched and a compelling read." An outstanding speaker, Dr. Loane has given over 150 presentations throughout the country (including one at the Library of Congress) on the women at the Valley Forge encampment. Her fascinating, fun, fact-filled talks bring the women at Valley Forge to life, as well as shed new light on the famous encampment itself.

Nancy Loane, who has participated in four archaeological digs at Valley Forge National Historical Park, is a board member of The Friends of Valley Forge Park and an honorary lifetime member of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. A former Pennsylvania Commonwealth Speaker, she has appeared on several radio shows and been featured on cable network shows, including Pennsylvania Cable Network and C-Span.

Flag Day is officially celebrated on June 14th and commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

From the President . . .

There are times when we need to stop and look at the world and decide "what is important." Understanding where you live, how your community started, and learning the local history is always fun. Look into other Historical Society programs and expand your knowledge. I've gone to several other programs and have learned so much from their events and speakers.

I encourage you to expand your horizons and bring your new knowledge back to share. There is no one who knows all of history. It truly does take a village to run the Historical Society. Let your knowledge be shared with our Historical Society and help us achieve our mission.

I hope to see many of you at the Flag Day celebration—another event with great food, a wonderful speaker, and fellowship. See you there . . .

Linda J. Kehr Wiernusz
President

Tickets will be \$20.00 each for members, \$25.00 each for non-members, and \$10.00 each for children age 12 and under. Autographed books will be available for purchase. Please mail your reservation form (below) by June 6th, or call Richard Holcombe at 610-489-7266.

St. Luke's is located at 200 W. Main Street in Trappe, near the intersection of Main Street and Route 113.

Flag Day Celebration Reservation Form

(Deadline June 6th)

Name: _____ e-mail: _____
Address: _____ Tel: _____

___ Member(s) @ \$20.00 ___ Non-Member(s) @ \$25.00 ___ Children (12 and under) @ \$10.00

Checks Payable to: The Historical Society

Mail to: Richard Holcombe / The Historical Society
P.O. Box 26708 Collegetown, PA 19426-0708

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Mark Your Calenders!

- June 3 Opening Day of Sunday Tours, Dewees Museum and Henry Muhlenberg House 1:30 - 4:00pm
- June Book Sale, Dewees Museum, Sundays in June 1:30 - 4:00pm
- June 10 Flag Day Dinner, St. Luke's UCC Church 4:30pm
- July 28 Grange Fair Booth, Waterworks Park, Trappe 10:00am - 4:00pm

Please complete and return your membership renewal form—this provides major funding to sustain our Society!

MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Timely Information — Please Do Not Delay!

Historical Society Cookbook!

A fundraising opportunity is underway in which the entire membership of the Historical Society can be involved! Our own cookbook will highlight favorite recipes provided by our membership—even better, a recipe that has been handed down through your family!

More than a cookbook, the publication will be sprinkled with historic facts about Trappe, Collegeville, and the Perkiomen Valley, as well as vignettes about the Muhlenberg Family.

Participation by our membership is key to the success of this fundraiser—first, by providing recipes and, second, by purchasing it for yourself and for gifts. So start going through your recipe box and send us your favorites! Our editors will make the selections and, if chosen, your name will be included with the recipe.



Mail them to Recipes, Trappe Historical Society, P.O. Box 26708, Collegeville, PA 19426-0708. You may also e-mail them (using “Recipes” in the subject) to info@trappehistoricalsociety.org.

In addition, a publisher has been selected and recipes may be entered directly into their website: www.typensave.com User name: *Trappe* Password: *fresh881*. Follow the instructions to enter your recipe, which will be automatically formatted and spell-checked.

We hope to have it finalized by the end of Summer. We are excited about compiling this cookbook which should, in so many ways, uniquely reflect the history of our area—as well as liven up our menus!

June Book Sale at Dewees Museum!

The Historical Society will hold a Book Sale at the Dewees Museum every Sunday in June from 1:30 to 4:00pm (also a good opportunity to tour the site).

Start looking through your bookshelves for donations to the Historical Society. They may be dropped off at the Dewees Museum on Thursday mornings from 9 til noon. (Call to arrange a more convenient drop-off time.) The books should be in fairly good condition.

Clear out your old books and replenish your shelves with a new supply—and get ready for some great Summer reading!



Call 610-489-7560 with questions or to set up a drop-off date.