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December Open House—Unique Pottery Exhibit December 8th 1:30 to 4:00 P.M.

The public is invited to an Open House at the Dewees Museum, 301 West Main Street, Trappe. An exhibit of Pennsylvania and Mississippi Redware Pottery, a major portion of which has not been exhibited previously, will be mounted by Dr. Ivan W. Hess, President of the Historical Society.

Featured will be pieces created by Isaac, Thomas, and Russell Stahl of Powder Valley as well as pottery of Mrs. Naaman Keyser who worked in the Plymouth area of Montgomery County. In addition, it will be possible to view fine examples of the famous Meddinger pottery of Limerick Township.

Of special interest will be the work of George Ohr who potted in Biloxi, Mississippi, with a style different from that of Pennsylvania.

At 2:00 P.M., Dr. Hess will give a lecture with an historic perspective of these potters and contrast the Mississippi Redware with that of the traditional redware of this area of Pennsylvania.

Outstanding in the exhibit will be a plate depicting the "Last Supper" done by Russell Stahl. The antique stretcher table in the Muhlenberg Room of the Dewees Museum will be set with redware and 19th century bone handle tableware given by Leon S. and Ann (Fetter) Fulmer of Schwenksville.

The Christmas decorations will be arranged by Mrs. Sue Ellen Nolan, and refreshments will be served by the women of the Historical Society. Guides will be under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Weicheld.

Dr. John Shetler, Curator, has announced that the exhibit will also be open for two additional Sundays in December, the 15th and 22nd, from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M.

Parking is available at the rear of the museum and at Muhlenberg House four doors east of the Dewees Museum at 201 Main Street.

No admission is charged but contributions are welcomed.

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Help Match Keystone Grant

As of November 11, the total matching gifts by members and friends of the Muhlenberg Committee reached \$86,000 toward the \$100,000 needed to match the Keystone Grant. With some extra help from everyone, we can raise the additional \$14,000 by December 31st.

We are grateful for the wonderful response of our loyal members and friends.

From The Journals of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg 1778

December 6, Sunday. Pastor Voigt had services here and announced that I would preach here on the Fourth Sunday in Advent and the First Christmas Day, God willing. He published the banns of Valentin Baier and Juliana Kerst, single persons, and, for the third time, of Georg Zilling and Hanna Henrich, single persons, of T[oy]amenson [Town]ship.

CERTIFICATE OF GIFT FOR MATCHING KEYSTONE GRANT

To help restore the Muhlenberg House, I/we enclose a check made payable to the
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Christmas Gift Suggestions

Prints of Dewees Tavern from a Water Color

by Mr. Eugene Bechtel (These are limited edition prints. Only 250 were made. When the supply is exhausted, there will not be another printing.)

- Signed Print \$ 40.00
- Matted Signed Print \$ 55.00
- Matted Artist's Proof \$ 65.00
- Framed Signed Print \$125.00
- Framed Artist's Proof \$135.00

Display a TRAPPE FLAG on our National Holidays

- Desk Top Flag with Holder \$ 3.00
- 12" X 18" Flag \$ 5.00

Mugs Suitable for All-Purpose Gifts

- Displays the Symbols of Trappe or Muhlenberg \$ 3.00

Bill of Rights (Facsimile)

- Contains the Signature of Frederick Muhlenberg \$ 1.00

Anniversary Book of Trappe

- 275th - Pictures, Historical Sketches, Businesses \$ 2.00
- 250th - Pictures, Historical Sketches, Businesses \$ 1.00

Map of Itinerary of Washington's Army in Montgomery County

- Army Crosses Schuylkill at Parkerford
 and Some Units Camp in Trappe \$ 3.00

T-Shirts

Some T-shirts are available. Three different logos: Old Style Muhlenberg House, New Style Muhlenberg House, and Emblem of Trappe. Some Large, Medium, and Small sizes. Also some Children's sizes. Prices: \$6.00 and \$8.00

Tiles with Trappe Emblem \$ 1.00

Muhlenberg Sunvisors 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00

Postcards/Scenes in Trappe 25¢ each or 5 for \$1.00

Muhlenberg Plate, by Lester Breininger \$100.00
 Call Dr. Ivan Hess (610) 489-7622

Items may be obtained at the Dewees Tavern on the last Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M., where the Muhlenberg Committee and the Historical Society Board meet.

**IF YOU HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO FORMERLY LIVED IN THE TRAPPE AREA,
 REMEMBER THEM THIS HOLIDAY WITH AN HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIFT.**