

FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring 2009

Your Dinner Invitation

Members and friends are invited to the annual Fulton County Historical Society dinner on Friday evening, April 24, 2009, in the Hustontown Fire Hall. Their traditional two-meat meal will be served buffet style beginning at 6:00 p.m. Reservations with cash/check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society MUST be received a week before the dinner. Adult cost of \$12 and \$6 for children 12 and under will cover both the meal and a fee for the dinner speaker. Tickets will not be mailed but there will be a reservation list with your name at the door. Contact hospitality chairperson Monica Seville at (717) 485-4454 weekdays for more details or questions.

President Dick Newman will conduct a brief membership meeting with highlights of the past year and some future Society goals. The Historical Society will honor a local person as Historian of the Year for exceptional volunteer work in 2008. Nominations and election of 2009-10 officers will close the business session. Advance nominations are due now to chairperson Dave Scamardella at dscarmardel@state.pa.us

Forbes Road Commemorates 250 Years

Keynote speaker following the meal will be Burt Kummerow from Historyworks, Inc. of Baltimore who will present highlights and local stories based on his research for the new guidebook "Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail: Gateways and Getaways along the Legendary Route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh." As the title suggests, this is more than a colonial history of the 1758 Forbes Expedition and includes enjoyable spots to visit today with 40 themed tours. Burt does not have copies of the book for sale but will be glad to autograph a copy if you have one. The fully illustrated book is available on the web from www.frenchandindianwar250.org along with other Forbes Trail commemorative items.

Closed for Renovation

The Historical Society's research room at the Fulton County Library closed March 15 for building renovation. Books have been packed in boxes for storage and will not be available for use until mid-summer. Check the Society's web page www.fultonhistory.org for updates or phone Society librarian Mary Black at (717) 987-3966. Our new room on the second floor will be larger than our present room, with easy access by elevator. The Fulton County Library is a vibrant community asset and this expansion will be a great investment for its future. Your support and patience during this transition period will be rewarded with an improved service facility.

Publications

We are pleased to send our members your complimentary copy of the Society's 30th annual publication, Quilts and Coverlets of Fulton County, and the first to be printed in full color. The book calls attention to some outstanding local treasures shared by donors to the Historical Society museum. Once again, Gene Leese deserves special thanks for donating his graphic arts skill in layout. Pick up additional copies for friends at \$5 each.

Volume 6 on Silversmiths and Clockmakers of Fulton County is back in print with new information on Bancroft Woodcock discovered after the original book was first printed in 1984. It is available for \$5.

Volume 11 on Down the Pike: Chambersburg to Bedford Turnpike Company is again available after being out of print for several years. A few new photos have been added. No changes were made in the original text but the chapter with the 1860 by-laws has been deleted and placed on the Society's web page as a way to hold down printing costs. This history sells for \$8.

All 30 volumes are now available from the Society if you need any to complete your set. Book proceeds help finance future publications. Locally, all books may be purchased in McConnellsburg at Summer Thyme Floral, Fulton Antiques, Fulton County Treasurer's Office, and in Waterfall at Newman's Store. Books may be ordered on the web page or by mail with postage added. Tucker Prints and the 1873 Map reproductions are available at Towne Framing on Lincoln Way West in McConnellsburg.

Volunteers are Valuable

The Historical Society has many opportunities for service. Museum curator Edie Coleman welcomes volunteers to help with Fulton House staffing and with the indexing and preservation of donated items, particularly old documents. Librarian Mary Black will face a big task moving into the new library room and reorganizing our research collection. Web designer Dan Swain has offered to work with anyone having skills for placing new items on the Society's web page such as a page for sharing questions and answers on family research, an index of surnames from our books, an album of local photos, etc. The publications committee could use a person to enter on computer a collection of file card abstracts showing names found on the Bedford County Orphans Court documents before 1850. If anyone has the knowledge and patience for Grant writing, funding may be open to non-profits under the economic stimulus program and is essential if your Society is to expand. We need YOU to volunteer!

Welcome to Life Members

Sandra Stenger of McConnellsburg has been an Historical Society member for some time. Many years ago when Hazel Harr had the Society library open on the second floor of



Above an illustration from the new 2008 guidebook "Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail..." of a drawing by Gerry Embleton showing Cherokee and Catawba Indians on the hill near Fort Littleton.

Courtesy of Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail and the French and Indian War 250, Inc.

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the Fulton House on Thursday evenings, Sandra came with her daughter to help her find genealogy material on the Ray, Bishop, Crouse and Morgret families. Now retired as a teacher in Tuscarora School District, Sonnie purchased a life membership on January 14, 2009.

Linda Garber of McConnellsburg has also been a member and supporter of the Historical Society for many years. Currently she is completing a 3-year term on our Board of Directors and has given many years service as a Board member of the Central Fulton School District. She produced the small wood model of Winegardner School through her Sheep Ridge Farm shop, just recently closed as she and Loy look forward to retirement. Linda became a life member on January 23, 2009.

By Glenn Cordell

Minutes

The Fulton County Historical Society held its winter meeting on January 23, 2009, in the Fulton Theater,

McConnellsburg, PA. President Dick Newman called a brief business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were 86



A young railroad buff has his photo taken with Matthew Dodd after a much enjoyed program on railroads and railroad songs.

in attendance. The minutes of the fall meeting were approved as published in the winter newsletter. Treasurer Dan Swain gave his financial report based on income and expenses from October 16, 2008, through January 23, 2009. Pres. Newman announced reprints of a CCC Kellogg's cookbook are on sale for \$5 each. New life member Sonnie Stenger was announced. A donation basket was passed around to help defray the cost of the evening's entertainment. Vice President Monica Seville introduced Matthew Dodd from Mechanicsburg who delivered a humorous song-filled educational program on railroad history.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth W. Keebaugh, Secretary

Fulton County Historical Society Treasurer's Report 1/23/09

Receipts 10/17/08 to 1/23/09	
Donations	\$1,760.94
Big Spring graveyard mowing	500.00
Books	883.59
Prints	62.26
Winegardner School model	337.73
Shipping & handling income	4.50
House Tour	720.00
Membership dues	420.00
Life Membership dues	250.00
Dividends & interest income	20.83
Other sales	24.53
Special events	799.00
Total Receipts	\$5,783.38

Disbursements:	
Supplies	83.39
Postage & Box Rent	58.57
Printing & copying	172.63
Resale items	1,006.00
Library Rent	600.00
Mowing	400.00
Consulting fees	450.00
Travel/Meeting expenses	97.54
Other Misc. expenses	500.00
Banking fees	0.50
Total Disbursements	\$3,368.63

Net Income \$2,414.75

Dan Swain, Treasurer

For **2009-10 officers**, I nominate ...

for President - _____ ;

for Vice President - _____ ;

for Secretary - _____ ;

for Treasurer to 2012 - _____ ;

for Director to 2012 - _____ ;

for Director to 2012 - _____ ;

for Historian of the Year _____ .

Current officers appear at the bottom of this page.

Please reserve _____ adult meals @\$12 and _____ children's meals @\$6 for April 24; make your enclosed check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society.

Renew my membership at _____ \$15 annual or _____ \$250 individual life.

DEADLINE for meal reservations and nominations is April 17, 2009. Thank you for your support!

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2008-09 OFFICERS:

Dick Newman, President
Monica Seville, Vice President
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary
Dan Swain, Treasurer 2009

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Ruth C. Reeder 2011
John Mentzer 2011
Edith Coleman 2010
Richard A. Miller 2010
Linda Garber 2009
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