

# FULTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Spring 2017

## Fulton County Historical Society Spring 2017 Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting Set for April 29

Mark your calendars for the Fulton County Historical Society's Annual Dinner and Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. Featured speaker will be Dane "Butch" Seiders, who will be talking about the art work of the late local artist, Mark Twain Noe. Mr. Noe, who painted many local scenes, including some featuring turkeys, was also featured artist for the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The cost for this family-oriented event is \$15 per adult, \$7.50 for children ages 6-12, and free for children under 5 years of age. Please make your reservations no later than April 21, 2017, either by mailing your count and money to the Fulton County Historical Society, PO Box 115, McConnellsburg, PA 17233, or contact Monica Seville at the Fulton County Treasurer's Office (717) 485-4454.

## Dinner Auction to Benefit G.C. Murphy Building Project

The Fulton County Historical Society will host its Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. A silent auction will be held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. A barbecue chicken dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the traditional auction at 6:30 p.m.

Donations are currently being accepted for both the silent and traditional auctions and are greatly appreciated. Numerous items have already been collected, such as an old gun, handcrafted furniture, collectibles, etc. For additional information, donation forms, or for drop-off locations, call (717) 573-2805, 485-4430 or 485-4454. See the letter from the Dinner Auction Committee below for more details.

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again when we are anticipating the joys of spring, and we are excited about our recent purchase of the G. C. Murphy building, which is on the National Historic Register. It is a large and solid building but needs a lot of interior work which will cost a significant amount of money. Therefore, the Historical Society is having a Dinner Auction on Saturday, June 10th, at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. The silent auction is from 4:00-5:30, dinner is served at 6:00 PM, and the traditional auction begins around 6:30 PM.

We are soliciting items to be donated for that Auction and would sincerely appreciate anything that you are willing to contribute. The Society is a federally approved 501(c)3 charitable organization, so anything you donate is tax deductible. We keep a record of donors and items donated and will provide you with a receipt for your tax records. Monetary donations are also welcomed. A list of donors will be included in the program.

We are asking that donations be quality items – new, gently used, collectible or antique – and in good shape.

We appreciate your past support and are asking you to consider giving again. If convenient, you can leave your donations at the Fulton County Treasurer's Office or at the Everett Marble & Granite office on South 7th Street, McConnellsburg. If you need someone to pick up your items, please call 717-573-2805, 717-485-3496 or 717-485-3412. Dinner tickets cost \$15 each and are available at the County Treasurer's Office, telephone number 717-485-4454. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and some fine fellowship!

Sincerely,

Dinner Auction Committee

## Election of Officers set at April 29 meeting

President Richard A. Miller will call for the nomination and election of officers. There are no term limits for Society secretary, but the by-laws limit the president and vice president to three consecutive one-year terms and directors to two consecutive three-year terms. This opens the opportunity for new leadership, so think of your many friends and acquaintances who have an interest in Fulton County history and nominate them.

Offices slated for election this year are: president (Richard A. Miller, completing his second term); vice-president (Monica Seville, completing second term as vice-president); secretary (Ken Keebaugh); director (Edie Coleman, completing first three-year term); and director (Carolyn Hollenshead, completing a term of a resigned director). [See nomination form on reverse.]

Of course, there are many opportunities for active service without being an elected officer, so don't hesitate to volunteer your time and talent. You may find this rewarding, and the Historical Society will become a stronger organization with the participation of more local volunteers!

## Planning Museum Exhibits at the Museum Annex (the G.C. Murphy Building)

The old tin ceiling and the walls in the front part of our Museum Annex now have a fresh coat of paint. Some of the old fluorescent lights have been replaced with can lights and pendant lights. An anonymous donor is offering new red oak as a floor covering if we have it planed with tongue and groove; we'll need to install wood underlayment, since the current floor is vinyl tile over a concrete base. We appreciate our donors and volunteers!

The purpose of all this effort is to make an area for new exhibits to showcase our Fulton County heritage. We need help from persons with artistic or graphic art skills to design the displays, and others to construct the background panels. We hope to start small with a few quality eye-catching exhibits which can be changed or rotated as we progress. Contact us with ideas. We're considering professional help to design a Native American display which will feature the peaceful life of local Indians before the massacres.

From 1949 to 1992, our building was a G.C. Murphy store. Most people have memories of shopping here, but does anyone have an exterior or interior photograph of our local store, or any Murphy item you could loan for our first window display?

## Fulton County Historical Society Plans Spring Bus Trip to Johnstown, Pa., on April 28

Put This Trip On Your Calendar! The Fulton County Historical Society will be sponsoring a bus trip to Johnstown on Friday, April 28, 2017, where you can explore the history and culture from all periods of that city. There are several nationally significant events such as the 1889 Johnstown Flood and the beginning of the steel industry that occurred there.

The bus will leave McConnellsburg, Pa., at 7:30 a.m. and stop at Bedford Walmart Plaza at 8:00 a.m.

The tour will arrive at the Johnstown Flood National Memorial at South Fork, the location of the dam and Visitors' Center. You will view the film "Black Friday" and look at the exhibits in the 2-story building. Lunch will be on your own at near-by Wendy's or

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Arby's. Next, you can ride on the Inclined Plane established in 1891 -- the steepest vehicular incline in the WORLD.

The tour will visit the Johnstown Flood Museum, where all can view the 1989 Academy Award-winning film for Best Documentary Short Subject, "Johnstown Flood." Next the tour will visit the Heritage Discovery Center, where each tour passenger will take the identity of an authentic early immigrant and experience his/her life as you move through the museum. There is also a film, "The Mystery of Steel," in the Iron and Steel Gallery.

On the way home, you can eat a family style dinner (included) at Slick's Ivy Stone Restaurant at Osterburg, Pa. Travelers will arrive back in Bedford at 6:30 p.m. and in McConnellsburg at 7 p.m.

Cost includes chartered bus, admissions, dinner, and all gratuities.

Cost for FCHS members is: under age 65, \$67; age 65 and over, \$63. Cost for Non-members is: under age 65, \$72; age 65 and over, \$68. Contact Linda Mellon, 301-707-7053, by April 21, 2017, to register or email: ljmellon@gmail.com

[See Tour Itinerary and Sign-up form on separate sheet enclosed with this mailing.]

## Spring Tea Set to Benefit Museum

The annual Fulton County Historical Society Spring Tea to benefit the museum will be held Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 11:30, in the Fulton House.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$4.50 for children and are available at Tickle Your Fancy Tea Room or from Monica Seville at the County Treasurer's Office.

For more information or reservations, call Edie at (814) 735-3039.

Wear your Easter Bonnet!

## Society Museum's Summer Displays at Fulton House

The Fulton County Historical Society Museum in the Fulton House will open for the summer season on Friday, June 2. Hours will be most Fridays through August from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This season we will be displaying baseball artifacts in honor of John Nelson's book 'Yanigans' about the Fulton County ball teams before WWI, which was the society's 2016 book of the year.

Also, Brian Tucker's Fulton County historical paintings will, once again, be on display for the summer.

In addition, in our annex, the former G.C. Murphy building across the street, we will have some artifacts on display. As the renovation and design of this building proceed, we haven't decided exactly what will be first other than a 1916 sleigh and its packing crate generously donated by Mrs. Verda Schue Hockensmith.

The antique business currently there will continue, and the museum displays may be viewed any time the store is open.

The museum would be delighted if anyone having baseball artifacts from our early history would loan them for the summer display at the Fulton House.

Please contact the society at: director@fultonhistory.org, or call Debbie Reed at (717) 485-4298.

## Minutes for FCHS Winter Membership Meeting held on February 4, 2017

The Winter Membership Meeting of the FCHS was held in the courtroom of the Fulton County Court House on February 4, 2017. Society president Dick Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

It was announced the society will host a bus tour to Johnstown, Pa. this spring.

Miller gave a progress report on work at the G.C. Murphy building museum. Volunteers working are Mark Sheffield, Tom Duffey, Glenn Cordell, Gene Leese and Dick Miller.

Glenn Cordell reported on a trip to Fort Bedford to evaluate displays of Native American artifacts. Graphic designer Michael Corle might be hired to assist in setting up the first interactive display in the museum. A volunteer has agreed to donate \$1,000 to digitize the *Fulton Republican* newspaper started in 1865. Cordell displayed some bricks molded locally in 1852 to build the original columns for the Fulton County Court House.

Miller shared information for PBS's Antiques Road Show to be filmed in Harrisburg, Pa.

Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson will appear at the Fulton County Library on February 21, 2017, for a book signing event for *Public Opinion* reporter Ken Piper, who has published a book pertaining to her kidnapping in 1966.

Miller introduced actor/historian David Shuey, the evening's guest speaker, who portrayed General John "Black Jack" Pershing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary

For **2017-18 officers**, I nominate ...

for President to 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Vice President to 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Secretary to 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Director to 2020 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

for Director to 2020 - \_\_\_\_\_ ;

Current officers appear at the bottom of this page.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ adult meals @\$15 and \_\_\_\_\_ children's meals @\$7.50 for Saturday, April 29; make your enclosed check payable to the Fulton County Historical Society.

Renew my membership at \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 annual or \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 individual life.

**DEADLINE** for meal reservations and nominations is April 21, 2017. Thank you for your support!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Monica Seville, Vice President  
Ken Keebaugh, Secretary  
Gene Leese, Treasurer 2019

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