

The Carversvillian

THE VOICE OF THE HISTORIC CARVERSVILLE SOCIETY

Fall, 2016

It's time for the annual Pumpkin Carving in Carversville!

October 30th, 2 - 4p.m.

In the Meadow beyond the Inn

It's hard to believe that Fall is finally here! With that, brings many fun activities for families in Bucks County. Our annual Pumpkin Carving has been drawing a bigger crowd each year. This is a great community event and is fun for both kids and parents. We provide the pumpkins, carving tools, markers, paints, tealight candles, fresh cider and donuts. Make sure that you wear clothing that you don't mind getting messy.



Some of our artists at work on pumpkins last year

Join us at the General Membership Meeting on November 14

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Carversville Day 2016 was wonderful!

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood!" Yes, those are Fred Rogers lyrics. I'm proud to say that his children's show was a favorite in our home when our girls were young. His legacy and words are so fitting on this beautiful Fall afternoon as I reflect on the enjoyment we had during Carversville Day 2016. As you recall, the weather was giving us a 'run for our money' in mid May, but we prevailed with community spirit and enjoyed another fun-filled day with only a few light sprinkles. The rain even held off long enough so we could put the last items in storage for another year. We felt blessed! If you have interest in joining in the fun and like to plan events or just lend a hand, please let us know by email. We encourage all to join in.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of our volunteers and participants for our 2016 Carversville Day. There were so many people making each year work smoothly. We start the process in January when the temperatures are frosty and Spring bulbs are nestled underground waiting for the longer days of sunshine. I want to mention a few volunteers who went beyond the call of duty and always smiled no matter what the hour: ALL the HCS Board members and their families, Carol & Wayne Yetter, Susan & Dr. Stanley Plotkin, Sue Crilley, Joyce & Bob Burian, Audrey Waldman, Sam Bellucci, Marne Dietterich, Bryce Long, and ALL the volunteers who made the Raffle Sales a wonderful success. Ken Haldeman came through countless times filling in the Raffle sales booth with a smile and boundless energy when others needed to reschedule.

The Raffle ensures we cover our out-of-pocket expenses should the event be rained out (which almost happened this year!) or if we experience low attendance due to the many simultaneous festivals to choose from. Many generous business owners and community members filled the 'Great Carversville Raffle Jars' with exciting offerings this year. To all - we are deeply grateful.

The Live Auction was also a remarkable event with Noel Barrett at the helm with his auctioneering expertise! Thanks to Max for his generous donation of his catered dinner for 6, Sam Ballucci for her Carversville Poster and Birdhouse and Susan Roseman for her handmade Pet Parade mask and Scepter to name a few.

As most of you know, Will and Deni Mathias close their business during the day to facilitate HCS' hosting the event in front of the Carversville Inn in the Village Square and provide a place for our Live Music for the day. They have graciously done this year after

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From the President . . .

Another summer has passed in Carversville, making this my 29th year living in the village. Some things change and some don't. There is still a lot of traffic going through and I remember many years ago trying to get drivers to slow down with handmade signs and SLOW CHILDREN signs put on the roads. Yet the traffic still speeds through. Fleecydale Road has been closed many times for extended periods of time, and it is finally open again for now! Houses go up for sale and people come and go but many of us have been here for a long time. There have been weddings here and funerals and life continues in every way. Max Hansen's store, the inn and the post office remain the center of our little world.

We had a wonderful Carversville Day with cooperating weather and fun all around. Although 2 of our movies for Films in The Field were rained out, the 3rd movie ET was a great ending to the

summer. We will continue to offer a family friendly film for the August film each year. And now we are moving into the Pumpkin Carving, the Annual Meeting and Caroling in the Square to end off the year.

As always, none of these activities can be done without volunteers. Some of us have been volunteering and on the board for so long, that we are eager to have younger, fresher and more enthusiastic people joining us to help plan for the future. If you are interested in helping with anything or want to know more, please email Kathy@carversville.org. We will find ways for you to help and become a part of things.

As always, Carversville remains a unique and special place to live. Help us to keep it that way.

Susan Hollander Whitman

From our Archives

Doylestown Intelligencer, 2/11/1898

One of the most active of our older residents is Farmer William Jewell, who is in his eighty-fourth year. He has been a member of the Solebury Vigilant Horse Company for fifty-six years and during that time has sat down to fifty-four of the annual dinners of the company at New Hope.

In attempting to open the roads with a team, Supervisor Magill had a young horse badly injured on Wednesday February 2d. Many of the roads had to be shoveled out, thus giving an upward tendency to the next tax-rate. It would pay the township to place wire fences at certain places where large drifts are likely to occur.

Landlord Thompson has thirty-four crows confined in his wagon-house. Their future prospects are as black as their feathers.

Films in the Field



Our annual Films in the Field series almost did not happen this year! Mother Nature decided to send two deluges which washed out our first two events. Luckily third time was a charm and we had great weather for the viewing of the classic family favorite, ET. We had a robust crowd and sales at the snack bar were brisk. Thanks to Noel Barrett for securing our films, and to Jack McMillan and Scott Petersen for bringing the equipment and ensuring the movie runs without a glitch. Many thanks to all the volunteers from the HCS board who helped run the grill stand. Without volunteers such events could not happen. If you would like to participate in this event in the future, please speak to Rhonda Heffern, event organizer.

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History of the Carversville Post Office

The Carversville Post Office was established in the 1830s. Thomas Carver was the first postmaster. In the late 19th century the post office was housed in Noel Barrett's present building. A 1869 photo of Carversville shows the house at 6193 Carversville Road being constructed. It was built as a typical plankhouse, as are so many of the houses in the center of Carversville. In the second quarter of the 20th century the Post Office was moved into this house. This building always had a dual purpose. It was usually a residence, and for some of its life it served as a Post Office. In the early 20th century there was an oyster bar in the basement that was accessed by concrete stairs on Noel Barrett's side of the building. Many Carversvillians wondered why they found so many oysters shells as they were digging in their gardens. In this building's latest remodeling, a large wooden sign saying oyster bar was found in the basement.



A 1995 photo of the post office building at 6193 Carversville Road.

Barney Byrne was our postmaster at the time, and he let the residents know what was going on. We organized a protest, contacted the newspapers and TV stations, and wrote to our Representative, Jim Greenwood, to request another visit by Post Office officials. There were 150 residents gathered in the Square when the officials visited. There were signs and placards, newspaper and TV crews. The site was reconsidered. It was agreed that with some modifications, the general store would be suitable. The day before Thanksgiving, the decision came down from Harrisburg to approve the Post Office site to be located in the General Store.

The Post Office has shared its quarters with a general store since then. This arrangement was continued when, on May 4, 2013, the General Store was taken over by Max Hansen.

L. Robert Kling and Phyllis Haldeman



An early photo of the post office building at 6193 Carversville Road.

In 1933 our Post Office was discontinued in Carversville, and the mail was sent to Lumberville.

When Henry Wendte was appointed postmaster in 1939, his family moved into 6193 Carversville Road. The Post Office was in the front left side of the building and his barbershop was in the left rear. The rest of the building was living quarters for his family. The Post Office was located in this building until late 1995 when its lease expired. The Post Office would have been moved to another building in town, but officials visited Carversville and felt that no building in the town would be suitable or would meet code. There were no access ramps, etc. so our Post Office was going to close.



Caroling in the Square

Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m.

Meet in front of Dr. Barksy's office.

Carversville Losses

This year we were sorry to lose 2 lifelong residents of Carversville.

H. Byron Quinby died at age 92 on April 9, 2016. He was born in Carversville, and attended Doylestown HS, class of 1941. He began working at age 16 with his grandfather on a farm and then became the manager of the DeLong Farm where he worked from 1941-1966. He then partnered with his brother to operate Quinby's Gun Shop in Dublin, retiring in 1988. He also served as a District Justice Magistrate of Solebury Township in the mid 1960s. He has lots of family here in Carversville and in the surrounding area, and his house on Wismer Road has always looked pristine and well-kept. We miss seeing him mowing his property on Fleecydale Road by the creek.

J. Walter Livezey, Jr. died at age 85 on April 18, 2016. He lived in Carversville his entire life. Walter was baptized at the Carversville Church, helped run the last feed mill in Carversville, was a Boy Scout under Charles Hargens and then became an Eagles Scout and leader. He attended 1st grade at in a 2-room school house, the Carversville Elementary School, eventually graduating from New Hope HS in 1949. He studied electronics and electricity, enlisted in the Army, married his high school sweetheart and then became a partner in his father's business, which still exists, today - J. Walter Livezey & Sons. He was an active community member both in the church and for the Election Board, Point Pleasant Fire Co, and in too many ways to list.

There is way too much about both of these men and their accomplishments and activities in our community for me to write about, so the above is just a brief summary. But the bottom line is that their deaths are without a doubt a loss to Carversville and they were truly a part of our village history.

Susan Hollander Whitman

Carversville Day

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year! It goes without saying that we could not do this without them! Another show of gratitude goes to the Hansen's for allowing us to use the Grocery's parking lot and Secret Garden to host our Food Court and Watermelon Eating contest along with a portion of the front area of Max's for Raffles sales. We also want to thank Dr. Howard Barsky for willingly providing his portion of the square for the crafters. It takes a village on all levels!

Our Village Square was filled with talented vendors, excellent crab cakes & lemonade from Chef Will and specialty Tacos from Max Hanson and our ever-popular HCS grill.

One of the highlights of the day was having two, *not one, but two of the best* musical acts in the area perform throughout the day. We were truly blessed to have Michael Arenella and the Dreamland Orchestra AND Michelle Wiley and the Hazelrigg Brothers with our own David Stier on drums.

The Prestigious Pet Parade was as popular as ever. Cindy and Mark Baum-Baicker donned masks and scepter made especially by Susan Roseman to corral all our pets to march through the village with pride! Best Trick and Best Costume Awards were given out with gift certificates for the winners. Cindy and Mark reported it was difficult to choose the winners since there were so many excellent entries but there were some notables like: "recycling dog," outfitted in toilet paper rolls, along with many great tricks demonstrating hours of dedication. Of course, the contests will be running next year, so you know what to do during the dull winter months: plan your costumes and tricks!

Another encore will be presented next year for the Village children, young and old. We are bringing back the magician Ari Paul Felber who amazed us with his magic that defied all logic and even bent a quarter in front of my very own eyes...how did he do that???

The ever-popular Cookie Contest that Dr. Howard Barsky has organized for many years was brimming with treats for all. Awards were bestowed for the best in all the categories, while the Village members themselves awarded the coveted 2016 Carversville Day Cookie Jar, a beauty created by our own Nan Kirstein, to Beth Howard for her Lemon Ricotta Cookies! Congratulations Beth....well deserved!!

Carversville Day is HCS's fund raiser providing our community such events as our General Meeting in November, Pumpkin Carving, Caroling in the Square, Cleanup Day, Films in the Field, along with Scholarships to NHS college bound students, Oral and Written Histories of our community members and architecture and the ever important task of Land Preservation and community spirit.

Kathy Stein- Fearless Carversville Day Chairperson

**Mark your calendars for
Carversville Day 2017**

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

See you in the Square!

Upcoming Events at The Carversville Church

145th Oyster Pork Dinner

Saturday, October 15

3-8 p.m. or until sold out

Adults — \$20; Children 5-8 — \$8

Children under 5 — free; Take-out — \$21

For more info please contact the church at 215.297.5166 or visit www.carversvilleucc.org

Holiday Festival of Food

Saturday, December 3 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 - 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission: \$3

There will be homemade breakfast sandwiches and lunch, as well as homemade soups on both days.

We are still looking for food vendors for this show, so if you're interested please contact the church at 215.297.5166 or visit www.carversvilleucc.org

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3 at 4:30

For more info please contact the church 215.297.5166

Linda Kenyon, local resident, portrays Julia Child in a one-woman rendition of "Julia Says, 'Bon Appetit!'" by Clay Teunis

Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 2 p.m.

For more info, please contact the church at 215.297.5166 or visit www.carversvilleucc.org



Linda Kenyon



Join us for the General Membership Meeting on November 14

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Historic Carversville Society is **Monday, November 14th at The Carversville Inn**. Will and Deni Mathias are graciously hosting again this year. **The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social hour**. Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors, meet new residents of the Village, and get an update on the activities of your Society. It is also the time to renew your membership per household. During the social hour, enjoy a glass of wine compliments of HCS as well as delicious appetizers from the Inn.



Historic Carversville Society Scholarship

Each year, the Historic Society presents at least one scholarship to a graduating senior from the New Hope-Solebury High School. Last spring we were happy to award our scholarship to Elizabeth Heffern, a Carversvillian and the valedictorian of NHS HS. This award is presented to a student or students going on for further education, who have shown civic involvement, historic concern and/or have been involved in community volunteer work. Elizabeth grew up here participating in all activities and volunteering on cleanup day, Carversville Day and in many other ways throughout the years. We were thrilled to be able to give this award to her.

Although she was accepted at Cornell University, she has decided to take a gap year. She is interning with the Dietician for the US National Rowing Team which is based in Princeton. This combines her love of rowing and nutrition, and she is pleased to have this amazing opportunity.

This scholarship is one of the many areas that we as a Historic Society are proud to be able to sponsor. You can directly support this at any time by giving a donation to be used specifically for this scholarship.

Susan Hollander Whitman



The Historic Carversville Society

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Membership Form

Now accepting membership dues for 2017

Name: _____

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Please make check payable to
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Annual Membership fee:
(per household)

\$30.00

Plus tax deductible contribution: _____

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