

2010 Important Dates

June 13, 2010
1:00-4:00 pm
*Heritage Center
Open House*

October 16, 2010
9:00 am -4:00 pm
Heritage Day
held at the
**Washington Boro
Community Park**

2010 Meeting Dates

May 17
June 21
September 20
October 18

Sorry

Due to the rain-out of the 2009 Heritage Day, WBSSRH will not be able to offer a calendar for 2010.

2009 calendars and calendars from some previous years are available in limited quantities.

Contact
Glenn Henry 475-4542
-or-
Charles Douts 684-9542

Question:
Does anyone remember where the Boro coffin maker's shop was located?

HERITAGE CENTER OPEN HOUSE June 13, 2010

WBSSRH will hold its annual open house on Sunday, June 13, 2010, from 1:00-4:00 PM.

Again this year, additional improvements to the Heritage Center will be noticed.

Visitors will be able to use the new walkway and ADA ramp allowing easier access to the Heritage Center. Improved lighting, upgraded display cases, numerous items exhibited on loan or donation will be noted.

A few of the exciting artifacts include shotgun shell reloading equipment of the 1800s, ice harvest equipment

local to our area and an authentic cigar mold.

The tobacco industry was one of the "cash crops" of Washington Boro for well over 100 years. Many small entrepreneurs grew "Havana Wrapper" Tobacco and hung the tobacco in their attic to cure. Then cigar molds, like the one currently displayed, came into play. Finished cigars were sold to stores and wholesalers.

Here along the Susquehanna, ice harvesting was another business conducted in Washington Boro.

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Thank You!

WBSSRH wishes to thank the following people for loan or donation this year of exhibit items.

Eberly Bugworks
Richard Foltz
Ray Frey
Russ Guthrie
Glenn Henry
Paul Hoffer
Lee King
Fran Scholl

Can we add your name to this list?

Historical Presentation & Seniors Remember Night

The March 15, WBSSRH presentation at the Boro's Civic Center was a historic double-focus program which caught the interest of many. Of particular satisfaction to Society members was a group of young adults whose attendance exhibited interest in local history well before their lifetime

The presentation by Glenn Henry, introduced by Charlie Douts, focused on the massive Coal Dredge project near Turkey Hill. Additionally, a surprisingly wide range of established Boro businesses were reviewed as reflected by an early resident in a letter written prior to 1900.

Of interest were comparisons of the TMI generators traveling through our area in 2009 with the amount of coal recovered from the Susquehanna by the Coal Dredge. From 1952 until 1972, more than 10 Million ton of coal were recovered

As always, a significant highlight of the evening was the sharing by seniors of their local antidotes and personal remembrances. Stories were captured on video and audio for future archiving.

Please consider adopting a display in our update project.

Displays include:

- duck decoys
- traps and trapping
- vintage and wood fishing lures
- ice harvesting equipment
- cigar mold
- hunting memorabilia

Open house newbies



Susan Watson checks out one of the recent donations to the Heritage Center

For the first time, visitors will be able to visit our German Bank Barn which was built in 1856 and actively used until the late 1900's. Recent restoration includes painting and window repairs. Much work is ongoing so this project can *STILL* use volunteer help.

The Wittmer Barn displays will focus on early agricultural practices and vintage equipment. Displayed in the barn will be donated and loaned items including a horse-drawn cultivator, plow, corn planter, row markers, tobacco wagon and a field work wagon.

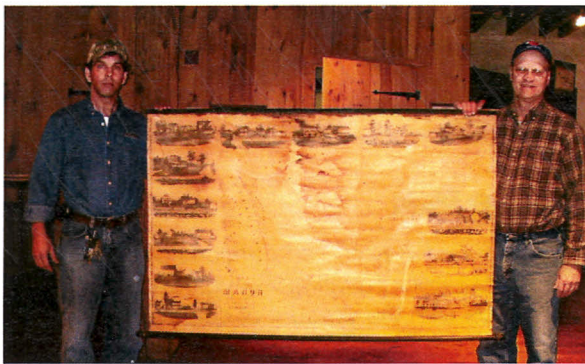
Volunteers are needed to repair the barn floor and to aid in cleanup and maintenance.

A small out building next to the barn needs major repairs to both floor and foundation. Please contact us if you are interested in helping with the repairs and assist us in bringing local agricultural history alive for new generations.



Wittmer Barn Date Stone
(note spelling of Wittmer)

1852 Manor Township Map



WBSSRH received a donation from Fran Scholl of an original wall map of Manor Township. The map is surrounded by illustrations of farms and properties in Manor Township and also includes insets of Millerstown (Millersville) and Washington Borough. Classic county wall maps were published from around 1850 to 1870. They were a direct precursor to the county atlas. The map is labeled R. P. Bridgens, 1852, published by H. F. Bridgens of Philadelphia.

(Open House contd.)

The most noted ice business was Jos. K. Shultz & Bros.

Their ice house was located just south of the Washington Boro Community Park. Mr. Shultz delivered ice throughout Washington Boro first by horse and wagon and later by horseless carriage.

Open house will be held rain or shine at the Heritage Center on River Road.

Please remember to use the Blue Rock Heritage Center parking lot accessible from Blue Rock Road.

MEMBERS WANTED

We need you!

We have many ideas and plans to implement at the Blue Rock Heritage Center.

We welcome new members and any talents you may desire to share.

We have many interesting ideas for creating displays reflecting our river heritage.

Please contact
Charlie Douts at 684-9542
Or

Glenn Henry at 475-4542 if you would like to help. Of course, we would also welcome help at our activities throughout the year.



Heritage Center Open House

Held at the Heritage Center

Sunday June 13, 2010 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Free Hot Dogs & Drink

"See You at the Open House"

