

Annual Open House



The annual open house of the Blue Rock Heritage Center is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Special activities and presentations are scheduled for this event. In the past we have featured Native American flint knapping and environmental programs. The activities are family oriented. The Chestnut Grove Foundation is planning a presentation focusing on Native Americans.

Special displays and artifacts are provided by local residents. We encourage anyone who wishes to set up a display or bring along an antique or Indian artifact to share with the public to contact Glenn Henry at 684-0755.



Special Slide Presentation at Civic Center

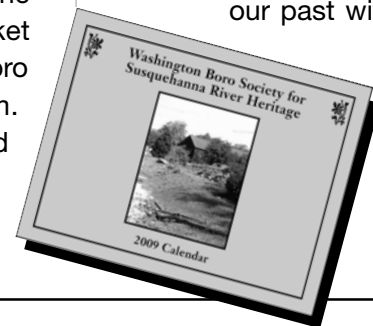
On March 16th we will have a slide show commemorating the 50th anniversary of the flood of 1959. This flood sounded the death knell for many homes and several small businesses. The frequency of flooding and ice jams in the 1950's wore out the will of many residents to return and rebuild. Many significant and historic homes were demolished. The program will be held at the Civic Center, located on Market St. behind the Washington Boro Fire Co., and begins at 7:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend and share stories and photographs of the floods.

River Heritage Day

The annual River Heritage Day and FFA Tractor pull is scheduled for October 17th at the Washington Boro Community Park. This is a family event which features crafts, food, music, vintage tractors, trucks, cars and farm equipment. Please mark it on your calendar.

By the way, have you purchased your 2009 Heritage Calendar? These calendars are one of our fundraisers and serve to document our past with the photographs which

showcase the Washington Boro area.



DUCK DECOYS DONATED TO HERITAGE CENTER

Washington Boro resident Roy Bender carved two duck decoys and donated them to the Heritage Center. These decoys are on permanent display and reflect the type of early decoys used by duck hunters.

Roy was assisted by resident decoy collector John McDonald and fellow wood carver John Brandt. We thank them for sharing their talents and supporting our organization.



SPRING CLEANUP



The annual clean-up of the grounds and interior of the Heritage Center is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, etc. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon, rain or shine.

Eagle Scout Project

Grant Ellege is completing his handicap ramp along the river trail access on the west side of the Heritage Center. This ramp will allow for safe access from the grass and gravel parking area located to the north of the Heritage Center and accessed by Blue Rock Rd. We encourage visitors to use this access.



We want to thank Grant for this project and congratulate him for his commitment to Scouting.

Additionally, we would like to thank LASA and others who donated materials and supplies for the project.



Witmer Barn Windows

The senior team of craftsmen was busy at the Witmer barn. Jim Eshelman, Bob Wertz and Charlie Douts, Sr. spent several days this past fall to paint and replace windows in the forebay of the barn. The old windows were either missing or had been boarded shut. The new windows help restore the barn to its grandeur. Thanks to all for your time and talents.



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MEMBERS WANTED

We need you!

We have many ideas and plans we would like to implement at the Blue Rock Heritage Center. We welcome new members and any talents which you may desire to share. In particular we have many ideas for creating displays reflecting our river heritage.

Please contact Charlie Douts at 684-9542 or Glenn Henry at 684-0735 if you would like to help. Of course, we would also welcome help at our many other activities throughout the year.

WBSSRH MEETING SCHEDULE

The following is a list of business meetings for 2009: April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, September 21st, and October 19th. The meetings are held at the Blue Rock Heritage Center and begin at 7:00 p.m. Both members and the public are invited.

Our mission is to promote and conserve the rich history of the Lower Susquehanna River Valley through education, preservation and restoration; and to increase public awareness of its archeological and historic resources, features and buildings, and their unique inter-relationship with and access to the local ecological systems.