



# The Greater Dover Historical Society Inc.



JUNE 2008

## 2008 Regular Meeting Dates

July 17 - picnic

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

All meetings are being held at the Calvary Lutheran Church on the square in Dover @ 7:00pm. Please come and show your support for preserving our Dover history!

## GDHS Award for Blacksmith Shop

The Greater Dover Historical Society submitted an application to Historic York, Inc., to be considered for recognition of the reconstruction and restoration of the blacksmith shop that was originally at the rear of the Neiman property on the corner of present day Queen Street and Butter Road in Dover Borough. Historic York, Inc., conducts an annual search throughout the local area for high quality preservation work through its Preservation Award Program. This year, one of the awards was presented to the Greater Dover Historical Society. The presentation was made at the Schultz House during the Historic York, Inc., annual meeting. President Madelyn Shermeyer accepted the award on behalf of the Society. Gayle Heagy is to be commended and congratulated for her foresight in submitting the application on behalf of the Society. We are proud of the many volunteers who helped make this restoration project a source of pride for our community.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GDHS Picnic

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Members picnic to be held at Lehr Park along Davidsburg Road. Serving will begin at 5:30 pm, but we will save some food for those who arrive late. The picnic is for members and their immediate family. We will be serving Jack Wynn's famous broasted chicken and potatoes. Hot dogs will be provided by Bob Stitley.

The only thing we ask you to bring is your appetite, your famous dessert or fruit. Beverages and place setting will be provided.

RVSP to Norma Botterbusch at 292-7894; there is no deadline for phoning. You may want to bring a lawn chair. We always have plenty of delicious food, so come out for an enjoyable evening.

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION CORNER**

The GDHS is in need of a storage area or barn enclosure to store some large timbers currently housed in the archive storage shed at Ketterman Park. If anyone has such a space available, please contact President Madelyn Shermeyer at 292-2018.

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The GDHS will again have a booth at the Dover Firemen's Fair, August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any interesting items from the Dover Bicentennial of 1964, please consider loaning them to us for display. All items would be returned at the close of the Fair. We will also be collecting any items you might wish to donate to the archives. Your 2009 dues can also be paid at the fair booth. Any questions, please contact Jeff or Lori Koch at 292-6223, via email at [jkoch8@verizon.net](mailto:jkoch8@verizon.net) or Kay Stitley at 292-3866.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Sunday, October 19, 2008**

**1:00—5:00 PM**

The West Manchester Historical Society has invited the GDHS members to visit the Ma and Pa Railroad in Muddy Creek Forks for a scenic train ride. There is a general store, a mill and other historic sites. Further details will follow and car-pool arrangements will be made. If you are interested in attending this event,

### **BLACKSMITH SHOP — OPEN HOURS**

Beginning in April 2008 the blacksmith shop in Ketterman Park will be open with (Ted) the "smithy" at his forge. The shop will be open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month from April through October. It is suggested that attendees try to be at the shop at the starting hour of 10:00 am. Ted's aim is to work on one item at a time, demonstrating the steps necessary to forge that specific item. Photos will be posted showing the necessary steps from firing the forge to heating the anvil. Leaflets explaining each photo will be available for the visitors. We encourage everyone to visit the shop during these open hours and please invite your friends and neighbors to visit our blacksmith shop in Ketterman Park on Butter Road in Dover Borough.

### President's Column

By Madelyn Shermeyer

Much of what I will be writing perhaps has already been written by the appropriate GDHS members. For those members who have not been present at a recent membership meeting, this President's Column highlights the Society's most recent activities and accomplishments.

The new jailhouse monument has been installed by Don Baughman at the original site of the Dover Jailhouse located on the southeast corner of Herrold Alley and City Hall Drive. The wrought iron fence that was forged by our 'smithy', Ted Ziegler, with the help of Larry Law, is in place.

The GDHS received a Historic York Preservation Award for the re-building of the Blacksmith Shop. Gayle Heagy, Society archivist, was instrumental in applying for this award. She and I attended the award ceremonies, where on behalf of the GDHS and as instructed by the Board of Directors, I proudly accepted this award.

We have now had our third Blacksmith Open House and I'm sure most of the 'kinks' have been worked out. We are working with the 'smithy' to make sure the disruptions in his forging are kept to a minimum so that he can focus solely on his task. We encourage all to visit the Blacksmith Shop on Open House days.

Plans for the July 17 annual GDHS picnic are under way. The picnic is held at the pavilion in Lehr Park at the Community Center on Davidsburg Road. Norma Botterbusch willingly volunteered to chair this event.

We are also in the planning stages for the Dover Firemen's Fair with Jeff and Lori Koch graciously volunteering as Chairs for this event.

When visiting the Blacksmith Shop, be sure to take a walk around the storage shed and view the landscaping that has been accomplished. Many varied-colored flowers are blooming amidst the well executed landscaping. Thanks to all of those responsible for the beautification of this area.

As I have said so many times before, the GDHS always has members that 'step to the plate' when volunteers are needed. I have found that this is not always the case in so many other volunteer organizations. THANK YOU volunteers, one and all.

REPLICAS: We have many of the replicas of the Blacksmith Shop for sale. If you haven't bought your replica they can be purchased at the Dover Township Municipal Offices on West Canal Road, or by calling Madelyn Shermeyer at 292-2018 or Ron Botterbusch at 292-7894.

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### COLONIAL DAYS IN EAST BERLIN, September 2008

34th Colonial Day, East Berlin, PA. Saturday, September 13; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The town's National Historic District will be lined with 100 vendors of traditional handmade wares including red-ware, forged iron, baskets, woodenware, scherenschnitte, rag and hooked rugs, floorcloths, dried flowers in the colonial style, copper and tin items and much more. Lively entertainment, great food, demonstrations. all in a wonderful 18<sup>th</sup> century town. Rain or shine. No pets. Sponsored by the East Berlin Historical Preservation Society (717-259-0822).

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**PRESERVING OUR HISTORY FOR OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS FOR 2008**

**DUANE HULL, RANDY HOLTZAPPLE, LAUREL WILSON**

**PENNY GENTZLER, REBECCA LAU**



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