



The Greater Dover Historical Society Inc.

MARCH 2009



At our regular meeting on January 15, 2009, the Greater Dover Historical Society installed the new officers and Board of Directors for 2009.

President - Madelyn Shermeyer

Vice President - Kay Stitley

Secretary/Acting Treasurer - Lori Koch

Historian - Cindy Snyder

Archivist Emeritus - Dr. Charles Drawbaugh

Assistant Archivist - Gayle Heagy

Board of Directors: Chairman Ron Botterbusch, Melanie Green , Jeff Koch, Harry Shermeyer,
Lois Slothower

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder! Don't forget to pay your 2009 dues. Send your check payable to GDHS Inc. to Lori Koch, 77 S. Main Street, Dover, PA 17315 or you can pay at the next meeting. The dues are \$10.00 for individuals, \$20.00 for couples, \$25.00 for a family, and \$50.00 for businesses.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

January 15 - Regular meeting
February 19 - Regular meeting
March 19- Regular meeting with a guest speaker
April 16 - Regular meeting
May 21 - Regular meeting
June 16 (Tuesday) - Historical Walk
June 18 - Regular meeting
July 16 - Annual Members GDHS picnic 5:30 PM
August 20 - Regular meeting
September 5, 7-12 Display at Dover Carnival
September 17 - Regular meeting
October 3 - Refreshment stand at Family Fest at Lehr Park
October 11 - Dover Halloween Parade
October 15 - Regular meeting
November 19 - Regular meeting
November 27 - Tree lighting in Dover Square
December - no meeting

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

9TH ANNUAL DOVER BOROUGH HISTORICAL WALK

The G.D.H.S. 9th Annual Historical Walk through Dover Borough will be held on Tuesday June 16th at 6:00 PM. The walk will be conducted by Kay Stitley. We will meet at the Blacksmith Shop in Ketterman Park which is located on Butter Road. Ted Ziegler, our smitty, will be working in the shop that night. We will be serving light refreshments and drinks. We will need donations of cookies or finger desserts. Invite your friends and neighbors. Kay always makes this a very enjoyable evening. For further information contact Kay Stitley at 292-3866 or Norma Botterbusch at 292-7894.

G.D.H.S. LITTER PICKUP

It's time again for our "treasure hunt" along the roads of Dover! Come join the Greater Dover Historical Society as we embark on our first litter pickup for 2009. It is scheduled for April 4th at 8:00 AM. We are planning four litter pickups for 2009 - April, June, August and October. Sign up sheet for the April pickup will be at the March meeting or call Melanie Green at 292-5133 to sign up or for any questions. See you there!

President's Column

By Madelyn Shermeyer

With the beginning of another year, the Greater Dover Historical Society has some new projects planned or nearing completion. Some of these projects have been 'in the works' for quite some time.

One of the projects that has been completed is the survey of the homes in Dover Borough. As soon as the inventory of the homes are complete, a decision will be made as to which homes are selected to receive the brass historical plaques. A couple of factors in selecting the homes will be age and the integrity of the homes at the time of the survey. Integrity is defined as how closely the current homes have adhered to the original structure.

We hope to have three or four speakers address the Society in 2009. The first for this year will be Scott Mangus on March 19. Mr. Mangus is a scientist/executive with the Glatfelter Paper Co. in Spring Grove and is the holder of two (2) patents in relation to his professional career. He is the author of nine (9) books, maintains a web site/blog for the York Daily [Record -www.yorkblog.com/cannonball](http://www.yorkblog.com/cannonball) and a number of personal web sites. He leads tours of York County Civil War sites.

Once again in 2009, the Blacksmith Shop will be open the 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. April through October. Photos are posted with a sheet explaining the blacksmithing process. There will be a new brochure 'A Short History of Blacksmithing' available at the shop. This brochure will also show some of the tools used in the art of blacksmithing. There will be merchandise on display and for sale. The merchandise was made in the GDHS Blacksmith Shop.

Our Annual Historic Walk will be on June 16. You need not be a member to participate in this walk. The walk begins at the Blacksmith Shop in Ketterman Park on Butter Rd. and ends at this site with refreshments served.

Replicas of the Blacksmith Shop are available by contacting Madelyn Shermeyer at 292-2018, Botterbusch's (on the square in Dover) or Dover Township Municipal building on West Canal Rd.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

The Annual Tree Lighting in Dover Borough on Friday, November 26, 2008. It proved to be a very successful night. This event was sponsored through the combined efforts of the Dover Borough Council, the G.D.H.S. and the newly formed Dover Recreation Board. The Dover Fire Company made sure that Santa and his elf (Taylor Lentz) made it to the event safe and sound. We had about 70 children waiting for Santa to arrive. Many cups of hot chocolate, cider and coffee were served. The Dover Jazz Band performed and the Mayor of Dover, the Honorable Eric Van Dyke opened the ceremony. Mark your calendars for November 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM and plan to attend.

GREATER DOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

June Krouse, Robert Cowan, Jr., Jim Avery, Arthur Weigel

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