



A Note from the President:

Welcome back!

I hope this newsletter finds you well and rested. The lazy days of summer are behind us and it's time to get back on track with our new year of historical business.

Many of our members have been diligently working over the summer on projects to ready us for the 2006-2007 historical season.

We have a year of great programs and events planned. You should mark your calendar and make us a priority. Our history is important to you and our community; so as a member, your job is to help spread our history. Do your part and attend all of our seasonal events. Many hands make light work. If we haven't seen you for a while, come back. It will be well worth it.

*Sincerely,
Frank J. Russo, Jr.,
Acting President*

September Program

“The History of Gwynedd Mercy College”

Presented by Marian Rosenbaum, Archivist of Gwynedd Mercy College and author of the Arcadia Book, Gwynedd Mercy College.

Join us for this interesting program of local history. You do not want to miss this program. The author will have copies of her book available for purchase the night of the program.

Gwynedd-Mercy College is an independent, co-educational institution located in Gwynedd Valley of Lower Gwynedd Twp.,

**September
General
Membership
Meeting**
**Monday,
September 11, 2006
7:30 PM**
at the 1895
Schoolhouse

PA, 25 miles northwest of downtown Philadelphia. Founded in 1948 by the Sisters of Mercy as a junior college, Gwynedd-Mercy College was rechartered in 1963 as baccalaureate institution. As of 2005, there were 2,180 undergraduate students enrolled in the college.



June 2006 – WVHS Summer Picnic Recap...

Once again our members, Bob and Gloria Myers, have graciously opened their doors to host our annual summer picnic. New and existing members mingled and shared stories while enjoying a fine sampling of delicious covered dishes and desserts.

One of the evening's highlights was the bean auction – members would put in their beans to bid for an assortment of “goodies” (if you would call it that!).

We're sure to see some of these items on the White Elephant table (for sure!!) (Just ask Emmy Simon!)



WVHS Halloween Ghost Walk – October 22

Please join President, Frank Russo, Jr., as he guides us through the historic streets of Ambler Borough on our Halloween Ghost Walk.

The theme this year is “Faces and Places” – stories of three centuries of faces and places that made Ambler great. What a great way to enjoy a fall evening! Join us.

The tour will begin at Act II Playhouse at the corner of Butler Avenue and Cavalier Drive in Ambler.

WVHS and Ambler Main Street Program sponsor this event; the cost is \$5.00 per person, \$3.00 for children under the age of 12.

2006-2007 Membership Renewal Due ...

Yes, it is that time of year again when we ask you for money!

It is Wissahickon Valley Historical Society's membership dues renewal time and you are welcome to give hundreds or thousands, or whatever you like!

Renewals will be sent out soon so please return them as soon as possible

so that we can prepare our membership booklet.

Checks should be made payable to WVHS and sent to me at:

**500 Trinity Place
Ambler, PA 19002-5836**

Please do not send to the WVHS PO Box.

If you would like your email address to be included in our membership booklet or wish to receive the

newsletter by email, please indicate your preference on the renewal form.

If you have any questions, please call me at 215-542-9381. Thank you, in advance, for your support of WVHS – we truly appreciate it!

— **Mary Lou McFarland,**
Membership Chairman

HELP WANTED

Museum Guides for WVHS

The Wissahickon Valley Historical Society is a treasure house of many historical artifacts that we wish to share with our community. The WVHS museum is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 PM to 4 PM and we need your help.

Please sign-up to serve as a docent (guide) to this wonderful collection.

We have booklets, which will give you the background knowledge including the history of the 1895 Schoolhouse, history of the WVHS society and descriptions of the various items in our collection.

Jean Bellavance will also be happy to walk you through the museum to familiarize you with the details.

There are always two guides present during each open house. This is a simple way to help out your society.

Please let Jean Bellavance know which day you can help.

Call 215-643-5048 or e-mail her at bellavance@verizon.net. (Please put **Museum Docent** in the subject line).

Docents are needed for:

September 3, 2006
October 1, 2006
November 5, 2006
December 3, 2006
January 7, 2007
February 4, 2007
March 4, 2007
April 1, 2007
May 6, 2007
June 3, 2006

The Date is Set for Our Fall Flea Market

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 14, 2006



Our annual flea market fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 14th. Here's your chance to give back to our Society – we need your help to make this a successful yearly event.

We are looking for donations for our White Elephant table – clean out your attics, basements, and garages and donate your unwanted items for

the sale. We are collecting household items, books, and collectibles, while antiques are most desirable. Please contact Josephine Sawicki to make your donation. She can be reached at 610-277-8968.

BAKE SALE: We also could benefit from the sale of fresh baked goods for our Bake Table. Please call Russ and Jean Bellavance to inform them of your baked donation. You may reach them at 215-643-5048.



SELLING YOUR WARES: If you are interested in renting a space or know of someone who will, please call Bob Notoris at 215-699-1288.

VOLUNTEERS: Also, volunteers are needed to work during the day of our fall flea market event. Please contact Marie Russo at 215-616-2661 to schedule the time you are available to assist.

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Wissahickon Valley Historical Society Calendar of Events ~ September 2006 and upcoming events!

Mon., Sept. 12..... **General Business Meeting**.....7:30 PM
"History of Gwynedd-Mercy College"

Mon., Sept. 26..... *Board Meeting*7:00 PM

Mon., Oct. 9 **General Business Meeting**.....7:30 PM

Sun., Oct. 22 **Halloween Ghost Walk**
Begins at Butler Avenue and Cavalier Drive, Ambler

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or e-mail us at: wvhs_newsletter@yahoo.com**

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