



Wissahickon Valley

historical society

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From The President's Desk -

Here we are in a new program year. Usually, we have our October meeting just before the annual Market Day. This year, Market Day is on Saturday, October 11 and our October meeting is not until the following Monday. **We really need as many of you as possible to work during the Market Day, and to bring baked goods for sale at the baked goods table!** Market Day is our single largest fund-raiser during the year, and we absolutely depend on it to meet our expenses. So please call the Russos to let them know when you can work and please let me or Jeannie know what baked goods you can bring. People love home-baked goodies, so don't be shy!

Also, we still have three important vacancies on the board – a recording secretary, an archivist and a librarian. Please let me know if you would be willing to serve in one of these positions. They are an easy way to get involved and to contribute to our success.

As most of you probably know, we lost long-time member Bob Virkler this summer. Several of us went to his memorial service, which Bob had designed – right down to the music and a last wry message. Bob was a true teacher, with a distinctive style. We remember the good times with him and we will miss him.

We have posted our various committees and other sign-up sheets (such as refreshments at the monthly meetings) on our website at www.wvalleyhs.org. Please check to see when you might have signed up and please also look for open slots that you might be able to fill.

We, and many other historical societies in Montgomery County, have been invited to take part in a weekend extravaganza next July which would involve booths and presentations from all participating organizations. It will be held at Arbour Square in Harleysville. I have attended the first two planning meetings, and it looks as if it could be a really good opportunity. Our focus would most likely be on the way that the Industrial Revolution changed our area, beginning in the late 19th century. I'll have more on this later. I look forward to seeing you on Market Day and at the October meeting. Russ Bellavance

Membership

dues of \$20.00 are due for this year. Please send them to Mary Lou McFarland at 500 Trinity Place, Ambler PA 19002-5836. The membership directory will be sent to you promptly. We have several new members that we are looking forward to including in all of the society's activities and events.

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We Need You!!!

to help make the Annual Flea Market for the Wissahickon Valley Historical Society a success! Workers are needed for the White Elephant Table on Saturday, October 11th, between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00 PM. Even an hour of your time will be greatly appreciated!! We are still accepting donations of items and look forward to seeing you at the Market!

Baked Goods are a huge winner at the Annual Flea Market. Many visitors buy the home baked goodies and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at the tables set up in the schoolhouse. This provides an opportunity for visitors to inquire about the activities of the historical society and encourages membership. Please remember to contribute to the baked goods table and call Jean Bellavance 215 643 5048 for further information.

Items of Interest and Events

—Monday,

October 13 at 7:30 at the Schoolhouse please join us to see a multi-media presentation created by local students in Mrs. Rachubinski's 4th grade enrichment class at Lower Gwynedd Elementary School in collaboration with Liz Gavry of the Highlands. The documentary celebrates Ambler and its interesting history using maps, and photos from the Keasby-Mattison days to the mid 20th century. The Schoolhouse is located at 799 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell.