



Wissahickon Valley

historical society

Ambler
Lower Gwynedd
Whitpain

December 2010, Volume 12, Issue 5

Join us for our annual
Holiday Get-together
6 p.m., Monday, December 13
at the Belvance home at 6 p.m.
148 S. Bethlehem Pike
Ambler

Please call 215-643-5048 to share what pot-luck item you would like to bring. Turkey and ham are provided. A \$5 donation is requested.

Members are also invited to help decorate on Sunday, December 12 at 1 p.m.



If you need a ride to this evening event, please call Peg Johnston, 215-542-7753 to make arrangements for car pooling. This is an evening for good food and good fellowship.

November Program Answers Questions

What was life like in Whitpain in the early 20th century? At the November meeting Mary Edna Zimmerman Ott shared details of her family and their daily life on the Silver Lake Farm on Wentz Road. Using her mother's book *Down on the Farm*, she traced the Zimmerman family tree from the early 1600's and the establishment of Silver Lake Farm by the Zimmerman brothers. Though much of the land has now gone to housing and township facilities, the family delivered dairy products to homes in the area and continued raising crops and animals well into the late 20th century. Mrs. Zimmerman Ott described her father's inventions that made farming more productive as well as some of the interesting jobs for children growing up on the farm. She graciously donated a copy of the book *Down on the Farm* to the Society's library.

2010 Comes to a Close; Plans for 2011

We would like to extend a thank you to all who helped with our weekly, monthly, and special events this year. The Market Day was one of our most success ever - both in terms of number of volunteers and amount earned. Over the past couple of years we have installed a new roof, added insulation and new plumbing on the first floor, and made progress with the heating system. We are grateful to Chris Moyer for giving us a special service contract for the heating system. We are also proud of our designation to the National Registry and the installation of the stained glass window from Lindenwold.

In 2011 we will celebrate the designation and the installation on a Sunday afternoon in April. The board is also considering a fund raising house tour of Ambler, Lower Gwynedd, and Whitpain. A local Boy Scout has expressed interest in completing his Eagle Scout project with the Society. The Society continues to need a recording secretary and a librarian. If you are interested in working on any of these projects, please contact Russ Bellevance at 215-643-5048.

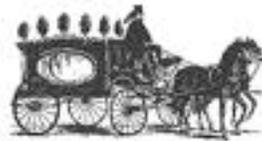
Mark Your Calendar

December 12 - Decorating for holiday party, Bellevance home, 1 p.m.

December 13 - Society's holiday party, Bellevance home, 6 p.m.

December 19 - Historical Society of Montgomery County, 1654 DeKalb Pike, Norristown,
Program: Myth and Legends of Christmas, 2 p.m.

January 10 - Monthly meeting - Whitpain library - Blue Bell - 7:30 p.m. Program: Victorian
Funerary Customs presented by Robert Reese



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